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Pak police arrest 100 SSP activists to stop march

KARACHI, Sept 21 : Police today arrested some 100 activists of the Muslim extremist group Sipah-i-Sahaba Pakistan (SSP) to foil a religious procession in the southern port city of Karachi, officials said, reports AFP.

"We have arrested around 100 SSP workers amid fears of a breach of peace," senior police official Aileen Jaffery said.

They were rounded up because the group wanted to violate a ban on public rallies and political demonstrations, imposed by the military regime following the October 12 coup, he added.

SSP officials claimed 300 supporters had been seized in the

police crackdown over the past 24 hours.

"They have detained some 300 workers," party official Maulana Abdul Ghafoor said. He said police had cordoned off key areas in the city but the SSP would stage a protest march to "condemn the ban on our religious procession."

The radical Sunni Muslim faction said the rally scheduled for late Thursday was part of its annual celebrations marking Youm-i-Siddique Akbar, the birthday of the first Muslim caliph, Abu Bakr Siddique.

Police said security had been tightened to prevent any clash.

Some 300 people have died in sectarian violence in Pakistan over the past three years. Police have blamed militants from the extremist Sunni and their counterparts in the minority Shiite Muslim sect for the violence.

Witnesses said heavy police and paramilitary force had been deployed around a key Sunni mosque in the city's eastern district.

Police last week arrested more than 50 workers of the main fundamentalist Jamaat-i-Islami Party when they tried to stage a protest against inflation.

General strike cripples Kathmandu

KATHMANDU, Sept 21 : The Nepalese capital ground to a virtual halt today amid a general strike called by nine left-wing groups to protest corruption and deteriorating law and order, reports AFP.

All shops were closed while the streets, which normally overflow with traffic, were deserted. Government officials, bank employees and other workers were seen walking to their offices.

Small demonstrations were held in various parts of the kingdom, but there were no reports of any serious violence, although police and communist activists protesting against the Nepali Congress government reportedly clashed in the Nepalese capital.

The nine left-wing parties have called the strike to protest against administrative corruption, nepotism, deteriorating law and order and allegedly "unequal treaties with India."

Thursday's strike was supported by the underground Nepal Communist Party-Maoist although it is not among the nine parties.

The Maoists have been waging a bloody war in far western and western Nepal since 1996 to overturn the constitutional monarchy and multi-party democracy.

Floods in West Bengal: Death toll rises to 23

CALCUTTA, Sept 21 : With 13 fresh deaths reported from five flash flood-affected districts of West Bengal the toll rose to 23 yesterday, with a population of over 23 lakh hit, reports PTI.

Birbhum district magistrate Sanjay Khade told PTI that the situation was grim with eleven fresh deaths and over two lakh hit. Seven persons had died Tuesday.

Three army and civil defence boats were engaged in rescue and relief operations in worst hit Nalhati and Rampurhat subdivisions and Lapur area of the district, Khade said.

In Nadia, all 17 blocs had been hit affecting a population of 15 lakh with the worst affected being Kaliganj, Nawadip, the seat of Vaisnavite religion, Mayapur, the headquarters of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), Shantipur, Krishnagar, district magistrate Vivek Bharadwaj told PTI.

