

Polish cabinet wins vote of confidence

WARSAW, Nov 11: Poland's new centre-right cabinet won a parliamentary confidence vote early today, clearing the last hurdle for it to fully assume office, reports Reuters.

Chinese PM visits Japan to help strengthen ties

TOKYO, Nov 11: Chinese Premier Li Peng arrived in Japan on Tuesday to help smooth over relations strained by a territorial dispute, China-Taiwan tensions and Japan's strengthened defence pact with the United States, reports AP.

Rupert Murdoch summoned to appear before Delhi court

NEW DELHI, Nov 11: Media baron Rupert Murdoch has been summoned to appear before a Delhi court on November 18 in a criminal case of alleged screening of obscene films on his Star TV channel in India, reports PTI.

DMK's alleged involvement in Rajiv murder Cong (I) may withdraw support from UF govt if allegations are true

NEW DELHI, Nov 11: India's embattled minority coalition government has distanced itself from an official probe accusing one of its partners of playing a role in the 1991 assassination of former premier Rajiv Gandhi, reports said today, reports AFP.

Colombian rebels reject Castro's mediation

BOGOTA, Nov 11: The country's oldest and largest leftist rebel group says it isn't interested in any mediation by Cuban leader Fidel Castro to end Colombia's decades-old insurgency, reports AP.



Russian President Boris Yeltsin, left, and Chinese President Jiang Zemin go over details before a joint press conference in Beijing's Great Hall of the People Monday. Yeltsin is on a three-day state visit to China. AP/UNB photo

Jury finds Kasi guilty of murdering 2 CIA employees

FAIRFAX, Virginia, Nov 11: A jury on Monday found Pakistani Mir Aimal Kasi guilty of murdering two Central Intelligence Agency employees in a 1993 shooting spree that also left three wounded, court sources said, reports AFP.

Off the Record

It was just a prank? DUBAI: A Ugandan doctor used an alarm clock and a TV remote control disguised as a bomb to rob a currency exchange shop in the United Arab Emirates but was seized as he fled, reports AFP.

Report on Rabin's assassination Shin Bet urged shooter to carry out the killing

JERUSALEM, Nov 11: Hours after the Israeli Cabinet decided to publish parts of a secret report on Yitzhak Rabin's assassination, Israel TV said Monday the report disclosed that a Shin Bet operative urged the shooter to carry out the killing, reports AP.

Lankan navy releases North Korean cargo ship

COLOMBO, Nov 11: Sri Lanka's navy has released a North Korean cargo ship seized on suspicion of carrying arms for Tamil Tiger guerrillas, officials said Tuesday, reports AP.

Diana's last Versace suit fetches \$47800

ROME: One of the last outfits created by murdered Italian designer Gianni Versace for Princess Diana raised 80 million lire (47,800 US dollars) at an auction held on Sunday for cancer research, reports Reuters.

NGOs urged to help fight prostitutions in ex-Soviet republics

MOSCOW, Nov 11: She left with the promise of a job picking apples for a good wage but the young Ukrainian woman ended up a virtual slave in a grungy Turkish brothel, without papers or the means to escape, reports AFP.

Poor 'Princess Jasmine'!

ORLANDO, Florida: With few clues, investigators searched on Monday for the mother of a newborn girl discovered in a toilet at Disney World's Magic Kingdom amusement park, reports AP.



MI-24 helicopter



The twin-turbine gunship produced in Ukraine is also known as the Hind. It is equipped with 12.7 mm machine guns and accommodates various anti-tank missiles and wing-launched rockets.



Swedish Crown Princess Victoria is greeted in her new office at the United Nations Monday by Swedish Ambassador to the UN Henrik Salander. — AP/UNB photo