



Mikhail Kalashnikov, world's best-known weapon designer, holds a rifle at the International Arms and Armaments Show in Moscow, Tuesday. Kalashnikov visited the arms exhibition that opened in Moscow's Manezh exhibition centre. At right is Andrei Kokoshin, chief of the Security Council. — AP/UNB photo

**15 killed in mishap  
Rains claim 12  
lives in Karachi**

KARACHI, Jun 10: Rains battered Pakistan's southern port city of Karachi, killing 12 people, as a cyclone plowed through the area into neighbouring India, the state-run news agency said Wednesday, reports AP.

High winds and heavy rains lashed the teeming city of 14 million people throughout Tuesday, but most of the deaths, according to the Associated Press of Pakistan, were the result of a electrocution. High winds toppled power lines leaving live wires strewn across several busy streets, the news agency said.

Several slum dwellings in Karachi's poorer neighbourhoods also collapsed, but police officials said there were only minor injuries.

Meanwhile, a bus careened off a mountain road into a ravine killing 15 people and injuring another 40 others, according to news reports Wednesday.

A passenger bus, overloaded with nearly 70 people, some of them sitting on the roof, lost control near Swabi in north-west Pakistan on Tuesday, the independent English-language newspaper, The News reported.

The bus was apparently speeding when the driver lost control, the newspaper reported.

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In 1991 dozens were killed when troops opened fire on a protest march.

On Wednesday demonstrators stayed safely on the university's campus. They raised their fists in the air and sang rebel songs.

Some wore headbands with the word "independence" written on them. Others briefly held up outlawed rebel flags. Some stood on the roof of Campus buildings and chanted anti-Indonesian slogans.

Indonesian troops invaded East Timor, a former Portuguese colony in 1975, and annexed it the following year.

Since then the half-island territory has endured human rights abuses while a guerrilla war rages between Indonesian forces and separatist rebels.

On Tuesday in Jakarta, President BJ Habibie signaled a possible easing of Indonesia's tight control, saying he's ready to grant special status to East Timor in exchange for peace in the disputed territory.

**Threat of Indian air strikes prompted  
Pakistan to order N-tests**

VIENNA, Jun 10: Pakistan ordered its nuclear tests last month in response to an imminent threat of Indian air strikes on its nuclear sites, according to an address by Pakistan's Ambassador to the Vienna-based IAEA, a copy of which was obtained by AFP Tuesday.

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan was alerted and asked to intervene in the situation on the night of May 27-28, according to Shaukat Umer Ambassador to the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Pakistan carried out five nuclear blasts on May 28, fol-

lowed by one more on May 30.

"Heavy concentrations of troops were moved to the line of control in Kashmir. A plan was finalised to launch surgical air strikes against Pakistan's nuclear installations."

"The Indian High Commissioner in Islamabad was summoned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 1:00 am and reminded that any attack on our nuclear facilities would be in violation of a bilateral agreement between the two countries," he continued, according to the text of his declaration.

"He was asked to convey to New Delhi to desist from any ir-

responsible actions which, if carried out, would warrant a swift and massive retaliation with unforeseen consequences.

UN was also immediately informed and requested to counsel restraint to India," he added.

Pakistan said at the time that it carried out the tests in self-defence following five blasts by its arch-rival India on May 11 and May 13. The tit-for-tat blasts have sparked fears of a nuclear arms race in the region.

Umer confirmed this: "Faced with the publicly stated designs of an aggressive neighbour we had no option but to exercise

our legitimate right of self defence, a right enshrined in the UN charter," he said.

India's Ambassador in Vienna Yogesh Tiwari addressed the IAEA governors on Tuesday, and questioned the accuracy of Autees statement although not specifically referring to his account of the events of May 27-28.

"We have listened with attention to the lengthy statement of the Ambassador of Pakistan. I would simply say that there are many inaccuracies and deliberate distortions," he said, according to the text of his address.

**King Hussein leaves for US**

AMMAN, Jun 10: Jordan's King Hussein left Tuesday for the United States where he will meet President Bill Clinton for talks on US proposals to restart the stalled Middle East peace process, a Jordanian official said, reports AFP.

The king is scheduled to meet Clinton on Monday and also hold talks with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright during his private visit, the official said.

