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Tibetan spiritual leader flees China, joins Dalai Lama

NEW DELHI, Jan 7: A 14-year-old boy, who is the third highest leader in Tibetan Buddhism, has joined the exiled Dalai Lama in India...

He left a letter at the monastery saying he was going 'abroad this time to get the musical instruments of the Buddhist mass and the black hats that had been used by the previous living Buddhas.'

He was enthroned on September 27, 1992 at Tsurphu monastery, north of the Tibetan capital Lhasa where he has been living ever since.

Chinese troops first marched into Tibet in 1951. After fleeing Tibet, the 16th Karmapa had established the headquarters-in-exile of his Kagyu sect at Rumtek monastery in the northern Indian state of Sikkim.

Indian Army Chief warns of limited wars

NEW DELHI, Jan 7: Army Chief Gen V.P. Malik yesterday warned the nation that in prevailing circumstances the country could be faced with limited wars erupting with scant warning...

Gunmen kill Pak high court judge

QUETTA, Pakistan, Jan 7: Masked gunmen killed a Pakistani high court judge today in the southwestern city of Quetta, police said, reports Reuters.



An undated photo shows Ugyen Trinley Dorje, the 17th living Buddha. The Tibetan government in exile confirmed yesterday that the third highest leader in Tibetan Buddhism had arrived in the northern Indian hill town of Dharamsala after fleeing Tibet.

BRIEFLY

70 injured in S Korean clashes: Some 70 people were injured Friday as rival factions of a South Korean religious cult battled each other with petrol bombs and metal pipes here, witnesses said.

Indonesian Muslims protest Maluku violence

JAKARTA, Jan 7: Hundreds of thousands of Indonesian Muslims massed in Jakarta's largest park Friday calling for a holy war to avenge those killed in Christian-Muslim violence in the Maluku islands, witnesses said, reports AFP.

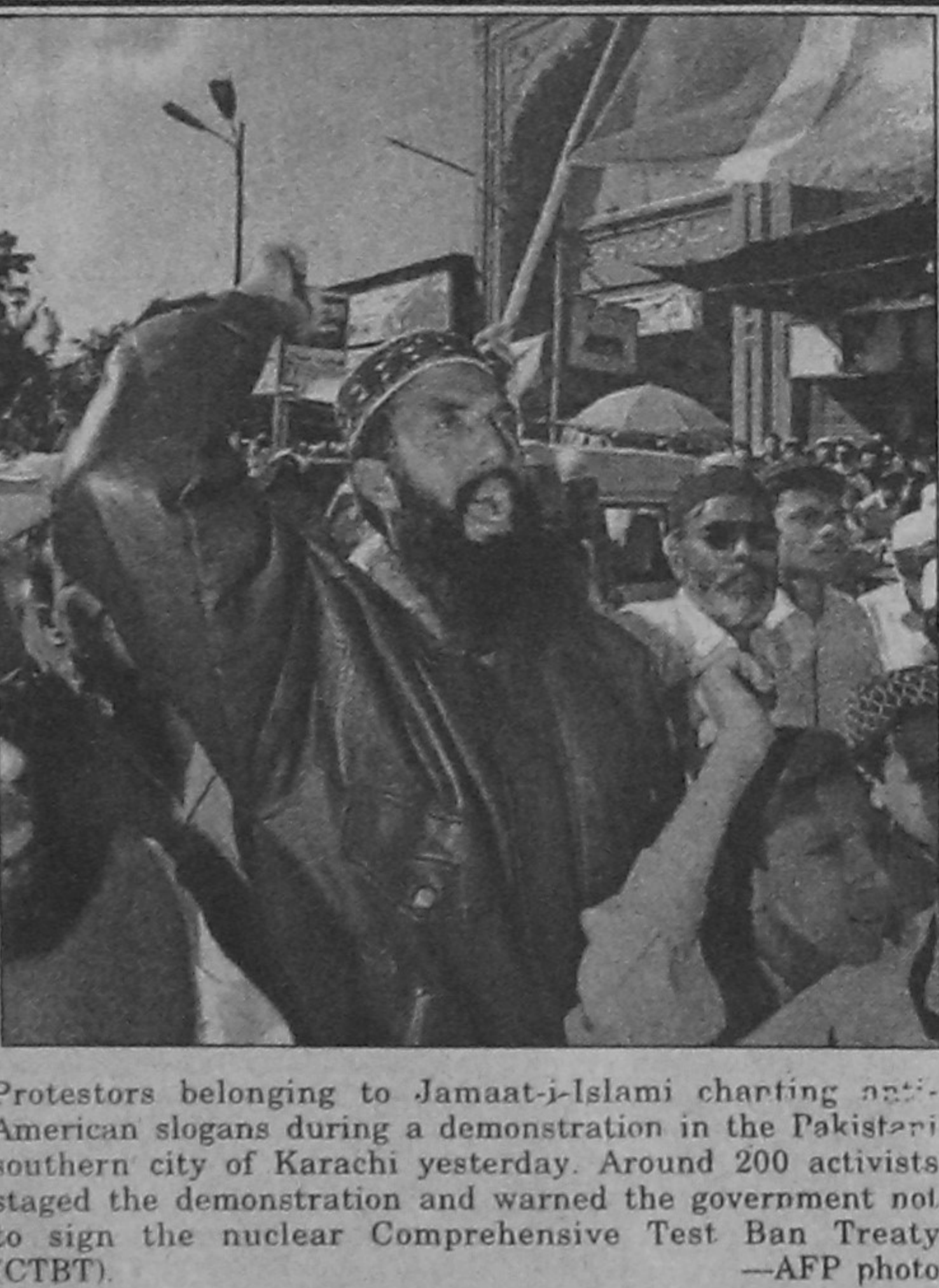
United Development Party, and Amien Rais, the speaker of the People's Consultative Assembly.



