

Hopes for Arab summit on ME peace fade

CAIRO, Jun 5: Hopes for holding an Arab summit on the stalled Middle East peace talks faded Thursday after Egypt and Syria expressed doubts about its outcome, reports AP.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has been pushing for the conference to put pressure on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to accept a US proposal for Israel to withdraw from parts of the West Bank.

"There is no urgency to hold a summit. It will be held if the peace process is frozen," said Osama el-Baz, the chief political adviser of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

"The summit is not on the table... what is important is its contents and its objectives," said El-Baz.

His statement came a day after Syria said such a meeting is unnecessary since some Arab countries are unwilling to implement resolutions of past summits urging cutting ties with Israel.

US Secy of State says Sanctions against India, Pakistan to remain till crisis is over

GENEVA, Jun 5: US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright Thursday said sanctions against India and Pakistan would remain until the nuclear crisis in South Asia had been "resolved," reports AP.

A number of nations, including the United States, will maintain sanctions on India and Pakistan until the situation is resolved," Albright told journalists after an emergency session of the five declared nuclear powers on the explosions conducted by India and Pakistan last month.

Washington, Japan, Australia and several other countries imposed sanctions on New Delhi and Islamabad after they broke an effective global moratorium on nuclear testing.

"The United States will also insist that no nation that disregards international norms will become a permanent member of

the UN Security Council," Albright said.

The US Secretary of State was joined at the closed door talks by her counterparts from Britain, France, China and Russia, bringing together the five permanent members of the UN Security Council.

The meeting ended with release of a joint communique calling on India and Pakistan to halt nuclear testing.

The members of the nuclear club also agreed to cooperate closely to prevent a nuclear and missile arms race in the volatile Indian subcontinent, where the conflict over Kashmir remains a flashpoint.

Albright outlined some of the confidence-building measures that the five nuclear powers pledged to assist India and Pakistan.

These include an improved

hot line, "Risk Reduction Center Concepts" and an open skies regime that could allow the two sides to monitor each others' military movements in key areas, she said.

Also, "there are ways that troop and equipment redeployments could be in less threatening postures."

There were also various low technology devices for monitoring the absence of activities in tense locations, she said.

"Those are the kinds of expertise and capabilities we would be willing to share."

She repeated that the five would not amend the 1968 nuclear non-proliferation treaty to include India and Pakistan, who despite their blasts have not been designated with the coveted nuclear weapons state status.