King Hussein discussed the American proposals during talks Sunday with Israel's defence minister Yitzhak Mordechai, following which both men said they were "more optimistic" about the peace process.

**US Defence Secy says  
NATO likely to examine  
army options in Kosovo**

ROME, Jun 10: NATO defence ministers are expected to examine possible military options "as quickly as possible" in light of attacks by Serbian forces on ethnic Albanians in the Yugoslav province of Kosovo, US Defence Secretary William Cohen says, reports AP.

"This kind of slaughter, this shelling of villages, is not something that can be tolerated for any length of time," Cohen told reporters traveling with him Tuesday on his first stop in a week-long visit to European capitals.

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**Even deaths can't  
contain demands  
for Viagra**

WASHINGTON, Jun 10: Deaths of American men who took the wildly popular impotence pill Viagra have climbed to 16, including seven men who reportedly died during or after sex, a reminder that sexual exertion in older men can be risky with or without a pill, reports AP.

The Food and Drug Administration said Tuesday there is no evidence that Viagra itself is dangerous, although the agency did repeat warnings that heart patients who take nitroglycerin should never take the impotence pill because the drug mix can be deadly. Two deaths suggest that happened.

Doctors say if there is any risk, some men don't care.

"I've had a lot of patients say, 'If I have to go, that's the way I want to go out,'" said Dr Ira Sharlip of San Francisco, an adviser on impotence to the American Urological Association.

"I've taken prescriptions out of two patients' hands who lied about (using) nitroglycerin" because they wanted Viagra so badly, said Dr William Steers, the University of Virginia's urology chairman. "Men value sexuality over general health... They are going to have this regardless of the consequences."

The FDA repeated that Viagra is safe and effective when used by appropriate patients. But in response to intense public interest, the FDA posted on its internet site 16 deaths reported among Viagra users.

**President's promise of spl status rejected  
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DILI, Indonesia, Jun 10: Rejecting a presidential promise of special status for their homeland within Indonesia, thousands of East Timorese protested Wednesday, demanding the right to vote for full independence, reports AP.

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In an interview with the British Broadcasting Corp, Habibie also said he had signed a decree to release 10 East Timor rebels jailed by Indonesia.

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**Titanic's lifeboat  
nameplate, flag  
sold at auction**

NEW YORK, Jun 10: A Titanic nameplate and White Star line flag taken off a lifeboat after the great ship sank sold for 79,500 dollars Tuesday at a Christie's auction, reports AP.

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**Army distributes  
relief goods  
among cyclone  
victims in India**

BOMBAY, Jun 10: Relief workers distributed food and medicine and searched for bodies in the debris of uprooted trees and smashed homes after a cyclone tore through western India, killing 130 people, injuring 400 and leaving hundreds of thousands homeless, officials said Wednesday, reports AP.

Some 2,500 soldiers were called in to help local authorities distribute supplies in remote areas of Gujarat state after Tuesday's cyclone. State officials said the death toll could increase as aid workers reach remote villages.

Relief workers handed out supplies of wheat, potatoes and kerosene to residents of Bhuj, Jamnagar and Porbander districts, 450 kilometers (280 miles) northwest of Bombay, where the cyclone first struck land.

"Medical teams have been sent out to contain any epidemic that might break out," said RM Joshi, a government official at the state control center.

**Former Argentine dictator held:**

Former Argentine dictator Jorge Videla was arrested Tuesday to face charges of crimes against humanity during the country's 1976-1983 military rule, legal sources said, AFP reports Buenos Aires.

The order was issued by San Isidro Federal Judge Foberto Marquich, the sources told the DYN and NA news agencies. The charges arise from allegations that five children born to leftists who were jailed during the military rule were subsequently kidnapped. Videla has already been tried and sentenced for human rights abuses, but was pardoned by President Carlos Menem in 1990.

**China plans to promote science:**

Premier Zhu Rongji has set up a group to plan China's strategy for developing science, technology and education field seen as crucial to the country's economic development, state-run media reported Wednesday. AP reports from Beijing.

The government plans to pour more money into science and research that can help promote development, the Xinhua New Agency quoted Zhu as saying. "We must work out and overall plan for development of science, technology and education in tandem with the growth of the national economy," Zhu said at the first meeting of the group, which is also led by Vice Premier Li Lanqing.

