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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-

Asqa 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.

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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.

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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

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 Suda, 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 a total of 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 power 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 a 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 AKK "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 2, 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-

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.

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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.

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

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 Mamata 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.

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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 terrorist 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.

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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 shooting.

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 them 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.

বাংলাদেশ প্রকৌশল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, ঢাকা
প্রেস তালিকাভুক্তির বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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1. Gas Transmission Company Limited (GTCL), a company of Petrobangla intends to construct a 21 km 30"

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IFB No.	Short Description of Goods	Cost of Bid Document	Bid Closing Date & Opening Time
GTC/K-A(PM)/MP/004	Pipeline Valves	Tk. 2500.00 or US\$50.00	31.10.2000 1130 hrs.
GTC/K-A(PM)/MP/005	Pipeline Pig Traps	Tk. 2500.00 or US\$50.00	31.10.2000 1500 hrs.

3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents at the office of:

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