There was a general sense of

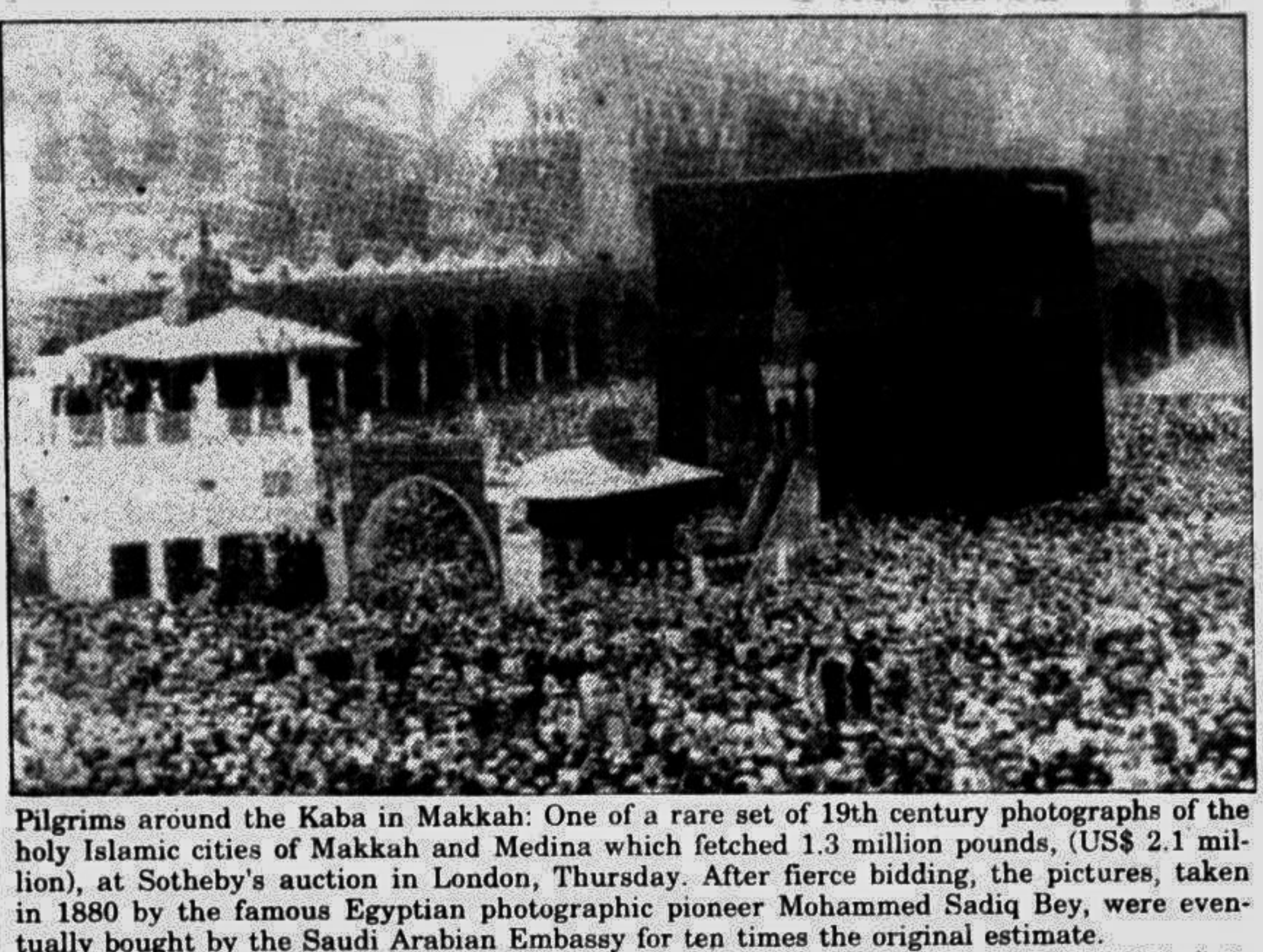
agreement during the emergency talks that the "worst thing would be to reward these two countries for having broken the nuclear non-proliferation regime," Albright said.

The fact that India had pledged to respect a moratorium on weapons testing was only a "partial solution" since it has not signed the two UN treaties, Albright said, adding, "the good name of India has been lost."

And she said the transfer of technology from the two poor countries will not bring them respect or security for their people.

But the international community would not try to turn the two South Asian neighbours into pariahs.

"We will engage them... and point out that they have earned zero, zilch what they have done."



Pilgrims around the Kaba in Makkah: One of a rare set of 19th century photographs of the holy Islamic cities of Makkah and Medina which fetched 1.3 million pounds, (US\$ 2.1 million), at Sotheby's auction in London, Thursday. After fierce bidding, the pictures, taken in 1880 by the famous Egyptian photographic pioneer Mohammed Sadiq Bey, were eventually bought by the Saudi Arabian Embassy for ten times the original estimate.

PERU'S CABINET CHIEF REPLACED

Cabinet chief Alberto Pandolfi resigned on Thursday and was replaced by a former senator who once belonged to the party of a disgraced former president, AP reports from Lima.

The new head of Cabinet, Javier Valle Riestra, belonged to former President Alan Garcia's Aprista populist party but broke with him in the late 1980s over growing corruption and government mismanagement. Since then, he has worked in a private legal practice and in recent months has represented private companies viewed sympathetically by the government of president Alberto Fujimori.

3 soldiers killed in Philippines: Three Philippine Army soldiers were killed and five others wounded in an ambush by suspected Muslim rebels in the main southern island of Mindanao, the military said, AFP reports from Manila.

