

India allows DTH Sat TV services

NEW DELHI, Nov 2: India has further opened its broadcasting sector with the cabinet announcing today that it would allow direct-to-home (DTH) satellite television services, reports AFP.

The cabinet has approved the opening up of DTH broadcasting on Ku band," Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pramod Mahajan said after a cabinet meeting.

Until now, satellite broadcasts in India could only be downloaded by licensed cable operators who then served individual households.

DTH will cut out the cable intermediary through the use of individual satellite dishes.

Proposals to allow DTH in India were first mooted in 1996.

However they were hampered by fears it would allow unlicensed transmission of programming into India, resulting in a "cultural invasion."

The idea was revived by the Hindu nationalist-led government in 1998.

But it was only earlier this week that a group of ministers gave the final go-ahead on condition of an in-built regulatory mechanism to monitor programme content.

They also laid out provisions to address concerns regarding the dangers of "unhindered multiple channel access" as the critics of DTH put it.

Transport strike in Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Nov 2: A transport strike today crippled Calcutta as tens of thousands of commuters found themselves stranded and unable to get to work, reports AFP.

The three-day strike is being observed by the city's 4,500 private bus and minibus operators who are demanding a rise in fares to offset a government imposed fuel price hike.

Union leader Sadhan Das said the strike had been called after three rounds of talks with the state government failed to make any headway.

"We have been let down by the government. We cannot wait any longer," Das said.

The bus strike resulted in dangerous overcrowding on the railway and metro, while taxi drivers began charging exorbitant prices.

In the end, tens of thousands of people walked to work or simply stayed at home.

Fiji army unit revolts: Two soldiers killed

SUVA, Nov 2: Furious gunbattles erupted here today when special forces troops involved in Fiji's May coup mutinied and tried to seize the army headquarters, leaving at least two dead and 10 wounded, reports AFP.

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day that the military forces had retaken their barracks but 20 rebel soldiers had escaped.

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racks and was later seen visiting wounded soldiers at Suva's Colonial War Memorial Hospital.

CRW soldiers played a key role in the May 19 coup of failed businessman George Speight, but he is under detention on Nukulau island near here and is not believed to have played a direct role in Thursday's events.

He reassured Fijians the attack was contained within the barracks although security forces were on full alert for unrest in other parts of the country.

The army's third infantry regiment which was outside on exercises had rushed back when news of the mutiny broke out and surrounded the camp.

Some in full battle gear went in through the gates and soon after another burst of shooting began within the barracks.

Fiji was just returning to some normalcy after the May 19 coup which led to the setting up of a military administration.

A curfew which had been relaxed just a week ago was once again in force for residents of the greater Suva area.



Wounded soldiers are transferred on a pick-up van in Suva yesterday after a mutiny by soldiers have left two dead and 10 wounded while senior military officers have been taken hostage. The new crisis, associated with a coup in Fiji earlier this year, began at 1 pm when soldiers from the Counter Revolutionary Warfare unit seized part of the headquarters of the Fiji Military Forces. --AFP photo

Pak local govt polls begin in December

Int'l observers to monitor elections

ISLAMABAD, Nov 2: International organisations are planning to monitor Pakistan's local government elections scheduled by the military regime to begin next month, officials said Wednesday.

Under the proposed devolution plan, Musharraf has vowed to transfer power from the provincial level to the villages, with one third of seats in the local body assemblies reserved for women.

"Our endeavour would be to help them visit a maximum number of polling stations in different provinces."

The commission had already received assessment missions from the New York-based International Republican Institute, the Asia Foundation and diplomatic teams from the European Union and the US embassy, he said.

Reports quoting Pakistani diplomatic sources in Washington said the US-based Carter Centre also planned to send an assessment team this month and election observers in December.

The elections will be the first since General Pervez Musharraf

dropped from 21 to 18 years and electoral rolls have already been updated. Sources said a mock poll would be held in the next two weeks.

The last general election in Pakistan was in 1997 when Sharif won a thumping victory. Provincial elections were held the following year.

All parliaments have been suspended since the October coup under a provisional constitution empowering Musharraf as "chief executive."

His Local Government Plan 2000 envisages a three-tiered system of assemblies in districts and villages designed to integrate rural and urban governments and decentralise the bureaucracy to meet community needs.

The local body elections will be on a non-party basis and Musharraf has urged the people to vote for candidates who are conscious of the population's rights.

But political parties are opposing the plan and have described it as unworkable in a country with deeply rooted traditions of tribal and feudal power.

Jemima blasts western media over ME coverage

ISLAMABAD, Nov 2: Jemima Khan, the British-born wife of Pakistani cricket hero and politician Imran Khan, lashed the Western media and US politicians today for alleged bias against Muslims, reports AFP.

Writing in an article for the News daily, she said US politicians and the media were slaves to the powerful Jewish lobby, which was slanting reporting of the ongoing Palestinian uprising in favour of Israel.

She said she was "sceptical about conspiracy theories but the current furore in the Muslim world surrounding the Western media coverage of events in the Middle East is, in my opinion, justified."

Citing several examples, she said major international news broadcasters were "shockingly unprofessional and biased" and showed "blatant" disregard for the truth in their reports from the Palestinian territories.

Linking this to the US election campaign, she said: "Coordinated, heavy political donations plus a history of block voting for the most pro-Israel presidential candidate has paid off (for the US Jewish lobby)."

Peace talks only after cessation of hostilities: Prabhakaran

COLOMBO, Nov 2: Tamil Tigers chief Velupillai Prabhakaran has set immediate cessation of hostilities by Sri Lankan troops as a key condition for resuming peace talks after a six-year gap, a rebel statement said today, reports AP.

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embargo and the creation of conditions of normalcy in the Tamil homeland."

The LTTE leader also insisted that the Sri Lanka government should take the initiative of relaxing the conditions of war if it wanted genuine peace," the statement said today, reports AP.

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think-tank National Peace Council.

"He has got into a bunker mentality, as he does not meet anyone from the outside world, but now that it has happened it may help him to realise that he can settle the issues by talking," Perera said.

The rebel leader has not been seen since 1987 when India tried to broker a peace deal. During 1995 peace talks, Prabhakaran sent his deputies and did not attend personally.

"Both the parties discussed several pertinent issues and the discussions were cordial and constructive," the rebel statement said about the meeting between Prabhakaran and Solheim.

Solheim has been trying since last year to bring the Sri Lankan government and the LTTE to the negotiating table. The last round of talks was held after President Chandrika Kumaratunga was first elected more than six years ago.

The minority Tamils accuse the majority Sinhalese who are 14 million of the country's 18.6 million people of widespread discrimination in education and jobs.

Yugoslavia joins UN

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 2: Yugoslavia's new democratic government joined the United Nations, opening a new chapter in Belgrade's relations with the international community after eight years of UN ostracism under former strongman Slobodan Milosevic, reports AP.

By acclamation and with a loud round of applause, the 189-member General Assembly on Wednesday overwhelmingly approved Yugoslavia's application for UN membership and hailed Belgrade's democratic transition and the newly elected president, Vojislav Kostunica.

"With legitimate pride, the Yugoslav people are going to take their rightful place in the concert of nations," French Ambassador Jean-David Levitte told the assembly, speaking on behalf of the European Union.

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