Indonesian Muslims shout 'Jihad (Holy War)' during a mass demonstration in a central Jakarta park yesterday.

Plane hijack Pakistan asks Nepal for copy of probe report

ISLAMABAD, Jan 7: Pakistan has asked Nepal for a copy of its inquiry report into the hijacking of an Indian Airlines plane hoping it will provide clues to the identities of the hijackers, according to newspaper reports Friday, says AP.



Protesters belonging to Jamaat-i-Islami chanting anti-American slogans during a demonstration in the Pakistani southern city of Karachi yesterday.

Deadlock in Syria-Israel talks

SHEPHERDSTOWN, West Virginia, Jan 7: US President Bill Clinton left Israel-Syria peace negotiations here late Thursday without hosting three-way talks between the parties but is expected to return on Friday, the White House said, reports AFP.

Thai military chief warns of threat from Myanmar

BANGKOK, Jan 7: Thailand's armed forces chief has warned of a potential threat from military-run Myanmar in a rare public criticism of Yangon's arms spending, reports says AFP.

Four great Indians

NEW DELHI, Jan 7: Mahatma Gandhi, Dhirubhai Ambani, Lata Mangeshkar and Swami Vivekananda have been chosen as the four Indians, who made a difference in this century, in a poll conducted by Times of India online, reports PTI.

Islamic party warns Pak gov't not to sign CTBT

KARACHI, Jan 7: Around 200 activists from Pakistani Jamaat-i-Islami party Friday demonstrated and warned the government against signing the global nuclear test ban treaty, reports AFP.

4 security men killed in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, Jan 7: Suspected separatist guerrillas stormed a national weather office in Kashmir Friday and gunned down four paramilitary soldiers guarding the building, police said, reports AP.