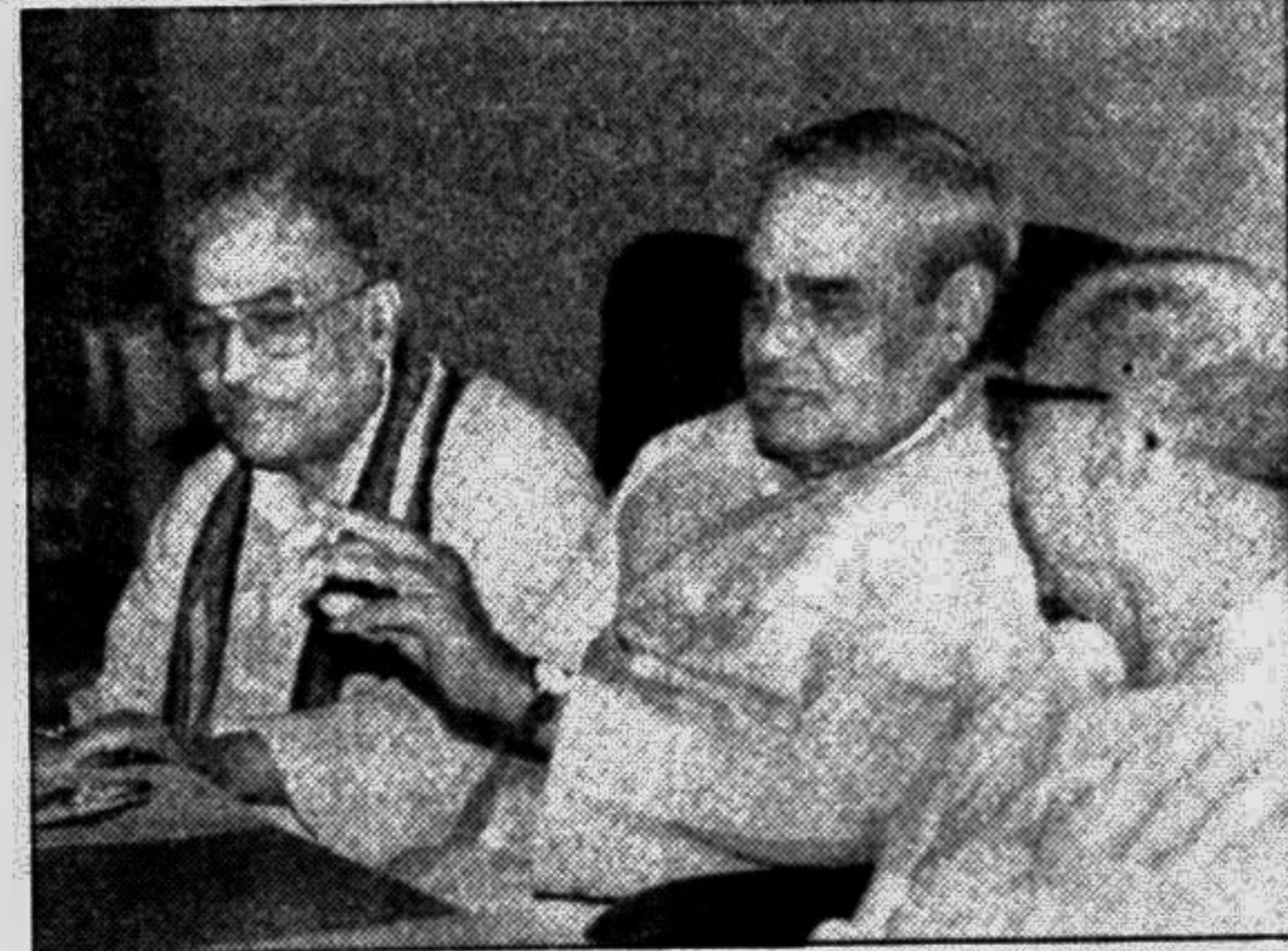
A report to military headquarters here said a platoon of soldiers was on its way to a detachment in the village of Inudaran, Lanao del Norte province when it was attacked. An army lieutenant and two other soldiers were killed, and five troopers were wounded, the report said, identifying the attackers as "Muslim elements" without giving details.

Police-student clash in Chile: Police clashed with rock-throwing students protesting a university reorganisation on Thursday and arrested 130 of them outside Congress in this port city, AFP reports from Valparaiso, Chile.

Ten of the students were injured in clashes with baton-wielding police, who also used tear gas and water cannon to end the three hours of demonstrations by an estimated 3,000 students. Student leaders had sought to meet with lawmakers but could not since Congress was not in session.

