

International

Barak seeks to form emergency coalition as ME death toll rises

JERUSALEM, Oct 24: Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and hawkish right-wing leader Ariel Sharon resume discussions today in a bid to form an emergency government amid more bloodshed and increased tension in the Middle East, reports AFP.

Israel has suspended peace talks with the Palestinians, and an Israeli military chief warned that the country was ready, if necessary, for war. "At this stage we are not facing a war but we definitely have to be prepared for it and also for a situation where the level of the flames in the confrontation with the Palestinians gets higher," army chief of staff Shaul Mofaz told army radio.

Gaza Strip and the West Bank Monday, regardless of the political and military moves. Another Palestinian was killed by a shell fired by Israeli soldiers in the West Bank town of Hebron in an incident that also left the man's four children wounded, a Palestinian official said.

Separatists in Kashmir call for local polls boycott

SRINAGAR, India, Oct 24: The main separatist alliance in the troubled north Indian state of Kashmir called today for a boycott of forthcoming village-level elections, the first to be held in two decades, reports AFP.

Kashmiri will participate," the Hurriyat release said, urging the state's predominantly Muslim population to boycott the exercise. Going by precedent, Kashmiris have abided Hurriyat calls to boycott elections - whether they be parliamentary or state assembly polls.

Delhi HC to hear Rao's appeal Nov 7

NEW DELHI, Oct 24: Former prime minister Narasimha Rao's appeal of his bribery conviction and three-year prison sentence will be heard November 7 by the Delhi High Court, a justice decided Tuesday, reports AP.

Mahathir calls for more flexible form of Islam

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 24: Faced with a political challenge from Islamic fundamentalists in Malaysia, Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad on Tuesday called for adopting a gentler form of the religion rather than the more orthodox interpretations, reports AP.



Israeli border guards extinguish their jeep hit by a Molotov cocktail during clashes with Palestinian protesters at the outskirts of the West Bank town of Ramallah Monday. Tension remained high at flashpoints in the Palestinian territories following the deaths of another two teenagers and the overnight pounding of an Arab village by Israeli helicopters.

Future coalition govt CPI-M settles issue of sharing power

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, Oct 24: Making a radical departure from its 36-year-old position, the CPI-M yesterday revised its party programme enabling it to share power at the centre in a future coalition of left-democratic-secular forces, reports PTI.

In yet another major change, the party also made it clear that it was no longer averse to foreign capital in selected areas of science and technology which needed further development. While retaining the basic theme of people's democratic revolution unaltered, the conference adopted as many as 28 amendments to the programme.

World's slowest student

SINGAPORE, Oct 24: A 70-year-old man is to be honoured by the Guinness Book of Records as "the world's slowest student" after taking 28 years to complete his science degree, a report here said today, reports AFP.

"No peace without a Palestinian state"

MANAMA, Oct 24: There will be no peace in the Middle East until the Palestinians have their own state with Jerusalem for capital, the Emir of Bahrain warned today, calling on Washington to pursue peace efforts, reports AFP.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Public Works Timber Workshop Division Mirpur, Dhaka

Tender Invitation Notice

Memo No 1153 Dated: 16-10-2000/01-07-1407BS TWD/26/70/2000-2001

1. Tenders on item rate basis through Bangladesh Form No 2908 under sealed cover are hereby invited from Public Works Directorate's licence holder 1st/2nd class E/M contractors having VAT Department's registration certificate for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received in tender box kept at the office of the undersigned as well as Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/E/M Workshop Division & Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka as per the undermentioned date & time and opened on the same day at 12.15 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers.

Woman behind liquor tragedy in India arrested

NEW DELHI, Oct 24: Police in southern India have arrested a woman in connection with the death of 29 people from drinking adulterated moonshine, the Press Trust of India reported today, reports AFP.



An AFP file photo from December 1997 shows US singer-actress Liza Minnelli in Moscow, Russia. The Oscar-winning Minnelli, 54, was hospitalised for the second time in two weeks - this time in Florida with encephalitis, a deadly disease of the brain, the Sun-Sentinel newspaper reported on Monday. She was first admitted to intensive care at the Cleveland Clinic in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA after having suffered a stroke on October 8. The paper reported her condition as grave.

Some 206m Americans eligible to vote Nov 7

WASHINGTON, Oct 23: Some 206 million Americans over the voting age of 18 are eligible to cast ballots in the November 7 presidential election, the US Census Bureau reported yesterday, says AFP.

the ethnic breakdown of eligible voters is: 74 per cent white, 12 per cent black, 10 per cent Hispanic, four per cent Asian and one per cent Native American. Whites (61 per cent in 1996) are more likely to vote than blacks (53 per cent). Hispanics (44 per cent) and Asians (45 per cent).

Mob attacks Karachi police station: 1 dies

KARACHI, Oct 24: Police opened fire early Tuesday on a mob that attacked a police station in a poor neighborhood in southern Karachi, killing the leader of a militant Sunni Muslim group and wounding five others, reports AP.



Iraqi President Saddam Hussein meets on Sunday in Baghdad with Aisha, daughter of Libyan leader Moammer Gaddafi, who arrived on the first Libyan flight in ten years. Aisha presented "greetings from her father" to Saddam and "saluted the resistance of the Iraqi people, and Iraqi women to American aggression."

Pakistan firm on Kashmir stand

ISLAMABAD, Oct 24: Pakistani military ruler Gen Pervez Musharraf yesterday said Islamabad was committed to extend full support to the struggle of the Kashmiri people for realisation of their right to self-determination, reports PTI.

Qantas probes death from 'economy class syndrome'

SYDNEY, Oct 24: Qantas is investigating the death of a young woman from what is known as "economy class syndrome" on a flight from Melbourne to London, the airline said today, reports AFP.

"No stability in Mideast until Israel yields to Palestinians"

RIYADH, Oct 24: There will be no stability in the Middle East until Israel complies with United Nations resolutions, which call for an exchange of land for peace, Saudi King Fahd warned in a communiqué today, reports AFP.

Bakhrabad Gas System Limited (A Company of Petrobangla) Tender Notice. Description of work: Construction of service line/sub-feeder line & 900 riser (MS) of Chittagong southern zone Riser phase-7 S. Estimated cost: Tk 9,83,277.48. Price of tender document (non-refundable): Tk 1,000/- per set. Time limit for completion of work: 130 days.

চট্টগ্রাম উন্নয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষ চটক ভবন, চট্টগ্রাম ২য় বারের দরপত্রের সংশোধনী বিজ্ঞপ্তি. This notice details the terms and conditions for the second round of bidding for the construction of the Chattogram Development Authority building. It lists various items and their estimated costs.

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