

International

Most Americans against Clinton's resignation

Asians react with shock and dismay following release of Starr report

Co-defendant in corruption case against Zardari shot dead in Karachi

KARACHI, Sept 12: A co-defendant in a corruption case against the husband of ex-premier Benazir Bhutto was shot dead in Pakistan's largest city Karachi overnight, police said today, reports AFP.

TOKYO, Sept 12: Asians reacted with shock and dismay following release of the report detailing President Bill Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky, expressing worry the political crisis in Washington comes at a time when the world needs strong American leadership, reports AP.

month investigation of Clinton. Papers in South Korea, though, summarized sections of the report including when and where sexual encounters took place, and what parts of Lewinsky's body Clinton touched.

The South China Morning Post — which had Clinton stories in its first three pages — said in a commentary that "public revelation of some of the graphic details of the dalliances in the Oval Office study might be so embarrassing as to be punishment in itself."

John F Kennedy and Nixon. "Nixon had to step down, if Clinton continues to be in office, he will perhaps be the first US president to do so despite having had to admit to lying and improper conduct."

bearing independent counsel Kenneth Starr's report on President Bill Clinton were overwhelmed Friday, with varying success in meeting extremely high demand.

with the former White House intern and claimed substantial evidence of impeachable offenses. A CNN/Gallup poll released Friday placed the president's job approval rating at 62 per cent, about where it was before the report was released.

57 states sign convention limiting use of toxic chemicals

ROTTERDAM, The Netherlands, Sept 12: Representatives from 57 countries signed a convention limiting the use of toxic chemicals in an effort to protect developing countries from the unscrupulous trade in hazardous substances and pesticides, reports AFP.

BRIEFLY

**Bus accident kills 7 in India:** Seven persons were killed and 30 others injured when a bus overturned and fell into a ditch near Ghughmari in Coochbehar district last night, official sources said on Saturday. PPT reports from Siliguri.

The Mathabhangra-bound bus met with the accident when its driver lost control, police said. Two seriously injured passengers were admitted to North Bengal Medical College Hospital, the sources added.

**7 ETA rebels jailed in Spain:** A Spanish court sentenced seven activists from the Basque separatist group ETA to prison terms of between 10 and 119 years Friday for five failed attempts to murder Basque interior minister Juan Maria Atutxa, a legal source said, AFP reports from Madrid.

The seven members or supporters of ETA's Viscaya Cell received a collective total of 326 years imprisonment after being found guilty of the assassination attempts in 1994. Jose Luis Martin Carmona was handed down a 19-year sentence and Lourdes Churrua a term of 115 years as the leaders of the cell in the Biscaya area of Spain's northwestern Basque country. Atutxa escaped assassination as his car never passed down the roads where on five occasions the cell exploded car bombs.

**Thai groups for removal of minister:** Grassroots organisations around Thailand have launched a drive to collect 50,000 signatures on a petition to oust the public health minister and his top aides over a corruption scandal, AP reports from Bangkok.

Scores of social and political organisations were out on the streets and at college campuses on Saturday gathering signatures from eligible voters. Under a new constitution enacted last year, the Senate can expel a politician suspected of wrongdoing if it receives a petition from voters with 50,000 signatures.



Zarriane Morton, 6, left and Darris Morton, 5, cross Jefferson Davis Parkway at Banks Street in New Orleans on a bike pushed by their uncle Frank Morton on Friday. The school closed and parents or guardians were picking up their children as torrential rains from Tropical Storm Frances has caused wide spread flooding in the New Orleans area. — AP/UNB photo

Malaysia's sacked DPM out with reform campaign

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 12: Malaysia's sacked deputy prime minister took his political reform campaign on the road Saturday, driving to his hometown for a rally that could provoke police, reports AP.

Lewinsky nicknamed Clinton 'handsome', thought he might marry her

WASHINGTON, Sept 12: She loved him, nicknamed him "Handsome," thought maybe someday he would marry her, reports AP.

letter obliquely threatening to reveal their relationship if he didn't help her get another White House job, prosecutors said in the report released Friday.

crush on him. He asked if he could kiss her, leading to their first sexual encounter.

Although she knew the president wanted their affair to be secret, Ms. Lewinsky told at least 11 people, including her mother and Linda Tripp, the friend who secretly taped their conversations and returned them over to prosecutors.

Ms. Lewinsky, now 25, also saved the most conclusive evidence of their trysts — a semen-stained dress — for almost a year and a half, even after signing an affidavit for the Jones lawsuit denying the affair.