Yeltsin rejects law on land sales: Russian President Boris Yeltsin again rejected Thursday a law banning agricultural land sales passed by both houses of parliament. Interfax news agency said, quoting the Kremlin press office, AFP reports from Moscow.

The law had been sent back to the Duma and the Federation Council because the parliament had not taken account of amendments proposed by the president, as laid down by the constitution. The measures concerning land transactions have been a subject of conflict for four years.



Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, center, holds discussions on the persons to be nominated by the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party for the upcoming election of the Rajya Sabha. To his right is Murlidhar Joshi and to his left Kushabur Thakre, the president of BJP.

India closely studying 5 N-powers' demands

NEW DELHI, Jun 5: India on Friday was closely studying demands by the five original nuclear powers that it and Pakistan give up their nuclear ambitions and instead sit down together to resolve disputes like Kashmir, reports AP.

India will give its response after "closely examining" the joint statement issued Thursday by the foreign ministers of Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States. Press Trust of India quoted Foreign Ministry spokesman KC Singh as saying.

India conducted a series of nuclear tests last month, citing its fears of Pakistan and China. Pakistan responded with its own tests, setting off fears the long-standing South Asian rivalry could culminate with nuclear war.

Meeting in Geneva on Thursday, the foreign ministers of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council offered to help India and Pakistan resolve their differences, especially their competing claims to the Himalayan territory of Kashmir.

But the main responsibility for making peace is theirs, said Tang Jiaxuan of China, who chaired the meeting.

The Geneva statement also asked India and Pakistan to sign the comprehensive Test Ban Treaty without conditions.

3 key figures sacked Infighting grips Malaysia's main opposition party

KUALA LUMPUR, Jun 5: Malaysia's main opposition party was gripped by a potentially divisive crisis Friday after three senior party officials were sacked for accusing their leader of promoting his son, reports AP.

A party official confirmed newspaper reports that the Democratic Action Party's vice chairman Liew Ah Kim and Treasurer Fung Ket Wing had been suspended from the party and the publicity secretary sacked from his office.

The three had criticised party chief Lim Kit Siang at several party meetings, the newspapers said. Lim was not immediately available for comment, but his office said he would give a statement later Friday.

Kosovo crisis Contact Group on ex-Y' slavia to meet in London

GENEVA, Jun 5: Ministers of the six-nation Contact Group on the former Yugoslavia will meet in London June 12 to discuss the crisis in their Serbian province of Kosovo, a senior US official said late Thursday, reports AP.

The meeting would coincide with the conference of the Group of Eight (G-8) leading industrial countries on the consequences of last month's nuclear tests by India and Pakistan, the official said.

The Contact Group comprises Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Russia and the United States, all of which are members of the G-8 along with Canada and Japan.

Protesters stage demonstration at US mission in Jakarta

JAKARTA, Jun 5: Shouting "Allah is great," about 100 Muslim protesters shook the gates of the US Embassy in the capital Friday, accusing Washington of interfering in the internal affairs of crisis-ridden Indonesia, reports AP.

The demonstration follows similar anti-American protests in recent days as Indonesia's worst economic crisis in 30 years continues to spiral.

On Thursday, in the second largest city of Surabaya, a group pulled down the US flag from outside the US consulate and tore it up.

On Friday in Jakarta, a group calling themselves the "Young Generation for Indonesian Development" sat outside the embassy as a small group of police and soldiers looked on.

"The United States should not intervene in our sovereignty because we are not a beggar nation," said protest organizer Mohamad Rudi.

Israel ready to hand over dozens of Lebanese prisoners

JERUSALEM, Jun 5: Israel is ready to hand over dozens of Lebanese prisoners and the remains of anti-Israeli fighters in exchange for the return of one soldier's body, Israeli television reported Thursday, reports AP.

The exchange will take place in the next few days following indirect negotiations with the Shiite Muslim Hezbollah movement, which spearheads most anti-Israeli attacks in South Lebanon, the television said.

Israel has agreed to pay a high price to recover the body of the soldier, who disappeared during a failed commando raid at Insariyeh Enar Sidon in South Lebanon in September.

Twelve elite Israeli commandos were killed and four wounded during the clash with Lebanese army soldiers and guerrillas from Hezbollah and the rival Shiite militia Amal.

