

Arafat, Mubarak meet to talk spread of clashes

Hamas calls on Muslims to defend Jerusalem holy sites

CAIRO, Sept 30 : Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat met with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak here today to discuss a wave of bloodshed at Jerusalem's holy sites and in the Palestinian territories, reports AFP.

The two leaders met in Mubarak's private residence rather than in the presidential palace, where such talks are usually held, officials at the presidency said.

The news media had no access to the residence.

The Palestinian ambassador to the Arab League, Mohammed Sobeh, said Arafat would brief Mubarak about the "dimensions of the bloody incidents which occurred at Haram al-Sharif," the MENA news agency reported.

Haram al-Sharif is the Muslim name for the compound in east Jerusalem that houses the Al-

Aqsa mosque and the Dome of the Rock, the third most sacred site in Islam.

Arafat would also inform the Egyptian leader about the situation in the Palestinian territories, Sobeh was quoted as saying.

Arafat arrived here amid a spreading wave of violence in the territories.

The Egyptian government blamed Israel for the "bloody violence" on Jerusalem's Temple Mount Friday, in which seven Palestinians were killed and 220 were wounded by Israeli security forces, according to a Palestinian toll.

Violence spread to the Gaza Strip and the West Bank on Saturday, with 217 Palestinians reported wounded and one dead of his injuries.

In a statement on Friday, Mubarak's office said Egypt

deplores "the bloody violence triggered today ... by the Israelis (who are) not concerned to reach peace."

Meanwhile, Washington on Friday expressed deep concern over the outbreak of violence in one of Jerusalem's holiest places as US President Bill Clinton let it be known he would try to personally intervene with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

When asked about the violence in the Old City of east Jerusalem Thursday, where seven Palestinians were killed and at least 200 people were injured in clashes with Israeli soldiers, Clinton said, "I'm working on all that right now," declining further comment.

"I think the less I say about it the better," the president said. "I may have something to say tomorrow, but I think today I'd

like to say less and try to keep working."

Another report says: A leader of the Palestinian Islamic resistance group Hamas Saturday called for all Muslims to rise up in defence of Islamic holy sites in Jerusalem.

Khaled Meshal, head of the Hamas political bureau, said "the situation is very grave. It means all the children of Islam must unite to save Al-Qods (the Arabic name for Jerusalem) and Al-Aqsa (the Jerusalem mosque which is Islam's third holiest site)."

"All the Muslims of the world should rise up to strengthen their control over the sacred sites of Al-Qods," Meshal told journalists on arriving in Tehran for a visit.

"The situation in Palestine is extremely grave," he added, referring to clashes with Israeli security forces this week that have left eight Palestinians dead and hundreds injured.



Israeli riot police take position inside the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound during clashes with Palestinians on Friday in Jerusalem. Seven Palestinians died of their wounds and more than 200 were injured in the clashes. —AFP photo

Woman with her 4 children killed in Kashmir

JAMMU, India, Sept 30 : A woman and her four children were shot dead by suspected Muslim separatist rebels in a fresh bout of violence in the restive Indian state of Kashmir, an army official said today, reports AFP.

Major general P.P.S. Bindra said suspected guerrillas late Friday raided the house of a government guard in Kashmir's Poonch district, 190 km northwest of the state winter capital Jammu.

"A group of unidentified militants barged into the house of Gulzar Hussain and opened indiscriminate fire, killing his wife and four children."

It is not clear where Gulzar Hussain was at the time of the shootings.

The motive was not clear and there were no claims of responsibility.

Mandela calls for truce in Burundi

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 30 : South Africa's former president Nelson Mandela called Friday on rebels in Burundi to cease fire, saying they were killing only civilians and not hurting their military enemies, reports AFP.

Mandela, who mediated in last month's peace talks, held in Arusha, northern Tanzania, said: "Now that there is a peace agreement, I see no value whatsoever in their continuing with armed struggle."

He was talking to reporters after briefing the UN Security Council.

Niger embassy ransacked in Libya

NIAMEY, Sept 30 : The embassy of Niger has been ransacked by an angry crowd of young Libyans in the latest incident of tension between locals and immigrants in Libya, Niger radio reported late Friday, says AFP.

The attack caused a great deal of material damage, said the radio's correspondent in Tripoli, where Niger Prime Minister Hama Amadou is on a visit to meet Libyan officials to discuss incidents this week opposing Libyans and immigrants.

