UAE reopens embassy in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Apr 20: The United Arab Emirates (UAE) today reopened its embassy in Baghdad, which had been closed since Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990, reports AFP.

Emirati diplomat Sheikh Ahmad bin Abdullah reopened the mission at a simple opening ceremony in which he hoisted his country's flag at the embassy, opposite the Rashid Ho-

The number two at Iraq's foreign ministry, Nabil Nejm, was

also in attendance. The UAE becomes the fourth country from the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) .. after Bahrain, Oman and Qatar -- to renew diplomatic representation in Iraq.

Kuwait and Saudi Arabia have not re-established ties with Baghdad since the Gulf | nuclear weapons.

Despite the ten-year freeze in relations, the UAE remained one of Iraq's top donors of humanitarian aid and annual trade between the two countries currently tops 400 million dol-

They are also linked by a passenger and cargo ferry, which also stops in Bahrain.

have destroyed an illegal dis-

ground bunkers within the tight

tillery located in two under-

security zone of President

Chandrika Kumaratunga's res-

idence, a state-run daily said

that the underground operation

located within 200 meters

(yards) of President Ku-

maratunga's tightly-guarded

Temple Trees residence was

busted Tuesday by a special po-

police station (adjoining Presi-

"Even the (local) Kollupitiya

The area surrounding Ku- bunkers.

The Dinamina daily said

today, reports AFP.

lice unit.

Indo-Pak tensions may cast shadow at NPT review meet

NEW DELHI, Apr 20 : Persistent hostility between India and Pakistan could seriously undermine the April 24 conference in New York to review the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), In-

dian experts say, reports AFP. Defence analyst Praful Bidwai, who co-founded MIND, or the Movement in India for Nuclear Disarmament, told AFP that the subcontinent was now the worst global flashpoint since the 1960s.

"It is greater than the Cuban missile crisis of 1962," he said. "There are 50 years of hostility, no confidence-building measures, no checks to stop unauthorised or accidental use of

"The tension represents the biggest danger since the Cold

The NPT was signed on July 1, 1968 and came into force on March 5, 1970 with an initial duration of 25 years.

Extended indefinitely in 1995 with review conferences every five years, the accord has been signed by 188 countries

home is guarded by hundreds of

elite police and army comman-

dos in addition to anti-aircraft

guns. All approach roads to

Temple Trees are off limits for

said its photographer was pre-

vented by local residents of tak-

ing pictures of the illegal opera-

tion and even policemen taking

part in the raid were being ver-

bally abused by both men and

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Police had to make a second

The Dinamina newspaper

normal traffic at night.

Bunkers, illicit brew found

near Lankan president's home

dent's home) was unaware of the arming themselves with

existence of the massive illegal weapons, the newspaper said.

newspaper said in its front-page of illicitly distilled liquor

BRETY

Hacker arrested in Canada: The 15-

year-old hacker arrested in connection with cyber-attacks that

paralyzed high-profile Web sites and cost their owners several

lier in the day their arrest Saturday of an unnamed youth -- who

used the Internet pseudonym "Mafiaboy" during the cyber-

attacks -- saying it was in connection with incidents that caused

Swoop on sin businesses in Beijing:
Chinese police have cracked down on illicit entertainment in

the capital, closing down 118 brothels, gambling dens and other

illegal establishments in a week-long sweep, state media

drug users and dealers, 92 suspected gamblers and 137 people

thought to be prostitutes and their clients from April 6 to 12, the

One executed in Tennessee: The state of

Tennessee carried out its first execution in 40 years Wednesday

something I didn't do." said Robert Glen Coe. "I'm not guilty of

this crime, and that's the God's truth." The 44-year-old former

west Tennessee mechanic, strapped to a gurney in the death chamber at Riverbend Maximum Security Prison here, spoke

briefly to a small room of witnesses before the sentence was

Blast at Pak Jamaat office: A

bomb exploded Thursday outside the headquarters of Pakistan's

rightwing religious party, Jamaat-e-Islami, said police, AP.