The remains of one soldier was abandoned at the scene of the fighting and recovered by Hezbollah.

Israeli television said the exchange would not involve two leading Israeli figures

Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh Kurmitola, Dhaka Tender Invitation Notice. Ref No CAAB/EM-3/97-98/6. 1. Name of work: Extension of D-type residential building at Rajshahi airport. (Sub-head: Electrification with fittings & fixtures). Head: Investment in permanent asset, Code No 100. 2. Estimated cost: Tk 2,100/- only. 3. Earnest money: Tk 2,100/- only, should be submitted with tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of Airport Manager, Rajshahi Airport. CAAB enlisted 'C' & above class E/M contractors' firm having past experience of similar work. Contractors' firm have the above experience can purchase the tender schedule on application & production of documents of experience. 4. Eligibility of contractors' firm: CAAB enlisted 'C' & above class E/M contractors' firm having past experience of similar work. Contractors' firm have the above experience can purchase the tender schedule on application & production of documents of experience. 5. Precondition for purchasing/obtaining tender schedule: A) Superintending Engineer, P&D/QS Circle, CAAB, Dhaka. B) Director, SEMSU, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka. C) Executive Engineer, E/M Division-3, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka. D) Airport Manager, Rajshahi Airport, Rajshahi. E) Member (B/D), Chief Engineer, CAAB Headquarters, Dhaka Personal Assistant, Director (ZIA), CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka. 6. Price of tender schedule: Tk 150/- (one hundred fifty) only (Non-refundable). 7. Tender schedule to be had at: Chief Engineer, CAAB Headquarters, Kurmitola, Dhaka, Kurmitola, Dhaka Executive Engineer, E/M Division-3, CAAB, Dhaka & Airport Manager, Rajshahi Airport, Rajshahi. 8. Tender to be received/opened at: 9. Last date of selling: 10-6-98 (during office hours). 10. Last date of receiving tender: 11-6-98 (up to 12.00 Noon). 11. Date & time of opening tender: 11-6-98 (at 12.30 PM). In case, under unavoidable circumstances, the traffic/communication is disrupted on the last date of receiving tender & the date of opening, tender will be received on the next working day. Other terms & conditions of tender will remain unchanged. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all/part of tender without assigning any reason. Executive Engineer, E/M Division-3, CAAB Kurmitola, Dhaka DFP-11769-24/5 G-1271

Pak FM says Vajpayee's offer to talk Kashmir issue positive

ISLAMABAD, Jun 5: Pakistan today described as positive Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's offer to discuss the Kashmir problem but said that without a third party mediation the resolution of the contentious issue is difficult, reports PTI.

It is a positive statement, Foreign Minister Gohar Ayub Khan told PTI over telephone and asserted that Vajpayee's statement was because of growing realisation of the need by international community to resolve the Kashmir issue specially after the nuclear tests by both India and Pakistan last month, he said.

The world has now taken note of the situation, he said, adding that, there are two large armies facing each other for quite some time and now they are even armed with nuclear weapons and sophisticated missiles.

Declaring that third party mediation demanded by Pakistan was inevitable Gohar Ayub said that India should not mind it since it was a known fact that both the countries had never settled anything on bilateral level except the Indus water treaty.

However, in an interview to a private Indian television news programme 'Aaj Tak' Gohar Ayub was quoted as having said that not withstanding Pakistan's call for third party mediation he felt that Shimla agreement could still become a basis for future dialogue between the two countries.

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LTTE kills 100 troops

COLOMBO, Jun 5: Tamil Tiger rebels claimed Friday they killed at least 100 soldiers in the latest flare-up in fighting in northern Sri Lanka. The government broadcast appeals for blood for the wounded, reports AP.

The guerrillas' clandestine radio said they lost 20 fighters as they beat back a government offensive in the north on Thursday.

The military spokesman didn't confirm the casualties but reported heavy fighting after government troops attacked rebel defenses near

Kilinochchi, 275 kilometres (170 miles) to the north, in a two-pronged assault to capture the region's main highway from guerrilla control.

Some army officers, speaking on condition of anonymity, said 34 soldiers were killed and 420 wounded in 24 hours of fighting that saw troops advance one kilometre (half a mile) into rebel-controlled territory.

