

Two die in Pak Kashmir blast

MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan, Dec 7: Two men were killed and 15 injured by an explosion yesterday at a busy market in the Pakistan-ruled part of Kashmir, reports Reuters.

Trial of Estrada begins as thousands stage rallies

MANILA, Dec 7: The Philippine Senate began its impeachment trial of President Joseph Estrada today, as tens of thousands of people marched outside demanding the former movie star's ouster even if he is acquitted of corruption charges, reports AFP.

The Senate, normally used for evangelical prayer rallies. Their banner read: 'Erap remain.' They also waved banners saying 'Erap for the poor' and 'beloved senators, follow the masses' referring to Estrada's frequent boast that only the elite were against him and the country's poor continued to back him.



Roman Catholic priests lead a protest march to the Senate to call for the resignation of President Joseph Estrada in Manila yesterday as the senate tribunal opens the unprecedented corruption trial of the Philippine leader.

Blair to press India for release of convicted Briton

LONDON, Dec 7: British Prime Minister Tony Blair is to press India for the early release of convicted gun-runner Peter Bleach, a British newspaper reported today, citing diplomatic sources, reports AFP.

Suu Kyi awarded highest US honour

WASHINGTON, Dec 7: President Bill Clinton on Wednesday conferred America's highest civilian honour on Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, and pledged unending US support for her quest for democracy, reports AFP.



Washington (NLD) which won elections the military refused to honour in 1990. The only weapons the Burmese people have are the words of reason and the example of this astonishingly brave woman.

US, S Korea fail to reach agreement

SEOUL, Dec 7: US and South Korean officials today failed to reach agreement over their inquiries into the alleged massacre of civilians by US troops 50 years ago, officials said, reports AFP.

UK, France present options for observers in WB, Gaza

UNITED NATIONS, Dec 7: With Palestinians calling for a 2,000-member UN protection force, Britain and France today readied alternatives for observers in the West Bank and Gaza that might be more acceptable to Israel, reports Reuters.

Britain, in consultation with France, plans to distribute amendments on Thursday to a Palestinian-initiated draft resolution. Palestinians and their supporters on the council have been pushing for a vote by Friday on establishing a 2,000-member unarmed military observer force to protect civilians in the West Bank, Gaza and Jerusalem.

Four killed in LTTE grenade attack

COLOMBO, Dec 7: Four people were killed in a suspected Tamil Tiger rebel attack today on a small village in eastern Sri Lanka, a military spokesman said, reports Reuters.

Taliban defiant in face of fresh sanctions

KABUL, Dec 7: Afghanistan's ruling Taliban militia today said more United Nations sanctions would fail to force them to hand over suspected terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden, reports AFP.

Bin Laden, a Saudi-born billionaire and financier of terrorist groups, is a veteran of the 1979-89 Afghan war against the Soviets and is considered a hero of Islam by the ultra-puritanical Taliban.

Gunmen attack family of ULFA leader

GUWAHATI, India, Dec 7: Gunmen in the northeastern Indian state of Assam have attacked the family of the region's most powerful separatist rebel chief, police said today, reports AFP.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Tender Notice. Local Government Engineering Directorate Rural Development Project-3: Infrastructure Greater Sylhet District. LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-c-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207. Memo No. LGED/PD(RDP-3)/C-10/2000/492. Dated: 22-11-2000.

Six killed in Irian Jaya violence

JAYAPURA, Indonesia, Dec 7: At least six people, two of them policemen, were killed in an attack on a police station and a market in the remote Indonesian province of Irian Jaya on Thursday, reports AFP.

Fiji set to drop treason charges against Speight

AUCKLAND, Dec 7: Treason charges against Fiji coup leader George Speight and his co-conspirators are likely to be dropped soon, political and diplomatic sources said today, reports AFP.

ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় ৪১তম সমাবর্তন বিজ্ঞপ্তি. ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে ২০০১ সনের ২৭ জানুয়ারি শনিবার সকাল ১০-০০ টায় শারীরিক শিক্ষা কেন্দ্রের খেলার মাঠে ৪১তম সমাবর্তন অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। উক্ত সমাবর্তনে নিম্নলিখিত ডিগ্রিপ্রাপ্ত গ্যাজেট/পদকপ্রাপ্ত অংশগ্রহণ করতে পারবেন:

'Chances of Indo-Pak talks remote'

NEW DELHI, Dec 7: The recent flurry of statements from India and Pakistan has taken the nascent peace process in Kashmir to a delicate stage, but analysts say direct talks are a remote possibility, reports AFP.

New Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru University. The positions taken by the two sides, are so rigid and inflexible that it is difficult to see them talking, he added. Brahma Chellaney, an analyst with the Centre for Policy Research, was equally pessimistic.