in Mansura, about 15 kilometers (9 miles) south of Lahore, they

said. No one has taken responsibility for the bombing and

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application. The schedule will be available from the office of

the undersigned during office hours (except holidays) on

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must accompany a Bank Draft or Pay Order in favour of the

'Comptroller, BUET' from any nationalised bank amount to

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the DAERS office, BUET before 12 Noon on 23 May 2000

and will be opened on the same day before the tenderers

reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason

The University authority reserves the right to accept or

No tender papers will be sold on the opening day of the

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the interested

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There were no reports of injuries or damage in the explosion

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Dated: 19.4.2000

despite an appeal by the European Union to stay the sentence.

The police apprehended 1,877 suspects, including 44 alleged

"I forgive the state of Tennessee for murdering me for

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) confirmed ear-

hundred million dollars was back in school Wednesday.

Canadian Press reported, AFP says from Montreal.

havoc on key Web sites in February.

Beijing Youth Daily reported.

AFP reports from Nashville.

carried out by lethal injection.

police are refusing to speculate.

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Ambulance, made in Japan.

reports from Lahore.

reported Thursday, AFP says from Beijing

operation," the Dinamina Police found over 10,000 bottles

COLOMBO, Apr 20 : Police maratunga's Temple Trees

Pakistan and Israel. India has consistently re-

fused to join the regime arguing that it discriminated in favour of the five declared nuclear powers -- Britain, China, France, Russia and the US.

NPT lacks a timeframe for disarmament and says its own regional security concerns make a "minimum nuclear deterrent" imperative.

If India signed the treaty, it would have to end its programme of nuclear weapons de-

India and Pakistan staged rival nuclear tests in 1998. drawing global condemnation and a slew of sanctions.

They engaged in a bitter military conflict in the disputed state of Kashmir last year. The latest engagement followed three earlier wars fought over

Bidwai claimed that during the 1999 conflict "13 nuclear threats were exchanged between

with the exceptions of India, India and Pakistan." The conflict also put a spoke into peace talks which were frozen last

US President Bill Clinton last month urged India and Pakistan to sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty during New Delhi argues that the a tour of the region which he called "the most dangerous" in the world.

> There have been similar calls of restraint from Britain

> and France. Pakistan's military ruler General Parvez Musharraf, who seized power in a coup in October, has said his government was in no hurry to sign the CTBT and would make a decision after evolving a national consensus on the issue.

> "As the NPT comes up for its first five-year review after its indefinite extension, universal adherence, now one of the stated goals of the extended treaty, has assumed greater importance," said Indian com-

> mentator P. Ramachandran.

discriminatory nature" was becoming increasingly apparent he said, adding that "India's credibility as regards principled opposition to nuclear weapons had taken a severe beating" following its shock nuclear tests.

Sreedhar, an analyst at the Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses, however, said India and Pakistan were being unfairly targetted over the NPT is-

"Unlike the savage European conflicts, both India and Pakistan have demonstrated in their four battles a certain professionalism where an army fought an army. There were | Berlin in the face of the Soviet minimum civilian casualties advance, but that he had adand economic assets were not attacked.

Sreedhar said the NPT should instead focus on India's other neighbour China, which "is clandestinely transferring nuclear technology to other countries despite being signatory to various nuclear arms The NPT's "iniquitous and control measures."

Zimbabwe squatters vow to 'keep pressure on' for land redistribution

Mugabe rejects outside help to resolve crisis

HARARE, Apr 20: The leader that matters were "starting to of war veterans occupying white-owned farms in Zimbabwe said today his group would refrain from further occupations "at the moment" but vowed to "keep the pressure on" for land redistribution, reports

"We don't plan to occupy at the moment more farms," Chenjerai Hunzvi told AFP as he prepared early Thursday to tour white farms occupied by black squatters around the cap-

He also announced his group would meet with the white farmers union on April 28 and

move" but "we have to keep the pressure on."

