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 an Israeli military chief warned Sharon resume discussions that the country was ready, if today in a bid to form an emer- necessary, for war. gency government amid more bloodshed and increased tension in the Middle East, reports AFP.

formal talks Monday, to agree to form a government in the face of increasing nervousness in the army chief of staff Shaul Mofaz

Amid the continuing violence, US forces in the Gulf have been put on a higher state of alert in Monday. response to "specific information," a senior US defence official said late Monday, without elabo-

Gulf are operating on higher states of alert in response to specific information," the official told AFP in Washington.

talks with the Palestinians, and

"At this stage we are not facing a war but we definitely have to be prepared for it and also for a Barak and Sharon failed, in situation where the level of the flames in the confrontation with the Palestinians gets higher, toid army radio.

> Arab solidarity with the Palestinians was also ratcheted up

Morocco announced it was breaking all diplomatic ties with Israel. Rabat's move follows a similar decision by Tunisia taken "Forces in various places in the at the Arab summit in Cairo over

> The bloody clashes between Israeli troops and armed Palestinian activists continued on the

Israeli border guards extinguish their jeep hit by a Molotove 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 over-

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Israel has suspended peace Gaza Strip and the West Bank Monday, regardless of the political and military moves.

Another Falestinian 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. An Israeli military official said the incident followed an attack by Palestinian gunmen on a Jewish enclave in Hebron. Israeli soldiers had targetted the district from which the bullets were fired, he

Two more Palestinian teenagers died earlier Monday of injuries sustained after being hit last week by Israeli gunfire.

The total death toll from threeand-a-half-weeks of violence thereby rose to 135. All but eight of the fatalities have been Arabs. Another 4,000 people have been

-- AFP photo

Woman behind

liquor tragedy

in India arrested

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,

Hairunnisa, allegedly supplied

the illicit hooch from her home in

Kalluvathukkal village in Kerala

killed 17 people at the weekend,

while 12 others died in the same

Kerala district. It was not immedi-

ately clear if all the deaths

tenced to a six-year prison term

for dealing in illicit liquor in 1996,

was out on bail when she was

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.

resulted from the same supply.

Police said Hairunnisa's brew

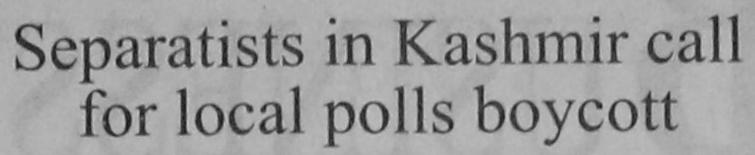
Hairunnisa, who was sen-

The woman, named as

reports AFP.

arrested.

NEW DELHI, Oct 24: Police in



SRINAGAR, India, Oct 24: The Kashmiri will participate," the main separatist alliance in the Hurriyat release said, urging the troubled north Indian state of state's predominantly Muslim Kashmir called today for a boycott population to boycott the exerof forthcoming village-level elections, the first to be held in two decades, reports AFP.

the international community that everything is right in Kashmir," said a press release issued by the All Party Hurriyat (Freedom) Conference, which includes about two dozen separatist politi-

after the state government announced dates for panchayat (village council) elections to be held in four phases beginning, January 5, 2001. The last panchayat elections were held

more than two decades ago. the shadow of the gun and no 1989.

NEW DELHI, Oct 24: Former

prime minister Narasimha Rao's

appeal of his bribery conviction

Delhi High Court, a justice

Rao, 79, who held office from

1991-96, was convicted Septem-

ber 29 of criminal conspiracy,

bribery and corruption, becom-

ing the first Indian prime minister

to be found guilty in a criminal

but granted time to appeal his

conviction for bribing lawmakers

to back him on a crucial confi-

dence vote that saved his govern-

Justice R.S. Sodhi of the Delhi

High Court set November 7 for

the Central Bureau of Investiga-

tion, similar to the American

F.B.I. to answer the defence

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

degree through the Open Univer-

sity which allows students to

"I enjoy studying and I didn't

want it to end," the Straits Times

quoted Baldwin as saying in a

Baldwin had been unable to go

straight to university from school

because his father insisted he

"I always envied people who

had degrees. I know the value of

good education and set my goal to

be a bachelor of science," he said.

