

Golkar faction of MPR proposes to put Soeharto under house arrest

JAKARTA, Nov 22: The dominant Golkar faction of Indonesia's People's Consultative Assembly (MPR) has proposed to the government to put former president Soeharto under house arrest, Antara news agency reported today, says Xinhua.

Tension rising again over UN arms searches: Iraq

BAGHDAD, Nov 22: Iraq warned Saturday that it could come under attack "within weeks," saying tension was rising again over UN arms searches less than a week after deadly US and British strikes were aborted, reports AFP.

Two-thirds of humanity denied permanent representation at UN'

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 22: India has made a strong case for a place for itself and for some other developing nations as permanent members in an expanded Security Council.

6 killed in attack on churches in Jakarta

JAKARTA, Nov 22: Hundreds of Muslim rioters on Sunday set fire to a Protestant church and a gambling hall and hurled rocks at soldiers who fired warning shots and tear gas. At least six people were stabbed to death, reports AP.



South African President Nelson Mandela is escorted by African National Congress official Ebrahim Rasool in Athlone township near Cape Town Saturday.

CIA obtains full set of East German spy records

WASHINGTON, Nov 22: The US government obtained a complete set of secret spy records from East Germany in a move considered one of the greatest triumphs of Cold War espionage shortly after the fall of that country's communist government.

Official probe report on Diana's death Car crash caused by pursuing paparazzi

LONDON, Nov 22: The official probe into the Paris crash that killed Diana, Princess of Wales, will produce evidence that it was caused by a pursuing paparazzi motorcyclist which blocked an exit road before the tunnel where the collision occurred, it was reported today, reports AFP.

Pakistan to pass nuclear safety law

ISLAMABAD, Nov 22: Pakistan will pass a nuclear safety law to tighten control on the export of sensitive technology, Foreign Minister Sartaj Aziz said in a report in The News Daily here Saturday, reports AFP.

Turkey boycotts Italian goods as Rome refuses to deport Kurdish chief

ANKARA, Nov 22: A boycott of Italian goods gained pace in Turkey Saturday as a state firm announced it would ban military imports worth up to 300 million dollars in protest at Rome's refusal to hand over Kurdish leader Abdullah Ocalan, reports AFP.

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Singapore's ex-PM Lee hospitalised: Singapore's former prime minister Lee Kuan Yew has been admitted to hospital with an infection, local television reported Sunday, AFP reports from Singapore.

Albanians vote on new constitution: Albanians were to vote yesterday on their first constitution since the collapse of the former communist regime in 1990, AFP reports from Tirana.

Jiang begins Russia, Japan tour: Chinese President Jiang Zemin set off Sunday on a tour of Russia and Japan, looking to push forward ties with both nations, AP reports from Beijing.

Quakes leave 30,000 homeless in China: Some 30,000 people are living outside in cold winter conditions following a series of earthquakes in southwest China, officials said Sunday, AP reports from Beijing.

Marcos's military chief dies: General Fabian Ver, the feared military chief of late deposed dictator Ferdinand Marcos, has died in Thailand, the Philippine government said Saturday, AFP reports from Manila.