Hunzvi's comments came a day after talks with representatives of the white farmers. which produced early signs of compromise between the warring sides but a continued hardline from President Robert Mu-

President Robert Mugabe today rejected international intervention to ease the land crisis in hearts." his country, saying it would be resolved peacefully "the long

Speaking on BBC radio, he Nations.

also rejected calls to use the army to prevent violence by war veterans against white farmers, following the deaths earlier this week of two whites in clashes with squatters. "We want to be positive," he

said. "We want to correct this land question in the interests of everybody.

"We are not anti-white, not at Meanwhile, Zimbabwean all, but ... the people in Europe don't understand how deeply this land question touches our

Mugabe said Zimbabwe did not need any outside intervention, such as from the United



Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe (C), the war veterans leader Chenjerai Hinzvi (R) and Tim Henwood (L), president of the Zimbabwean Commercial Farmers' Union (CFU) at a press conference after a meeting with Mugabe at State House to try and solve the land occupation problem. Mugabe said that the war veterans and other landless peasants occupying white-owned farmland would not immediately vacate the land. - AFP photo

Truck-bus collision kills 46 in Kenya

NAIROBI, Apr 20 : At least 46 died early today when a Mombasa-bound bus collided head on with trailer truck at Mtito Andei along the busy Nairobi-Mombasa highway, the official Kenya News Agency (KNA) reported, says AFP.

Several other passengers. were injured in the incident which occurred at 1.00 a.m. (4:00 BST Wednesday).

Former Slovak PM Meciar

Slovakia, Apr 20 ; Slovakia's former prime minister Vladimir Meciar was arrested today by police in his home north of Bratislava, the TASR news agency reported, says

for a Democratic Slovakia, ousted in September 1998 elections, faces charges of having made illegal payments to member of his government.

to dominate Cannes 2000

Cannes Film Festival of the 21st century sees seven Asian and nine European films contending for the Golden Palm in a line-up announced Tuesday that promises action and spectacle alongside the customary art house fare, reports AFP.

Melodrama and costume drama feature strongly in a mouthwatering menu that will open in the southern French resort on May 10 with "Vatel", a film about a 17th-century French chef credited with in-

headed by the most American of French filmmakers. Luc

Russian Parliament okays START II

sian parliament finished ratifying the START II nuclear arms reduction treaty with approval by the upper house, giving President Vladimir Putin a significant foreign policy achievement less than a month after his election, reports AP. The ratification Wednesday

came after a seven-year period when the treaty, which would halve US and Russian warhead stockpiles, languished in the Russian legislature. New amendments to START

Il still must be approved by the US Senate before it takes effect, but Russian ratification sets the stage for talks on further arms cuts. The US and Russia have begun discussing a possible START III treaty, and Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov is to leave for the United States this weekend for meetings on arms control issues.

Putin pushed strongly for treaty.

MOSCOW, Apr 20: The Rus- ratification, and the lower house, the State Duma, approved the treaty last Friday. Approval is likely to boost Moscow's ties with Washington, which have been strained by Chechnya and other disputes. It may also soften the image of Putin, whose call to restore Russia as a great power has alarmed some Western offi-

> Communists and their allies in the lower house had blocked the treaty for years, saying its terms of halving each side's nuclear arsenals to 3,000-3,500 warheads would deal a blow to Russia's strategic strength at a time when its conventional forces are severely underfunded.

But the Communists lost their dominance of the Duma in last December's election and were unable to muster enough votes to continue blocking the



Soldiers work to recover bodies of victims from the crash site of Air Philippines flight 541 on the southern island of Samal yesterday. Rescuers continue to search for more bodies as relatives attempt to identify the remains of the 131 passengers and crew who died in the accident, the worst air disaster in the Philippines history. - AFP photo

Hitler was a broken man'

LONDON, Apr 20: Adolf Hitler was a "broken man" in April 1945 who believed he had been let down by the Wehrmacht and the SS, according to British secret service transcripts of an interview with a top Nazi general that were made public early Thursday, reports

The first-hand testimony from General Gottlieb Berger, a top-ranking SS officer, depicts a paranoid, fuming Fuhrer contemplating his defeat as the Soviet Red Army pounded

"He was completely finished, a broken man." Berger told British MI5 officers following his capture at the end of World

Berger said Heinrich Himmler tried to persuade Hitler eight days before his death to flee vised the Nazi leader to stay and commit suicide.

