

BRIEFLY

Hun Sen flies to India: Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen flew to India on Thursday for a three-day visit...

ROK president to visit Europe: South Korean President Kim Dae-jung will make a 10-day visit to Italy, France and Germany in March...

Cholera claims 29 in Somalia: A cholera epidemic has killed 29 people in two southern Somali towns during the past two days...

New PM named in Mali: President Alpha Oumar Konare has named an economist as the new prime minister of this West African nation...

Dissident jailed in China: A Chinese court has handed a six-year jail term to a dissident convicted of subversion for his part in organising a would-be opposition party...

Mine blast kills 10 in Angola: Ten people died and 22 others were seriously wounded when an anti-tank landmine exploded under their vehicle on a road in central Angola...

Republican presidential hopeful and Texas Governor George W. Bush addresses the Aiken County Republican Women's Presidential Rally late Wednesday in Aiken, South Carolina...

Pak generals must return to barracks: Benazir

Delhi, Islamabad urged to end war of words

LONDON, Feb 17: Former Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto has appealed to Islamabad and New Delhi to end their war of words and send army generals in Pakistan to barracks...

COLOMBO, Feb 17: Norway's foreign minister said today the Sri Lankan government and the Tamil Tiger rebels have shown a readiness to begin peace talks...

Tamil Eelam, the group waging a campaign for Tamil independence in the north and east of this island nation...



British Premier Tony Blair (C) with Irish Taoiseach (Prime Minister) Bertie Ahern (R) and Northern Ireland Minister Peter Mandelson (L) hold a press conference in 10 Downing Street Wednesday following further peace agreement to rescue talks.

India, Pakistan blame each other for border clash

JAMMU, India, Feb 17: India and Pakistan blamed each other on Wednesday for a night-time clash on the Kashmir border in which at least four Indian soldiers were killed...

30,000 ROK doctors poised to strike against new rules

SEOUL, Feb 17: Around 30,000 South Korean doctors were today poised to rally in the streets of Seoul to protest rules banning the lucrative sale of medicines to the general public...

Pro-Indian militia supremo killed in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India, Feb 17: The supremo of Kashmir's largest militia group and a civilian were killed in a powerful landmine ambush in Kashmir today...

Voting relatively peaceful in Bihar

PATNA, India, Feb 17: At least one person was killed and police and polling stations attacked in the eastern state of Bihar today as a second phase of staggered state elections was held in India...

1,600 Kosovars still held by Serbs

UNITED NATIONS, Feb 17: An estimated 1,600 people from Kosovo are still being detained in other parts of Serbia while about 3,500 inhabitants of the mainly ethnic Albanian Serb province are listed as missing...

UN vows to help rebuild E Timor: Annan

DILI, Feb 17: In an emotionally charged visit today to a massacre site in East Timor, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan promised that the world body was committed to rebuilding the shattered territory...

5,000 die yearly from infections caught in British hospitals

LONDON, Feb 17: As many as 5,000 people a year die from infections they catch while in hospital in Britain, according to an official report released today...



United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan (C), accompanied by top UN East Timor administrator Sergio de Mello (R) and East Timorese independence leader Xanana Gusmao (L), waves after giving a speech in the Liquisa district of East Timor Thursday...



Russian soldiers blow up mined buildings in Grozny Wednesday. Grozny, the ravaged Chechen capital, could be razed from existence by the Russians, who are refusing to allocate one kopeck to rebuilding a city which is a potent symbol of resistance to Moscow's rule...

Testimony not needed: Mahathir

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 17: Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said today that he would testify at the sex trial of his former deputy Anwar Ibrahim if required but he did not think his appearance in court was necessary...



Aviation official testifies: Plane carrying Musharraf was diverted to Nawabshah. KARACHI, Feb 17: A Civil Aviation official testified today that aircraft were diverted to Nawabshah in interior Sindh after Karachi was closed to prevent Pervez Musharraf from landing there...