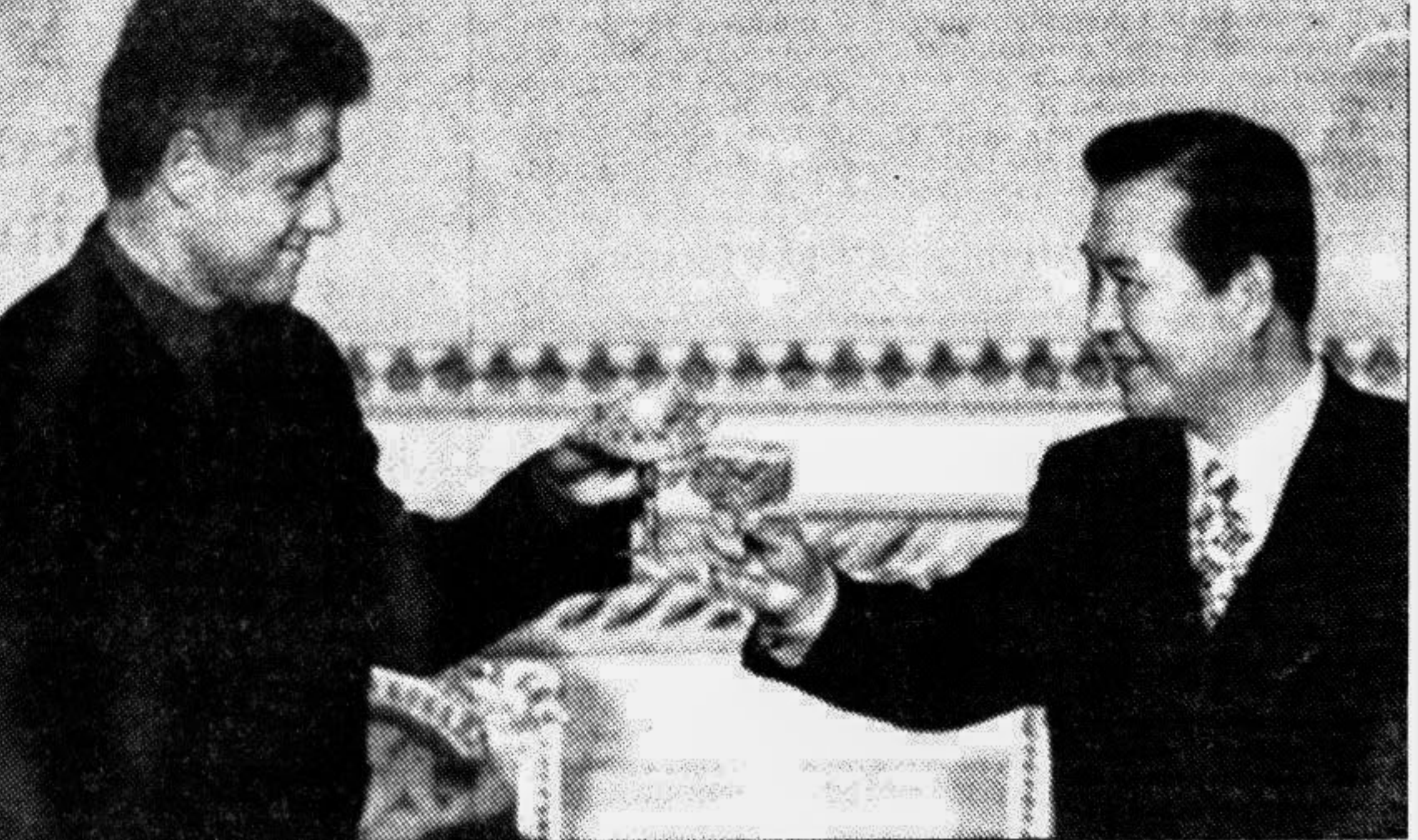
300 tortoises stolen in Malaysia: Some 300 tortoises have been stolen from a temple in northern Penang state, believed to be the work of a gambling syndicate using the reptiles for "racing," a report said yesterday, AFP reports from Kuala Lumpur.

Malaysian police detain opposition leader Chua

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 22: Malaysian police detained an opposition leader late Saturday after using chemical-laced water cannon to disperse the latest protest by supporters of ousted deputy premier Anwar Ibrahim, reports AFP.

US urged to press Israel to release more Palestinians

JERUSALEM, Nov 22: Palestinians urged Washington on Saturday to press Israel to release more Palestinian political detainees after common criminals were included in a group of 250 prisoners freed in a West Bank land handover, reports Reuters.



President Clinton toasts South Korean President Kim Dae-jung during a dinner in Clinton's honour Blue House in Seoul, South Korea, Saturday.



Iraqi children rest on the remains of a car wreck in a Baghdad suburb, Saturday. The tensions in the Iraqi capital have eased following last week's agreement to continue the UNSCOM arms inspections. - AP/UNB photo

Trial of Anwar Ibrahim resumes today

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 22: The politically charged corruption trial of Anwar Ibrahim resumes Monday amid growing outcry to US Vice President Al Gore's remarks supporting the ousted Malaysian deputy prime minister, reports AP.

'North Korea-A land of political slogans, few vehicles, no sunglasses'

CHANGJON, North Korea, Nov 22: Some 800 South Koreans returned Sunday from an unprecedented sightseeing tour in North Korea with impressions of a communist land of political slogans, few vehicles and no sunglasses, reports AP.