In Colombo, state-run radio announced that hospitals were in urgent need of blood donations from the public.

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Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Authority Alenbari, Tejjagon Dhaka-1215 Dated: 26/5/98 Notice for Sale of Old Intercom System Sealed quotations from interested person/firm in respective letterhead pad are hereby invited for sale of an old Intercom System set with wire. Description of goods is mentioned in the schedule obtainable on payment of Tk 50/- at the Accounts Section of the authority. The schedule can be purchased till 11/6/98 during office hours. Tenders will be received at the tender box kept at the office room of the Deputy Director (Administration) till 14/6/98 at 12 Noon and will be opened on the same day at 12-30 PM in presence of the intending participants (if any). M. Siraj Uddin Mia Deputy Director (Administration) DFP-12109-31/5/98 G-1253

বাংলাদেশ বিজ্ঞান ও শিল্প গবেষণা পরিষদ Bangladesh Council of Scientific & Industrial Research দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি বিসিএসআইআর-এর জন্য নিম্নবর্ণিত দ্রব্যাদি সরবরাহ করার জন্য প্রকৃত সরবরাহকারী/ব্যবসায়ীদের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আবেদন করা যাইতেছে।

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Ministry of Education Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka No. S 13/1-1(Turkey)/98/147-Education Dated: 14-05-98 Notice Applications are invited from Bangladesh nationals to offer 14 merit basis scholarships for Doctorate level study under Government of Turkey's scholarship during 1998-99 academic year. Required educational qualification 1st class graduate or post graduate degree in related subject. Any candidate having 3rd class in academic career cannot apply. 2. These not knowing Turkish, should complete one-year language course prior to starting the original course. 3. Candidates already finally selected for any other scholarship by the Ministry of Education need not apply. 4. Candidates in service should apply through proper channel. But for shortage of time, advance application will be temporarily considered. If the application does not reach through proper channel prior to final selection, the candidature will be cancelled. If scholarship has already been enjoyed through Govt nomination, then application cannot be made until expiry of mandatory service period, as per rules. 5. Two copies of application in plain paper as per the undermentioned proforma in English should be submitted by 10-6-98. Attested photocopy of certificates of examinations passed by the candidate & marksheets (attested by 1st class gazetted officer) & similarly attested one copy passport size photograph should be well attached with one copy of application. The other copy of application should be so attached with the original application with a pin or gems clip that can be easily separated. No other application should be submitted at this stage. 6. Candidate's age should be maximum 40 years. 7. Up & down air passage should be borne by the candidate. 8. Candidate will be selected on evaluation of the Joint Commission constituted with representatives of the Ministry of Education & Turkish Embassy in Dhaka. 9. Proforma of application shall be as the following: Application for Government of Turkey's Doctorate Level Scholarship. Name of subject/field prayed for: a) Candidate's name: b) Father's name: c) Date of birth & age on 1-10-98: d) Nationality: e) Present address (including telegraph office): f) Permanent address: g) Results of all examinations SSC onwards:

Name of examination & duration of course	Board/University & year of passing	Main subjects studied	Division/class secured	Total marks of examination (marks for exam taken)	Total marks secured by the candidate
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10. Description of publication, if any, on the related subject in recognised professional journal. Full signature of applicant

11. Application should reach the address of the undersigned or wooden box No. 2 kept at Gate No. 5 of Bangladesh Secretariat by 10-6-98. Incomplete application will be treated as cancelled. 'Turkish Scholarship (PhD)' and name of subject & the score secured should be distinctly superscribed of the envelope of application.

12. List of primarily selected candidates for nomination shall be hung on 23-6-98 at the Ministry of Education & National Academy of Education Management (NAEM). Candidates will not be issued any letter. Selected candidates should collect form from the office of Registrar, NAEM & deposit immediately. For this, they are advised to keep ready 6 copies of photos, certificates & marksheets in English, copy of Syllabus & other papers as required. Candidate should obtain information on own initiative about facility of study/research on subjects existing at universities in Turkey.

13. Decision of the authority shall be treated as final in selecting the candidates.

Government of Bangladesh shall not bear any responsibility in this regard except the scholarship by Government of Turkey.

DFP-11048-18/5 G-1264 M. Didarul Ahsan Senior Assistant Secretary