**Lightning kills 10 in China:**

Lightning strikes during recent violent thunderstorms have killed 10 people and injured another 26 in Haina, an island in southern China, the state-run Xinhua New Agency reported Wednesday. AP says from Beijing.

Most of those struck by lightning during the past two months were farmers who didn't know how to protect themselves and were hit while working in the fields or sheltering under trees, the report said. It said lightning had caused damage to public facilities, homes and household appliances estimated at almost 1 million yuan (dfrs 120,000) during the same period.

**Ethiopian PM  
threatens wider  
war with Eritrea**

ADDIS ABABA, Jun 10: Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi on Tuesday threatened a wider war with neighbouring Eritrea should no peaceful solution to their border conflict be found.

In an interview with AFP, Zenawi said Ethiopia would launch an offensive against its smaller neighbour "if that is what it takes."

"We will have to take all the necessary measures to make sure the (Eritrean) invasion is reversed, and reversed comprehensively," said Meles, who as prime minister is commander-in-chief of his country's armed forces.

**Clinton, Kim  
talks held in  
Washington**

WASHINGTON, Jun 10: Back when Bill Clinton was still the little-known governor of a small southern state, Kim Dae-jung was an exiled Korean activist making a pest of himself to US officials in Washington, reports AP.

The two men showed how far they've come Tuesday with a state dinner for the South Korean president that celebrated the triumph of democracy. US-Korean ties and the arrival of the summer social season at the White House.

In a dinner toast taking note of Kim's long years of struggle, Clinton told the South Korean president, "Through it all, you never lost hope that democracy and freedom could rise up in your native land."

"You remind us that at the end of all the defeats and all the trials, there is victory for the human spirit."

Kim, in turn, told Clinton that over the years he had spent 40 years under surveillance, escaped five death sentences, spent six years in prison and more than 10 years in exile or under house arrest.

"Such trials signify more than my personal history," he said. "They represent the Korean people's long struggle for democracy."

"America saved my life more than once," he added.



President Clinton looks on as South Korean President Kim Dae-jung speaks at the White House Tuesday during a state arrival ceremony. President Clinton voiced confidence that the South Korean president, with increased US trade and investment, would lead a recovery of his nation's economy. — AP/UNB photo

**Shuttle completes mission to Mir  
Discovery moves to detect atoms  
of anti-matter in space**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Jun 10: Astronauts aboard the US Space Shuttle Discovery turned their attention to scientific research on Tuesday, a day after completing NASA's last mission to Russia's space station Mir, reports Reuters.

The shuttle's open cargo bay was turned toward deep space in the hope of detecting atoms of anti-matter with an instrument developed by Nobel Prize-winner Samuel Ting.

A shuttle transmitter failure, however, was hampering researchers' efforts to fine-tune the instrument and it was not clear whether there would be any conclusive results.

The instrument, known as the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer, is designed to conduct an ex-

**Missile tech transfer to Iran  
US House approves tough  
sanctions bill on firms**

WASHINGTON, Jun 10: The US House of Representatives overwhelmingly gave final approval on Tuesday to a bill providing tough sanctions on firms that sell missile technology to Iran, reports Reuters.

The House, reacting to Russian cooperation with Iran's missile programme, voted 392-22 in favour of the sanctions bill. It now goes to President Bill Clinton, but White House foreign policy advisers have recommended he veto it.

The administration told Congress recently that Russia's new government had made progress in controlling exports

**Deadlock in talks  
Cambodian govt, rebel forces  
blame each other**

PHNOM PENH, Jun 10: Peace talks between Cambodian government troops and resistance forces broke off Wednesday with both sides blaming each other for the deadlock, reports AP.

Gen. Hun Phoeung, chief negotiator for resistance forces loyal to deposed co-Prime Minister Prince Norodom Ranariddh, said the stalemate was caused by the government's refusal to formalize a ceasefire agreement and guarantee amnesty for rebel commanders.

Ranariddh was deposed last July in a bloody coup d'etat led by co-Prime Minister Hun Sen.