"I told him that it was out of the question and that he could not betray the German people, and that it was very easy - he didn't utter a word - to put a bullet through one's head or to take one of those pills or tubes issued, which worked instantaneously," Berger said.

Hitler is believed to have committed suicide on April 30. 1945 with his mistress Eva Braun in his Berlin bunker, but formal proof of the manner of his death has never been estab-

Elian Gonzalez barred from leaving US

MIAMI, Apr 20 : A US Appeals Court has barred Cuban castaway Elian Gonzalez from leaving the United States for the time being, and questioned the official line that the six-yearold is not entitled to seek asylum, reports AFP.

The decision by the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, which does not prevent US authorities from reuniting Elian with his father in Washington, was frowned upon by US and Cuban authorities but heartily applauded by supporters of Elian's Miami family

"We conclude that plaintiff is entitled to an injunction pending appeal. Therefore it is ordered that plaintiff Elian Gonzalez is enjoined from departing or attempting to depart from the United States," the Judges wrote Wednesday. And in a second blow to the

US authorities, the court in Atlanta, Georgia refused to order Elian's Miami family to give up physical custody of the boy in exchange for an injunction.

The Justice Department had sought to have the injunction thrown out.

But failing that, it sought a trade-off whereby Elian would stay in the United States, but in his father's custody, while the legal wrangling over the boy's future continued.

Italy seeking D'Alema's successor

ROME, Apr 20: Italian President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi on Thursday kicked off consultations with political leaders to find a successor to Prime Minister Massimo D'Alema, in a first meeting with the president of

the Senate, reports AFP.
Nicola Mancino, leader of the upper house of parliament arrived at the presidential palace on the Quirinal around 9:15 a.m. (0715 GMT).

Talks between the head of state and the presidents of both chambers of parliament after the resignation of a prime minister are a longstanding tradition in Italy and do not mean that they could be named as successors to the premier. After Mancino, Ciampi was

to consult with the speaker of the lower house of parliament Luciano Violante.

A meeting with former president Francesco Cossiga has been scheduled for 10:45 a.m. (14:45 BST).

Ciampi was to pursue his search for a successor to D'Alema at 4:30 p.m. (20:30 BST) after meeting representatives of the small neo-fascist Movimento Sociale-Fiamma Tricolore. D'Alema resigned Wednes-

day, three days after his centerleft government coalition suffered heavy losses in regional elections.

NLF rebels kill 19 settlers in Assam

Tribal guerillas killed 19 people in separate attacks on settlers in India's remote northeast region, police said today, reports

"In two separate incidents tribal militants shot dead 11 Nepalis in two Umlaphar villages ... in Karbi Anglong district," a police officer said.

The two villages are located some 270 kms from Guwahati. the main city in the oil and tearich state of Assam.

The police officer said heavily armed guerillas raided the first village on Wednesday morning, gunning down three Nepalese settlers. Another group of rebels attacked the other Umlaphar village killing eight people.

"In both incidents the militants opened indiscriminate fire at the civilians from their sophisticated weapons," he

Separatist guerillas also struck in the neighbouring state of Tripura on Wednesday night, killing eight Bengali settlers. A group of 20 heavily armed members the outlawed National

GUWAHATI, India. Apr 20: Liberation Front of Tripura raided the Bengali-dominated village of Laxmipur village and set fire to three houses forcing the inmates to rush out, police

"The rebels then opened fire on them from AK-47 assault rifles," Superintendent Nepal Das said. Seven people, including two women, died on the spot and another succumbed to injuries in hospital.