Protests on anniversary of Tokaimura N-disaster

TOKAIMURA, Japan, Sept 30 : Japan today marked the first anniversary of the Tokaimura nuclear disaster, the world's worst since Chernobyl, with activists clad in mourning clothes demanding the government bury atomic energy, reports AFP.

Residents of Tokaimura, 120 km northeast of Tokyo, expressed their unease as memories of the terrifying incident were revived by an emergency drill staged to mark the anniversary.

"I should have thought twice about moving here," said Tomoko Sudo, a 49-year-old housewife who moved to Tokaimura five

years ago. "When I moved here, I didn't give much thought to nuclear power. But now I realise I live in a very scary place."

In the capital, 110 people gathered in front of the Science and Technology Agency carrying placards that read: "No more nuclear energy!" and "Seek the truth behind the accident!"

A student from Tokaimura bore aloft a clock stopped at 10:35 a.m., when three workers at the town's JCO Co. Ltd. uranium processing plant set off a critical reaction which exposed at least 439 residents to radiation.

Kosovars to choose between war heroes, pacifists in polls

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia, Sept 30 : As Yugoslavia descends into post-election chaos, the UN-run province of Kosovo is building up for its first ever democratic polls, reports AFP.

Entering the arena is a crop of new politicians, many of them heroes of the 1998-9 war, who will be battling veteran pacifist Ibrahim Rugova for a share of the limited powers at stake.

Although 39 different electoral lists have been put up for October 28 municipal elections, three heavyweights already dominate the campaign trail.

Rugova, and his party the Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK), faces former KLA political leader Hashim Thaci's Democratic Party of Kosovo (PDK) and

the AAK, Alliance for the Future of Kosovo, led by another KLA man, former regional commander Ramush Haradinaj.

Behind them are plethora of new parties, all of which have emerged since the end of the 1998-9 war for independence from Yugoslavia. Not a single Serb party is present and the ostracised Serb community has refused to vote.

All the parties have two things in common, according to one Western analyst: They are in favour of independence and they do not have any concrete political programmes.

The common aim is economic revival but for the PDK and the AAK "the policy is based on organised crime," he said.

India emerging as major world player: Putin

NEW DELHI, Sept 30 : Russian President Vladimir Putin has described India as an emerging major world player and a crucial factor in the stability of the region and asserts that Indo-Russian cooperation was not directed against these countries, reports PTI.

Putin, who is arriving here on a four day state visit on October two, also backed New Delhi's claim for a permanent seat in an expanded UN Security Council, saying as one of world's leading nations India is a prime candi-

date for a place in the world body.

In an interview to 'India Today' weekly, he said the declaration strategic partnership to be signed by him and Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee during the visit will become the foundation upon which we can build further relations.

He said "it is in our interests to have a strong, developed and independent India, an India that would be a major player on the world scene."

Fujimori gets US, OAS support for democratic transition

WASHINGTON, Sept 30 : Under fire at home, Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori is getting support from the United States and the Organisation of American States for his goal of a transition to new leadership next year under a strengthened democratic process, reports AP.

It was just two months ago that Fujimori was sworn in to a third term, but a corruption scandal and other developments have forced him to call elections four years ahead of schedule.

"You've done the right thing," Secretary of State Madeleine Albright told Fujimori Friday, according to State Department spokesman Richard Boucher.

Boucher said she also urged Fujimori to promote reforms that

will end abuses that have marked past election campaigns.

As Fujimori made his rounds here on his hastily arranged visit, the Peruvian Congress voted to dismantle the country's National Intelligence Service, which for a decade served as the power base of discredited and now-exiled spy chief Vladimiro Montesinos. The vote was 101-1.

Rumours of a military coup plot have swirled around Lima in recent days. In addition, Fujimori has faced demands for his resignation from political opponents and for the extradition of Montesinos, who was forced into exile in Panama last Sunday. He is accused of trying to bribe an opposition congressman to join Fujimori's alliance.

West Bengal flood toll tops 900

NEW DELHI, Sept 30 : A central government team today described the flooding in India's West Bengal state as "pretty serious" as the estimated death toll from the past two weeks topped 900, reports AFP.

"The situation is pretty serious. We are assessing the extent of losses," said Agriculture Secretary Anil Sinha who led the seven-member team which toured flood-affected areas of the state on Friday.

Sinha refused to comment on the state government's demand for a 9.6 billion rupee (210 million

dollar) package from New Delhi's National Calamity Management Fund.

West Bengal Deputy Chief Minister Buddhadev Bhattacharya said 665 bodies had been recovered as of mid-night Friday, while 240 people were missing presumed dead.