"But I had to pay for my stud-

The Guiness Book of Records

has acknowledged Baldwin's

snail-like university progress as a

world record and said the feat will

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 south-

ern Karachi, killing the leader of a

militant Sunni Muslim group and

wounding five others, reports AP.

About 200 members of the

militant Sunni-e-Tehrik group

attacked a police station in Lyari

neighborhood to demand the

arrest of a man they believed

desecrated the Muslim holy book

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

Bride-to-be Emma

Christoffersen, from Newport in

Wales, collapsed and died from a

deep vein thrombosis (DVT) in

London's Heathrow airport min

utes after she stepped off the 20-

Christoffersen, who had been on

a holiday at the Sydney Olympics,

was one of the youngest known

victims of DVT, a silent killer

associated with long distance

Dubbed "economy class syn-

drome", it is caused by sitting for

long periods in cramped condi-

Doctors described the condition

in her case as a blood clot which moved from her leg to her heart.

Her mother, Ruth Christoffersen,

told London newspapers that a post mortem had confirmed her

"We are seeking further medical

details following the death of this woman who travelled from Mel-

bourne to London," a QANTAS

"No stability in

Mideast until

Israel yields to

Palestinians "

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

Stability "depends on the imple-

communiqué today, reports AFP.

mentation by Israel of interna-

tional resolutions" on the Middle

East, King Fahd was quoted as

telling his cabinet during a meet-

summit would help to build "a

united and solid Arab position.

The king said he hoped the

ing Sunday night.

RIYADH, Oct 24: There will be

daughter died from DVT.

spokesman said.

hour flight from Australia.

flights.

be included in its next edition.

went to work at the age of 16.

Stuart Baldwin studied for his

said today, reports AFP.

study at their own pace.

report from London.

ment in July 1993.

charge.

Rao was sentenced October 12

decided Tuesday, reports AP.

Going by precedent, Kashmiris have abided Hurriyat calls to "The polls will be held to mislead boycott elections -- whether they be parliamentary or state assembly polls.

> perplexed problem called Kashmir," the Hurriyat said. The announcement of the elections has put the security forces

"Elections are no solution to the

The boycott call came a day in Kashmir under more pressure. Aside from their regular duties of maintaining law and order, the state police will also have to provide protection for candidates.

Muslim militants have been enforcing election boycotts in Kashmir since launching an 'The elections will be held under insurgency against Indian rule in

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-democraticsecular forces, reports PTI.

An amendment enabling the party to share power at the centre, a hotly debated question ever since the CPI-M rejected a 1996 United Front proposal to consider veteran was Bengal leader Jyoti Basu for the prime minister's post, was approved by the fourday special party conference which concluded here yesterday.

CPI-M general secretary HK Surject said the proposal regarding the participation at the centre adopted by the central committee earlier was approved by the conference without voting.

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 peoples' democratic revolution unaltered, the conference adopted as many as 28 amendments to the programme.

The four-day conference also assumed significance as it saw the CPI-M giving a call for regrouping of a third front as an alternative to both the BJP and the Congress.

The event also saw top leaders of a potential third front like Rjd chief Laloo Prasad Yadav, Assam Chief Minister PK Mohanta of a

ies, so I set up a small bookshop. AP. AB Bardan of CPI and former prime minister HD Deve Gowda of Then I developed a consuming JD (S) interacting with the CPI-M interest in fossils and my collection grew to 100,000 pieces. Al this took up a lot of my time."

eligible to vote Nov 7 WASHINGTON, Oct 23: Some - the ethnic breakdown of

Some 206m Americans

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 Women represent 52 per cent of

the voting population and have traditionally been more likely to vote than men, the bureau said. In 1996, 60 per cent of women voted compared with 57 per cent

If history is any indication, a good half of people eligible to vote will choose not to turn out on Tuesday November 7 to cast ballots for either Democrat Al Gore, Republican George W. Bush, US Green Party candidate Ralph Nader or Reform Party candidate Patrick Buchanan.

In 1996, just 54 per cent of the 197 million potential voters exercised their right to vote, a historical decline of seven percentage points from 1992, when President Bill Clinton was elected to his first term, beating the outgoing president, elder George Bush. In 1964, 69 pe reent of the

American electorate cast ballots, a percentage that has steadily decreased since.