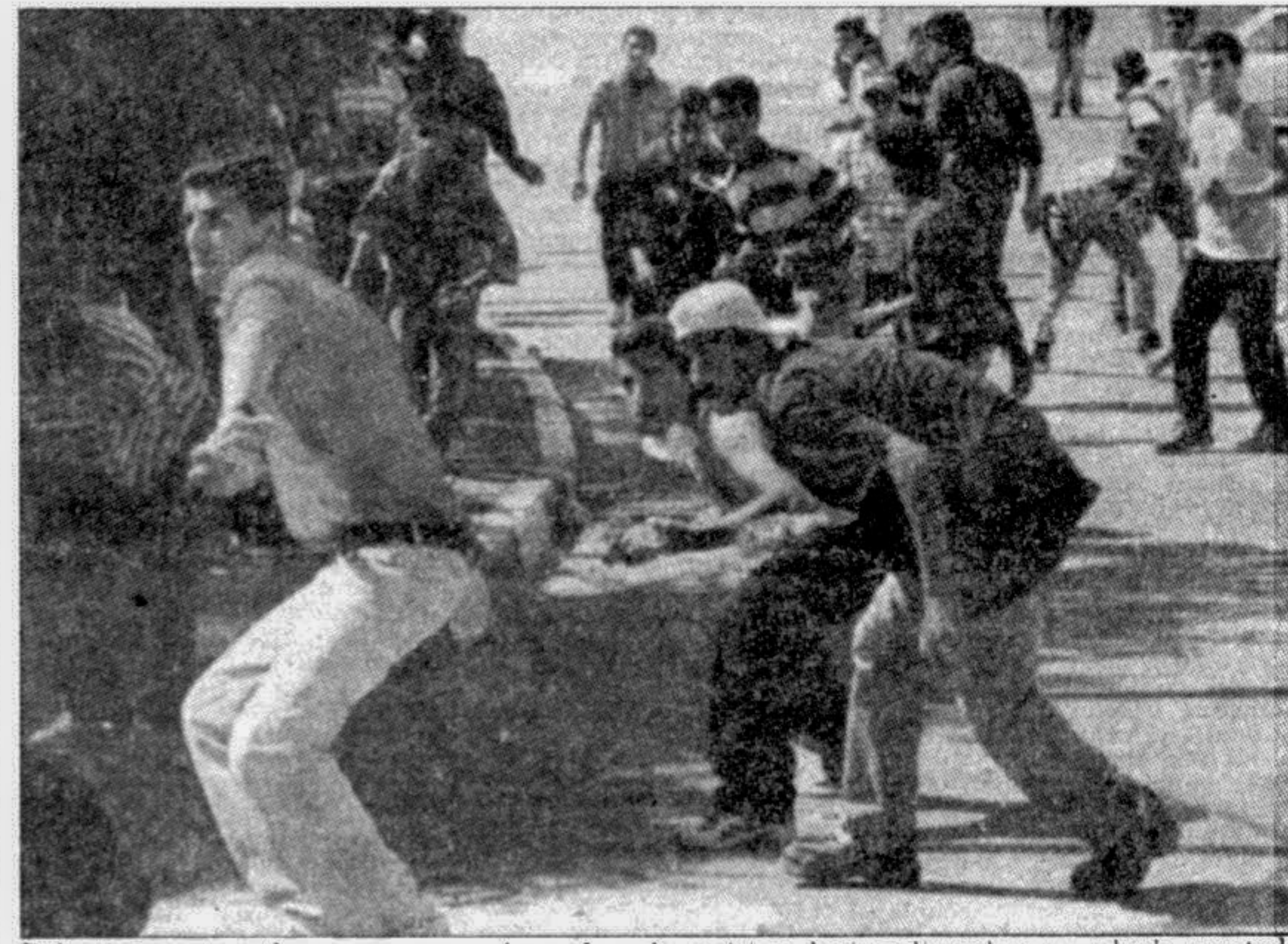
There is no other indication Clinton ever contemplated anything like that.

SwissAir Flight 111 Divers recover cockpit voice recorder

HALIFAX, Canada, Sept 12: Navy divers on Friday recovered the cockpit voice recorder from SwissAir Flight 111 that crashed into the Atlantic Ocean on September 2, killing all 229 people on board, the Canadian Navy said, reports AFP.

Troops remain on streets in Jakarta

JAKARTA, Sept 12: Some lounging under trees, their automatic weapons stacked in neat piles, hundreds of troops remained deployed in the Indonesian capital on Saturday following days of rowdy protests against the president, reports AP.



Palestinian stonethrowers approach an Israeli position during disturbances which erupted in Ramallah following the killing of the Awadallah brothers, the two top fugitives on Israel's wanted list, who were killed on Thursday afternoon in a safehouse west of Hebron. Adel Awadallah is believed by Israel to have been the mastermind of several suicide bombings and Imad Awadallah was also a leading figure in Hamas' military wing. — AP/UNB photo

Voting begins in Bosnia

SARAJEVO, Sept 12: Polls opened at 7:00 am (0500 GMT) today for two days of national elections in Bosnia, the second of their kind since the end of the 1992-95 war, reports AP.

Clashes between rival party supporters continue

Hun Sen accused of planning a 'Pol Pot-style massacre'

PHNOM PENH, Sept 12: Strongman Hun Sen staged a major show of force on Saturday, bringing more than 5,000 supporters into the capital and turning them loose with clubs and chains to beat unnumbered opposition protesters calling for his ouster, reports AP.

ings would be rejected as long as the opposition felt forced to comply.

troops in his crackdown until he shifted to plainclothes mobs on Friday, allowed them to assemble freely. Every man carried a weapon.

Primakov gets down to work as Russia's new PM

MOSCOW, Sept 12: Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov got down to work on Saturday in one of the world's toughest and most thankless jobs, searching for solutions to the nation's worst economic crisis since the Soviet collapse, reports AP.

sia's powerful regional leaders, improving the government's own discipline, and using the financial system to boost Russian industry as well as fill the state's coffers.