Unofficial estimates say the toll has already exceeded 1,000 dead.

Water levels in most major rivers, including the Hooghly River which runs through Calcutta, had receded overnight Friday, although the situation in

the eastern district of 24-Parganas was still serious.

Nearly 400 prisoners awaiting trial in a jail in 24-Parganas have launched an indefinite hunger strike in support of their demands that they be released to look after their families and property, said state Prisons Minister Biswanath Chowdhury.

The Indian Air Force, which has been backing the relief operation in West Bengal, said its cargo planes on Friday strayed into the airspace of adjoining Bangladesh, which is also suffering flooding, and air dropped emergency supplies there by mistake.

Mamata indulges in low-grade politics, says Jyoti Basu

CALCUTTA, Sept 30 : The ongoing war of words between West Bengal Chief Minister Jyoti Basu and Railway Minister Mamta Banerjee continued yesterday with the former reiterating the charge that she was indulging in "low grade politics" when a huge number of people were affected by the devastating floods in the state, reports PTI.

"I admit that she was born in a poor family. But do the poor tell lies? She stopped to low grade politics," the octogenarian Chief Minister told newsmen at the Writer's Building.

Taliban team meets US officials

WASHINGTON, Sept 30 : A delegation from Afghanistan's Taliban rulers met senior US officials here Friday, but no progress was made on Washington's demand for the extradition of terror suspect Osama bin Laden, officials said, reports AFP.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher told reporters that four topics came up in the meeting, which he described as "frank and straightforward."

"The first was peace, the second was narcotics control, the third was human rights especially the rights of women and girls, and the fourth was Osama bin Laden," he said.

"I can't characterise anything as being progress," he added. Bin Laden, a billionaire Saudi dissident, was indicted in New York in November 1998, for the bombings of US embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam in which 224 people were killed.

Taliban officials, who were led by Deputy Foreign Minister Abdulrahman Zahid, left meetings with Under Secretary of State Thomas Pickering and Assistant Secretary of State for Asian Affairs Karl Inderfurth, without talking to reporters.

But the Taliban made clear on Tuesday in a letter to UN Secretary General Kofi Annan that even the threat of intensified United Nations sanctions would not make it hand bin Laden over.

"If America and the United Nations believe that the Islamic Emirate (Afghanistan) will bow to their irrational sabre-rattling and

economic pressures, they are mistaken," the letter said.

"Osama lives in Afghanistan as a guest, who has never been allowed to use the Afghan soil against others," it said.

Boucher said the delegation did not raise the issue of the Taliban's lack of recognition by the United Nations, a situation backed by Washington.



বাংলাদেশ প্রকৌশল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, ঢাকা

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Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Dhaka
Memo No. DAERS/Auto Date: 28/9/2000

Tender for Purchasing Bus and Microbuses

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the interested manufacturers/suppliers/dealers for supplying one new Bus (52 seats) and two Microbuses (9 seats and 12 seats), manufactured in Japan.

Intending bidders shall have to obtain permission for purchasing the schedule by applying on their own letterhead pad to the undersigned. Copies of GIR Certificate, Trade Licence and certificate of experience about works/supplies etc from reputed organisations must be enclosed with the application. The schedule will be available from the office of the undersigned during office hours (except holidays) on payment of Tk 800/- (eight hundred) only in favour of the "Comptroller, BUET", non-refundable, to Sonali Bank, BUET Branch, Dhaka. Information regarding the tender is given in the schedule. Each completed tender must accompany a Bank Draft or Pay Order in favour of the "Comptroller, BUET", from any nationalized bank amount to 5% of the quoted amount as earnest money, without which no tender shall be considered. Tenders must be submitted to the DAERS office, BUET before 12 Noon on 30 October 2000 and will be opened on the same day at 12.05 PM before the tenderers present.

The University authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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

Director
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BUET, Dhaka

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Activists of the Marxist JVP, or People's Liberation Front, demonstrated in the Sri Lankan capital of Colombo yesterday denouncing the police killing of one of their supporters earlier in the week. At least 10 people have been killed in polls-related violence in the run up to the October 10 parliamentary elections. —AFP photo

Tigers sink navy craft

COLOMBO, Sept 30 : Tamil Tiger rebels fired a rocket-propelled grenade and sank a navy patrol craft in northwestern Sri Lanka today, officials here said, reports AFP.