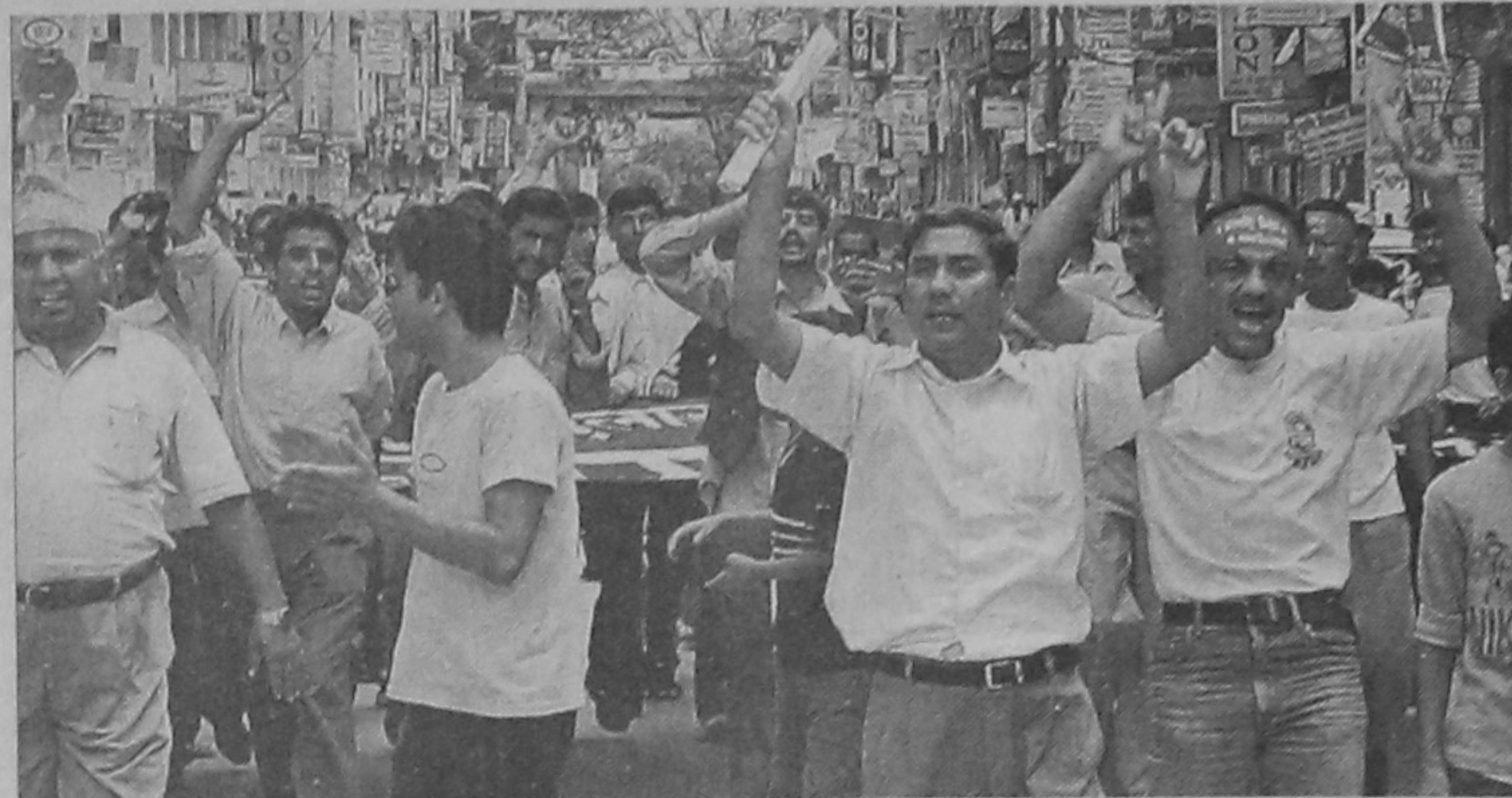
First World Heart Day Sept 24

NEW DELHI, Sept 21 : Lack of exercise, fat-rich food and a sedentary lifestyle make Indians in their thirties ten times more prone to heart ailments than people in the same age group in the west, experts have warned, reports PTI.

Heart diseases kill 15 million people annually worldwide, of whom nine million are from developing nations, the experts, who announced that the first world heart day would be observed on September 24, said.

The risk of Coronary Artery Diseases (CAD) in Indians is four times higher than in Americans, six times higher than in the Chinese and 20 times more than in the Japanese, Dr S Padmanavi, president of All India Heart Foundation (AIHF), told reporters here.

Heart diseases, which account for about half of the annual disease-related deaths worldwide,



Leftist activists staged a demonstration during a day-long general strike in Kathmandu yesterday. - AFP photo

Suu Kyi prepares to defy Junta's travel ban again

YANGON, Sept 21 : Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi prepared today to again defy the ruling junta's ban on travelling outside the capital amid tight military surveillance of her party headquarters, reports AFP.

Aung San Suu Kyi and Tin Oo would leave by train for the northern city of Mandalay on Thursday evening, National League for Democracy vice chairman Tin Oo said to cheers from a crowd of some 200 supporters at the party headquarters.

"May the mission be successful," they chanted.

The pro-democracy campaigners would leave after 4:00 p.m. (14:30 BST) from Yangon's central station, Tin Oo said.

Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi did not appear at the headquarters because she was making last-minute preparations for the trip, he said, adding she was not being restricted by the junta.

Plain clothes military intelligence and police were keeping a close watch on and photograph-

ing the crowd outside the party headquarters.

No uniformed police were present, however, and the authorities were not attempting to block the headquarters.

Aung San Suu Kyi and Tin Oo would travel to the former capital Mandalay, 720 km north of here, to investigate reports that party members have been prevented from engaging in political activities. NLD offices been shut and NLD signs taken down by the police, Tin Oo said.

Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi said last Friday she would make a trip outside Yangon within 10 days in defiance of the junta's ban on travel beyond the capital.

The State Peace and Development Council -- the junta's official title -- Thursday slammed the latest events as heightening tensions between the two sides.

The latest stand-off between the SPDC and the NLD and its predictable end, and the predictable media attention, does nothing for the country except to

heighten tensions and generate more anger on both sides," it said in a statement.

"The top NLD CEO may get media attention as being brave and strong, but it is the unknown supporters who go to jail," it said.

"The supporters go to jail only for empty gestures that gains the party or the people nothing."

The junta last Thursday lifted the house arrest placed on Aung San Suu Kyi following a nine-day roadside show-down but barred her from leaving the capital.

Aung San Suu Kyi and the other members of the party's central executive committee had been placed under virtual house arrest on September 2, after she and other NLD leaders tried to attend a party meeting outside the capital.

This triggered a prolonged standoff with the military authorities in which the NLD leaders remained camped by their cars for nine days before being taken back to the capital by security officials.

Floods leave 2m without shelter in Vietnam

HANOI, Sept 21 : The worst floods in 40 years have left two million people without shelter in Vietnam's Mekong Delta, with little relief in sight as water levels rise daily, officials said today, reports AFP.

"The situation will be even more worrying in the next few days as the delta is lower than its Cambodian branches," said a disaster control official in southern Vietnam.

The river's water levels are rising 5 to 15 centimetres (2 to 6 inches) each day in these areas, after hitting 5.02 metres (15.66 feet) on Wednesday, and several villages in the delta have been

flooded in the last few days," said the official.

"The floods are likely to persist until the end of October," predicted the official, adding "the pollution from the ground water has reached dangerous levels in certain areas of the delta."

Thousands of soldiers based in the region were mobilised to provide assistance, and to reinforce buildings ravaged by the floods, but their efforts have been limited to rescuing people.

Hundreds of thousands of tonnes of rice as well as urgently needed medicine have been distributed to flood victims, in the face of starvation and possible

epidemics.

Meanwhile, "the aid operation has proved to be very difficult in the outlying districts and is trying to cover a vast region of flooding," added the official.

On Wednesday, local officials said 43 people were killed in the delta, the most fertile region of Vietnam, and home to 16 million people.

Vietnamese Prime Minister Phan Van Khai on Wednesday demanded authorities take "urgent measures" to fight further flooding, following an expression of sympathy to the family's victims by Vietnamese President Tran Duc Luong.

N Korea seeks diplomatic ties with European states

SEOUL, Sept 21 : North Korea has asked Britain, France and seven other European nations to establish diplomatic ties in a new move to end decades of isolation, its state media said today, reports AFP.

North Korea's foreign minister sent a letter "officially proposing the establishment of diplomatic relations" to the European countries and the European Union, said the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA).

The letter from Foreign Minister Paek Nam-Sun was sent to Belgium, Britain, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Spain and the European Union, it said.

Paek, who will visit Rome next week, promised to develop relations with Europe "in keeping with new changes taking place in their relationship at the historic turn of the century."

Diplomatic ties with the European nations "will give an affirmative effect on finally liquidating the leftover of the Cold War and ensuring peace and security in Northeast Asia and the rest of the world," it said.

North Korea "always pursues the policy of opening and developing friendly and cooperative

relations" with all countries and international organisations on the principles of mutual respect for independence and non-interference in other's internal affairs, the KCNA said.

The exclusive North shattered its diplomatic isolation in July by making its debut at the Association of Southeast Asian Nations

(ASEAN) Regional Forum in Bangkok.

The North's entry into the forum was widely seen as an attempt to reach out to the international community.

Italy this year became the first of the Group of Seven (G7) industrialised nations to forge diplomatic ties at ambassador level with North Korea.

Disarmament of Timor militias to begin today

JAKARTA, Sept 21 : Indonesia will launch a four-day operation on Friday to seize firearms and other weapons from Jakarta-trained militias blamed for the murders of three foreign UN aid workers in West Timor, a military spokesman said today, reports AFP.

"Yes, it is true that there will be a disarmament between September 22-26 so that the international community can see that we are serious," said military spokesman Air Vice Marshal Giatro Usodo.

Usodo was responding to questions on Indonesia's commitment to its pledge to disarm the militia, made after strong international pressure following the brutal September 6 murders in the West Timor border town of Atambua.