Tribals in the landlocked northeast region have been fighting for greater political autonomy or secession from Indian rule and accuse the government flooding the area with outsiders.

Nepalese and Bengali people are a tiny minority in the landlocked northeast region inhabited by some 200 ethnic

Earlier this month, tribal guerillas killed 11 labourers in Assam and set fire to three trucks carrying timber.

"It seems the militants in the area have started ethnic cleansing operations by targeting non-tribals," the police said.



colour guard plays the National Anthem during dedication ceremony of the Oklahoma City National Memorial in Oklahoma City Wednesday. The memorial honors the 168 people killed on April 19, 1995, in the bombing of a Federal Building in the city. Flanking President Clinton is Governor of Oklahoma Frank Keating (R) and his wife Cathy (L). - AFP photo

Jordan begins trial of alleged Laden network

28 people linked to suspected international terrorist Osama bin Laden and accused of plotting attacks on Western and tourist targets opened here today, reports AFP.

The suspects, including 13 fugitives being tried in absentia, face stiff prison terms -- or the

death penalty -- if found guilty. Thursday's hearing is expected to be devoted to a reading of the charges including plotting to carry out terrorist acts.

AMMAN, Apr 20: The trial of weapons and membership in an outlawed organisation, judicial officials said. The trial is being held at the

> Amman state security court and is presided over by a military judge, Colonel Tayel Rakad. The suspects were brought to court in two police vans. As they drove into the compound

the suspects chanted in unison: "Allah-o-Akbar" (God is great). Journalists were allowed inside the court house for the public trial but photographers were

possession and manufacture of kept outside the premises. শিক্ষা বোর্ড কম্পিউটার কেন্দ্র সড়ক নং-১২/এ, ধানমন্তি আ/এ, ঢাকা

অফসেট পেপার সরবরাহের জন্য দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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দেশের ৬টি শিক্ষা বোর্ডের জন্য ২০০০ সালের মাধ্যমিক, উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক, দাখিল আলিম পরীক্ষার মার্কশীটের অফসেট কাগজ সাইজ ১৮"x২৩" (আনুমানিক ৬০০ রীম) সরবরাহ করার জন্য প্রকৃত সরবরাহকারী/আমদানিকারক/প্রস্তুতকারকদের নিকট থেকে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। দরপত্রের সাথে মোট মূল্যের ২.৫% (শতকরা আড়াই) টাকা আর্নেস্টমানি বাবদ যে কোন তফসিলি ব্যাংকের ছাফট/পে-অর্ভার এর মাধ্যমে চেয়ারম্যান, শিক্ষা বোর্ড কম্পিউটার কেন্দ্র, ১২/এ, ধানমন্তি আ/এ, ঢাকা-১২০৯-এর অনুকৃলে জমা দিতে হবে। দরপত্র আগামী ০৯.০৫.২০০০ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২.০০ টা পর্যন্ত (১) চেয়ারম্যান, শিক্ষা বোর্ড কম্পিউটার কেন্দ্র, ১২/এ, ধানমন্তি আ/এ, ঢাকা, (২) সচিব, মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক শিক্ষা বোর্ড, ঢাকা ও (৩) বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, সেগুনবাগিচা, ঢাকা-এর অফিস কক্ষে রক্ষিত টেভার বাল্লে ফেলতে হবে। ঐ দিনই ২ঃ০০ টায় উপস্থিত দরদাতাদের সামনে (যদি কেই উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র খোলা হবে। দরপত্রের সিভিউল যে কোন তফসিলি ব্যাংকের ৭৫০/=।সাতশত পঞ্চাশ। টাকার দ্রাফট/পে-অর্ভারসহ নিজম কোম্পানীর লেটারহেড প্যাডে আবেদনের মাধ্যমে জমা দিয়ে নিমুশ্বাক্ষরকারীর অফিস থেকে ২৩.০৪.২০০০ইং তারিখ হতে ০৮.০৫.২০০০ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।

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