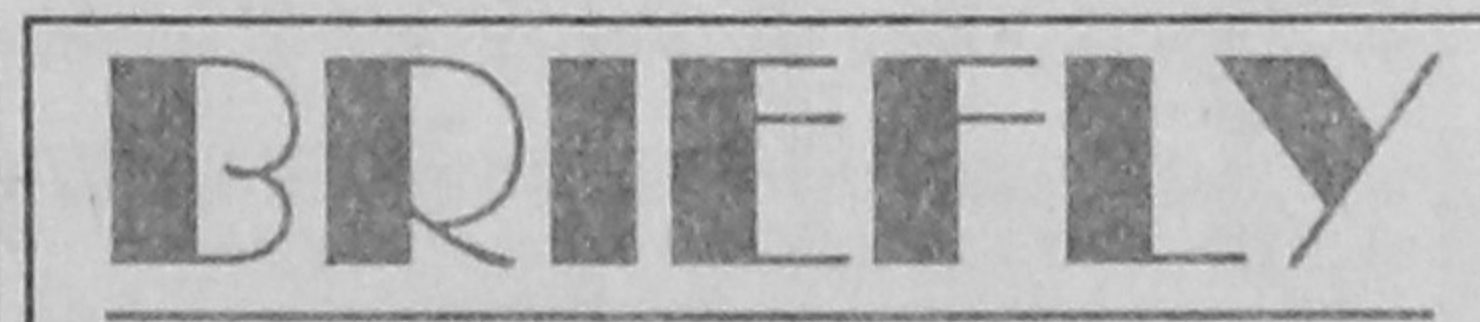
The separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) attacked the navy craft as it pursued the rebel boat at Kalpitaya, officials said adding that two navy personnel were missing after the attack.

The attack came as government forces tried to defend their

positions in the northern peninsula of Jaffna following several rebel counter-attacks since Wednesday.

There has been heavy fighting between the LTTE and government troops in Jaffna since September 3.

The LTTE is leading a drawn-out campaign for independence in the island's northeast. More than 60,000 people have been killed in fighting over the past two decades.



Blast kills 3 more in Aceh: At least three more people have died in violence in Indonesia's strife-torn Aceh province, bringing the total to 139 dead since a ceasefire supposedly went into effect June 2, police said Saturday, AP reports from Banda Aceh.

Meanwhile, a homemade bomb exploded Friday near the residence of the Banda Aceh mayor and a government building in the provincial capital. The blast caused only slight damage. There were no casualties. Police shot and killed two people after a pair of police trucks were ambushed by six rebels armed with assault rifles in North Aceh on Friday, Lt Col Abadan Bangko, the chief of police.

Uzbek defence minister fired: Uzbekistan's President Islam Karimov fired the Central Asian country's defence minister on Friday and replaced him with his deputy, the ministry's press service said, AP reports from Tashkent.

Lt Gen Yuri Agzamov was removed from the post to make way for former deputy Maj Gen Kodir Gulomov, also the former head of the country's Armed Forces Academy, the ministry said. No reason was given for the move.

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Tender document can be purchased from the office of the (1) Project Director (COMPEX), 171-172, Baizid Bostami Road, Nasirabad, Chittagong, (2) Bangladesh Tea Board, Camp Office, 111-113, Motijheel C.A. Dhaka-1000 and (3) Bangladesh Tea Research Institute, Srimangal, Moulvibazar on payment of non-refundable amount of Tk 500/- (Taka five hundred) only on all official working days from 01.10.2000 up to 30.10.2000.

Tenders will be received up to 12.00 hours on 31.10.2000 in the office of the (1) Project Director (COMPEX), 171-172, Baizid Bostami Road, Nasirabad, Chittagong, (2) Bangladesh Tea Research Institute, Srimangal, Moulvibazar and (3) Delegation of the European Commission, Plot No. 7, Road No. 84, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212 and will be opened simultaneously at 12-30 hours on the same day in presence of the tenderers who wish to remain present. A tender must be accompanied by earnest money (refundable) in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh or a Bond/Guarantee issued or confirmation added to it by a scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of the undersigned for an amount of 1% (one per cent) of the total quoted price.

The authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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GTC/K-A(PM)/MP/004	Pipeline Valves	Tk. 2500.00 or US\$50.00	31.10.2000 11:30 hrs.
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3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents at the office of:
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4. Bid documents may be purchased by any interested eligible bidder upon payment of the cost (non-refundable) of the bidding document as indicated above from Accounts Department of the Company at House No. 23, Road No. 3, Sector-3, Uttara, Dhaka from 2.10.2000 between 10:00 hrs and 16:00 hrs on all working days. No bid document will be sold on the closing date of the tender.

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