Emergency in Ecuador

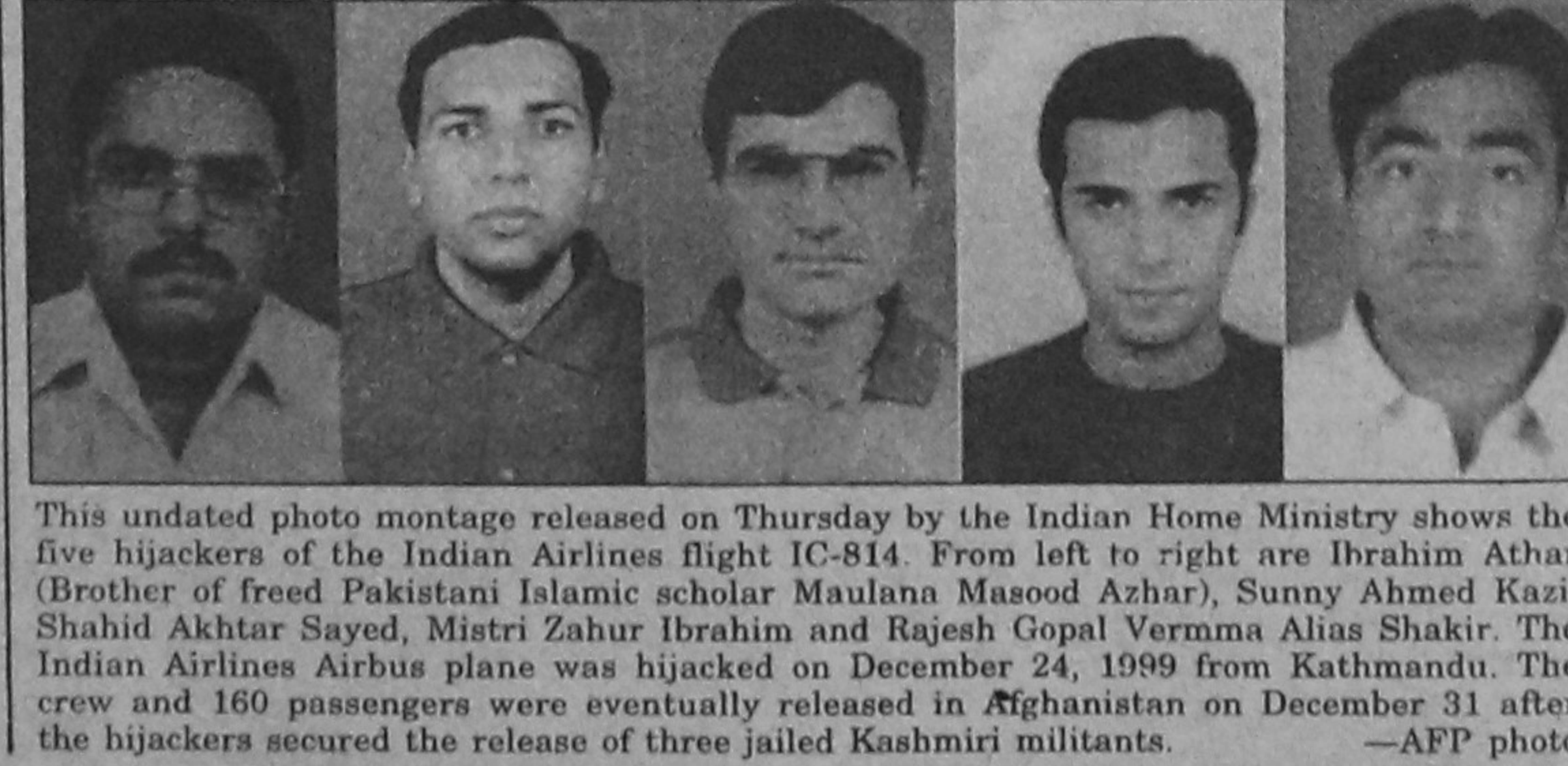
QUITO, Ecuador, Jan 7: About 1,000 demonstrators tried to march to the presidential palace Thursday to demand President Jamil Mahuad's resignation, which triggered a suspension in expert-level negotiations on the question of how and when new Israeli-Syrian borders would be discussed.

Off the Record

Grandmother expecting triplets

Alleged Nazi war criminal arrives in Australia

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan 7: Suspected Nazi war criminal Konrad Kalesj landed in Australia Friday and was clearing Customs before security officials whisk him away, a Melbourne Airport official said.



This undated photo montage released on Thursday by the Indian Home Ministry shows the five hijackers of the Indian Airlines flight IC-814.

Off the Record

SUNNYSIDE, Washington: Aracelia Garcia, who already has 15 grandchildren, was a bit surprised to find herself pregnant again — and with triplets, reports AP.