**R&H Notice  
Inviting Tender**

- Tender Notice No: 332/EW/D, Dhaka/1997-98.
  - Name of work: Supply of spare parts for repair of a Pajero Jeep No Dhaka Metro Bna-9025 of Ferry Maintenance (R&H) Sub-Division, Kanchipur, Dhaka sent to R&H Workshop Division.
  - Estimated cost: Tk as per schedule.
  - Earnest money: 2% (two per cent) of the estimated cost as per government rules will have to be submitted.
  - Time for completion of work: 40 (forty) days after the issue of work order.
  - Eligibility of contractors: All classes of contractors enlisted with R&H Directorate according to financial and zonal feasibility.
  - Offices where tender schedule is available: Workshop Division, Dhaka/Mymensingh/Equipment Control Division, Dhaka/Workshop Sub-Division, Dhaka will be sold till the day before receiving tender (during office hours) on payment of Taka 510/- per set (non-refundable).
  - Officials & offices to receive tender schedule: Superintending Engineer, R&H, Workshop Circle, Tejgaon, Dhaka/ Executive Engineer, R&H, Workshop Division, Dhaka/Mymensingh/Executive Engineer R&H, Equipment Control Division, Dhaka.
  - Last date of selling tender: 23-6-98
  - Last date & time of receiving sealed tender: 25-6-98 till 12 Noon.
  - Date & time of opening sealed tender: 25-6-98 at 12:30 PM.
  - Date of lottery (if necessary): 25-6-98 at 2:30 PM.
  - Head of expenditure: T&R.
- Md Shahid Hossain Khan  
Executive Engineer, R&H  
(Mechanical),  
Workshop Division, Tejgaon  
Dhaka.
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**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Bangladesh Institute of Marine Technology  
Sonakanda, Bandar, Narayanganj

**Re-Tender Notice**

No. Tech-46(Part-5)T-3/97-98

Sealed tenders under following terms and conditions of specification and quotations documents from the manufacturer/bonafide suppliers for purchasing a microbus for Bangladesh Institute of Marine Technology Strengthening (2nd phase) Project.

Sl No	Name of vehicle	Number	Description of vehicle	Manufacturer
1	Microbus	1 (one)	4 cylinder diesel/petrol-driven 1400-2200 CC 12 (twelve) seated (including driver) 4-door latest model	Toyota, Nissan Mitsubishi, Esuzu, Daihatsu

Quotation document can be purchased from the office of undersigned and 4th floor of Manpower, Employment and Training Bureau at 89/2, Kakrail till June 18 during office hours on payment of Taka 750/- (seven hundred and fifty) only (non-refundable) for each set. Intending suppliers will have to apply to the undersigned at the time of purchasing schedule of tender in letter head pad of respective firms along with trade licence, income tax clearance certificate, bank solvency certificate etc.

- Tenders will have to be submitted in the tender box kept at the 4th floor of the Manpower, Employment and Training Bureau by 1 PM on June 21, 1998 and will be opened the same day at 2 PM in presence of participants (if any).
- Separate tenders will have to be submitted for Toyota/Mitsubishi/Nissan/Daihatsu/Esuzu and other diesel/petrol fuelled vehicles as per description mentioned above.
- Price will have to be mentioned with registration and insurance.
- Time of validity of given price will have to be mentioned.
- Seats of micro-bus will have to be front facing and right-hand drive.
- The painting of vehicle will have to be as per standard fixed by government.
- Horse power and CC of microbus will have to be mentioned in tender.
- Microbus will have to be supplied within 30 (thirty) days from issue of work order.
- The firm submitting tender will have to mention if it has microbus in ready stock.
- The purchase price of vehicle will be paid after passing the bill by the thana Accounts Officer, Bandar, Narayanganj after supplying microbus.
- The duration of after-sale service of microbus will have to be mentioned in tender.
- Earnest Money at the rate of 2.5% of the price submitted in forms of Bank Draft/Pay Order will have to be given in favour of principal and Project Director, Bangladesh Institute of Marine Technology. The amount of money will be refunded later.
- Accessories: Cigarette lighter, digital watch, cassette players (original), original radio, seat belt, dust cover of wheel, hand rest of door, floor mat with monogramary bat, spare wheel (with cover), standard tools, original piston hook, spare oil container, folding type back seat, footboard wheel mat, side mirror of door.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or relax partial or whole tender or relax partial or all conditions of the tender.

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