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Palestinian airport closed after bomb attack

GAZA CITY, Jan 2: The Israeli army closed the international Palestinian airport in the Gaza Strip Monday night, following a bomb attack in the Israeli coastal town of Netanya, north of Tel Aviv, which left 20 people injured, one seriously, a Palestinian official said, reports AFP.

Israeli soldiers kill Palestinian farmer

GAZA CITY, Jan 2: Deadly violence continued in the Palestinian territories today where Israeli soldiers shot dead an Arab farmer after explosions at two Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip, reports AFP.

General strike cripples Nepal for second day

KATHMANDU, Jan 2: Business activity in Nepal was severely curtailed today by a general strike called by nine leftist parties to protest against the killing of five people by security forces last week, reports DPA.

Taiwan, China launch first direct links in five decades

XIAMEN, China, Jan 2: Taiwan and China today launched the first direct links since the Communists won the civil war 50 years ago, when three Taiwanese ferries crossed the narrow Straits separating the bitter rivals, reports AFP.

On the one hand Beijing wants direct links with Taiwan but they do not want to appear to be giving in to Chen's overtures which could lead to a deviation from their principled stance on Taiwan, he said.



A group of Chinese display a banner to welcome Taiwanese officials from Kinmen county who are arriving by boat in the ancient port city of Xiamen, in eastern China's Fujian province yesterday.

Cambodia parliament okays Khmer Rouge trial law

PHNOM PENH, Jan 2: Cambodia's national assembly today unanimously approved a long-awaited draft law for a genocide tribunal to try the leaders of the brutal 1970s Khmer Rouge 'killing fields' regime, reports AFP.

House of Suharto's son seized

JAKARTA, Jan 2: Indonesian prosecutors on Tuesday seized another house belonging to the fugitive son of former president Suharto to be used as a guarantee for the payment of court fines, reports AFP.

Kashmiri militants to continue war despite political talks

ISLAMABAD, Jan 2: Militants battling Indian soldiers in disputed Kashmir warned Tuesday that their secessionist war will continue despite political talks planned for later this month, reports AP.



Several floats make their way down during the 112th Annual Tournament of Roses Parade on Monday in Pasadena, CA. Over one million spectators attended the annual New Year's Day event, which is broadcast on television to over 100 countries worldwide.

N Korean leader to visit Seoul this year

SEOUL, Jan 2: South Korea's President Kim Dae-Jung and North Korean supreme leader Kim Jong-il will meet in Seoul this year, a top minister said today ending doubts that the head of the communist North would travel to the South's capital, reports AFP.

Corruption trial for Estrada resumes amid tension

MANILA, Jan 2: Philippine President Joseph Estrada's landmark corruption trial resumed today amid fresh tension following a series of deadly weekend bombings that rocked Manila and sent local markets reeling, reports AFP.

Aceh peace talks to restart next week

JAKARTA, Jan 2: Indonesia said Tuesday it would restart peace talks with separatist leaders in violence-hit Aceh next week, raising hopes that a fragile cease-fire might be extended and a threatened military crackdown averted, reports AP.

Tender Inviting Offer From Consulting Firms

Sealed tenders are hereby invited by the Project Implementation Officer, NITRAD, Nayarhat, Savar, Dhaka, from the interested reputed firms for structural design, drawing & cost estimation of proposed Laboratory building & Blow room (including warping & sizing) building of National Institute of Textile Training Research & Design (NITRAD) at Nayarhat, Savar, Dhaka.

BRIEFLY

Quake shakes Indonesia: A strong earthquake measuring 6.3 on the Richter scale shook North Sulawesi and the northeastern islands in the Maluku yesterday, the meteorology office here said, AFP reports from Jakarta.

Poverty rising in Pakistan

KARACHI, Jan 2: Poverty is rising in Pakistan in the absence of an effective poverty alleviation programmes, a report just unveiled said, reports AP.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed tenders in BD form No 2911 are hereby invited from enlisted contractor's of PWD as noted below as per financial limit for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Bogra, Joypurhat in their respective offices up to 12:00 Noon on 16-01-2001 Eng. and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence of the tenderer who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a separate sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.

Table with 5 columns: Sl No, Name of work, Estimated amount, Earnest money, Class of contractor entitled to submit tender, Time allowed for completion of the work.

Contract documents consisting BD form No 2911, schedule of items of additional terms and conditions etc can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned and Executive Engineer, PWD Divn Bogra/Joypurhat and Sub-Divnl Engineer, PWD Sub-Divn, Sirajganj, Ullapara/E/M on payment of usual charges. The tender form may be purchased by the contractor himself or his representative duly authorised by the contractor along with the original registration book on any day during office hours up to 15.01.2001 Eng. No tender form will be sold after office hours of 15.01.2001 Eng.