The Census Bureau also noted

- in November, 40 per cent of eligible voters will be between 25 and 44 years old.

people aged 18-24 are the least likely to vote -- just 33 per cent in 1996-- and people aged 55-74 are the most likely to do so, at 70 per cent in 1996.

eligible voters is: 74 per cent white, 12 per cent black, 10 percent 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

- 16 percent more Asians and Hispanics are eligible to vote in 2000 than were in 1996.

 university graduates (74 per cent) are more likely to vote than high school graduates (39 per

-the South is projected to have the Quran, police said. the largest voting-age population The identity of the man, who is at 73 million eligible voters, a Muslim, was not known, but he followed by the Midwest (47 is apparently the custodian of a million), the West (46 million) mosque in Karachi. It wasn' and the Northeast (40 million). immediately known whether the man was a Sunni or Shiite Mus-

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 Kashmir people for realisation of their right to selfdetermination, reports PTI. Stating that Kashmir is the

only major dispute between India and Pakistan, Gen Musharraf told a rally of ex-servicemen at Palandri in Pakistan occupied Kashmir that his government had highlighted the Kashmir issue throughout the world.

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Mahathir calls for more Delhi HC to hear Rao's flexible form of Islam appeal Nov 7

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. Islam appeared to be different from the religion of peace and tolerance created by the Prophet Mohammad, Mahathir, the Southeast and three-year prison sentence will be heard November 7 by the Asian nation's ruler for nearly two decades, was quoted as saying by

the national news agency. Bernama. Mahathir, who has tried to mold Malaysia into a modern, technologically advanced nation, where the large Christian and Hindu minorities felt safe, is faced with a growing influence of orthodox Islam

preached by his political opponents. The opposition Pan Malaysian Islamic Party has often dubbed Mahathir's United Malay National Organisation party as not Islamic enough. It made inroads in last November's general election by calling

on Malays, who are Muslims, to reject Mahathir's vision of a secular society, and instead push for making Malaysia an Islamic state where women would abide by strict dress codes and courts would follow the

The party tripled its seats in Parliament and won control of two of Malaysia's 13 states in November.

Mahathir said many Muslims in Malaysia felt that they could be more faithful by accepting harsher interpretations of the religion.

"Even when Islam permits flexibility, it should be rejected in favour of rigidity. The greater the rigidity in the interpretations, the more a Muslim is faithful," he said in an ironic tone.

'No peace without a Palestinian state"

no peace in the Middle East until all expectations, but it sent a the Palestinians have their own clear message to the world on the state with Jerusalem for capital, capacity of our states to adopt a the Emir of Bahrain warned strong position." today, calling on Washington to pursue peace efforts, reports

dent Bill Clinton, the emir, Sheikh Hamad bin Issa al-Khalifa, underlined "the need for the United States to pursue their efforts in the peace process to consolidate security and stability

news agency said. "We (the Arabs) are apostles of peace, but this peace would be unacceptable if it is not based on international resolutions and does not lead to an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as capital," the emir said in an

Al-Ayyam newspaper. "Without a Palestinian state, there will be no stability in the Middle East," he said, welcoming a consensus among Arab leaders at their Cairo summit on the question of Jerusalem "heart of Aden on October 12.

interview published Tuesday in

the Israel-Arab conflict" The summit, which ended Fleet.

MANAMA, Oct 24: There will be Sunday, "certainly did not meet

'The Arabs, people and governments, are not looking for wars or tensions, but no Arab will agree to In a telephone call to US Presi- yield his rights, particularly in Jerusalem," Bahrain's head of state said.

The summit was a step on the road to restoring Arab solidarity. which was torn apart by Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1991, he in the region," the offical GNA said, voicing optimism about future joint Arab action.

The emir cited an accord in Cairo to hold regular summits, with the next one slated for March in Jordan.

"Bahrain will in 2003 stage an Arab summit, for the first time," he noted.

In the call to Clinton, made from Sharm el-Sheikh, where he met Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Monday, the emir also offered his condolences over the deaths of 17 US seamen in a blast aboard the USS Cole in Bahrain is home to the US Fifth



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."

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Iraqi President Saddam Hussein meets on Sunday in Baghdad

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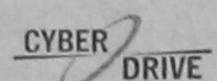
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