The pledge was made in New York on Tuesday by Indonesia's chief security minister Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono in a closed-door meeting with members of the UN Security Council.

The first phase (of the disarmament) will be next week. After that there will be a kind of law enforcement to make sure that there are no more weapons concealed by the militias," Yudhoyono said in New York.

Whitewater probe ends without charges against Clintons

WASHINGTON, Sept 21 : US Independent Counsel Robert Ray announced Wednesday that there was insufficient evidence against President Bill Clinton or his wife Hillary Clinton to prosecute them in connection with the Whitewater affair, ending a six-year investigation, reports AFP.

"This office has determined that the evidence was insufficient to prove to a jury beyond a reasonable doubt that either President or Mrs. Clinton knowingly participated in criminal conduct or had any knowledge of criminal conduct," Ray said in a statement.

The White House welcomed the decision, which lifts a load off the Clintons' shoulders, especially Hillary Clinton, a candidate for the US Senate from New York.

S Korea bans Dalai Lama's visit to avoid China's wrath

SEOUL, Sept 21 : The South Korean government has disallowed a planned visit in November by the Tibetan spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, in order to avoid annoying China, officials said today, reports AFP.

Scores of civic, Buddhist and Christian religious groups have been preparing for the visit by the Dalai Lama, who is considered a "splinter" by China.

Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji is to visit Seoul next month for a summit of Asian and European leaders.

South Korean Vice Foreign Affairs and Trade Minister Ban Ki-Moon recently went to the Preparation Committee for the Dalai Lama's Visit "to ask them to shelve" the invitation, a ministry official said.

"We cannot do a thing which is hated by an incoming guest," a ministry official in charge of Tibetan and Chinese affairs told AFP.

Foreign Minister Lee Jung-Binn told the National Assembly in June the government would consider allowing the Dalai Lama's visit.



A Sri Lankan soldier looks at a drawing of a political party contesting elections while on patrol in Jaffna town on Wednesday. Political parties have asked for a truce in the fighting between government forces and Tamil Tiger rebels ahead of the October 10 elections. - AFP photo

Lankan leaders to revise peace plan ahead of polls

COLOMBO, Sept 21 : Sri Lanka's ruling party today launched its campaign for next month's key vote vowing to renegotiate a controversial ethnic peace plan, bowing to opposition from the influential Buddhist clergy, reports AFP.

Prime Minister Ratnasiri Wickrematunge said his People's Alliance (PA) hoped to have a "national government" after the

October 10 parliamentary polls, but there would be no place in it for separatist Tamil Tiger rebels. He said the government's draft constitution which failed to go through parliament in August now stands invalid with the dissolution of parliament on August 18, but they would revive a modified evolution plan.

The PA of President Chandrika Kumaratunga presented the draft

bill before parliament on August 3 in a bid to turn the country into a de facto federal state in exchange for ethnic peace.

The separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) guerrillas are leading a drawn out campaign for independence in the island's north-east. More than 60,000 people have been killed in fighting in the past two decades.



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Documents may be obtained during office hours on payment from:

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- Naval Headquarter Complex, Banani, Dhaka-1213.
- Naval Store Depot, New Mooring, Chittagong.
- DGM (Accounts), Khulna Shipyard Ltd, BN, Khulna.

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- Where tender documents will be available : a) Finance & Accounts Department, BGSL, Head Office Complex, Chapapuri, Comilla.
b) Accounts Section, BGSL, 137/A, CDA Avenue, Sholoshahar, Chittagong.
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Malaysian PM asks Western media to be humble

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 21 : Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad today told Western media to learn some humility in covering developing countries, reports AFP.

Opening a two-day media conference and repeating a favourite theme, Mahathir urged Western journalists to examine their principles and look beyond making money.

BRIEFLY

Iranian weekly banned: Iran's special religious court has banned the reformist weekly magazine *Khalij-e Fars* (Persian Gulf), published in the southern city of Boushehr, the reformist daily *Afta-e Yazd* reported Thursday, AFP says from Tehran.

The newspaper said the magazine's management was informed of the decision not by the court itself but by the ministry of culture and Islamic guidance. The move, on Wednesday, was taken because the magazine had "disturbed public opinion" and "spread lies," the newspaper reported.

PP councillor killed in Spain: A town councillor for Spain's governing Popular Party was shot and killed early Thursday in the northeast region of Catalonia, officials said, AFP reports from Barcelona.

José Luis Ruiz Casado, 42, was shot in the back of the neck as he left his home in San Adrià de Besos, a spokesman at the town hall said.



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