

Tigers put Lanka on war notice

PTI, Colombo
Sri Lanka's Tiger rebels yesterday declared that they were prepared to go back to fighting with government forces...

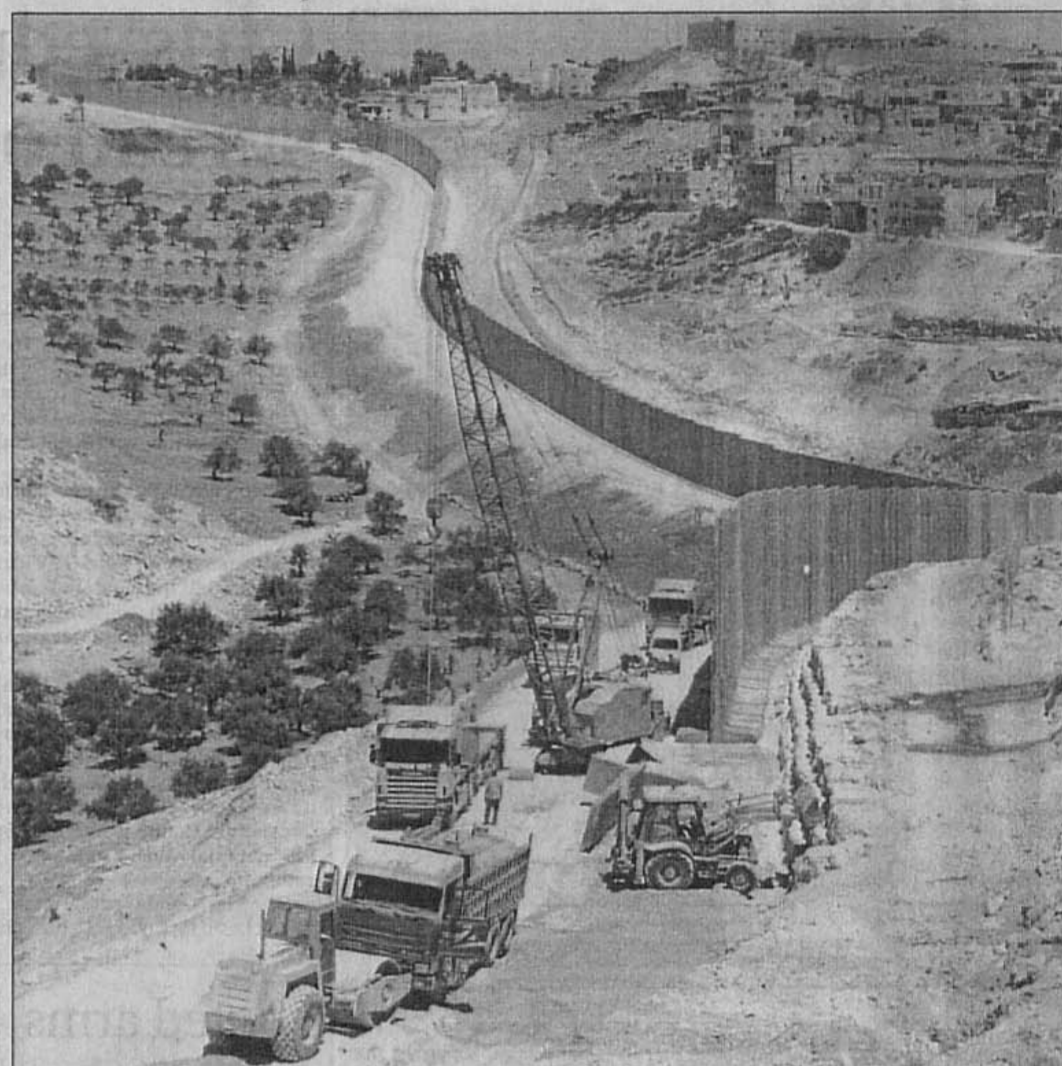
Intelligence and police of collaborating with Karuna to wage a 'proxy war' against the Tigers despite a Norwegian-brokered truce.

capital since the ceasefire went into effect. Tigers denied involvement, but many, including the United States, said the bombing attack had the hallmarks of the Tigers.

Iraq to offer amnesty to rebels within days

REUTERS, London
Iraq's new interim government plans to introduce an amnesty for rebels who have been fighting the US-led coalition in Iraq within a couple of days...

and they sign an undertaking that it will never happen again we shouldn't ask any questions. They killed close friends of mine. If we keep nagging about this, then it will be a circle of blood, and we want to break that circle of blood.



A picture shows a partial view of the Israeli separation barrier in the West Bank village of Abu Dis on the edge of Jerusalem yesterday.



AIDS activist sprays color on the portrait of the US President George W. Bush during a demonstration outside the 15th International AIDS conference hall in Bangkok yesterday.

Koizumi vows to keep troops in Iraq despite election setback

AFP, Tokyo
Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi vowed yesterday to keep troops in Iraq despite a setback in weekend elections seen as a verdict on his key policies.

We will carry out activities suitable to Japan," he added. Japan, one of Washington's staunchest backers over the Iraq war, has around 550 troops in the southern Iraqi city of Samawa...

US mulls how to delay Nov polls in case of terror attack

REUTERS, Washington
A senior House Democratic lawmaker was skeptical on Sunday of a Bush administration idea to obtain the authority to delay the November presidential election in case of an attack by al-Qaeda.

Harman said Ridge's threat warning "was a bust" because it was based on old information. Newsweek cited unnamed sources who told it that the Department of Homeland Security asked the Justice Department last week to review what legal steps would be needed to delay the vote if an attack occurred on the day before or on election day.

Syrian PM begins Turkey trip today

Syrian Prime Minister Mohammed Naci Otri will embark on a three-day working visit to Turkey today, says a press release issued by the embassy of Turkey in Damascus.

Trinamool Congress in serious trouble

SAKYASEN MITTRA, Kolkata
The Trinamool Congress party led by Mamata Banerjee is facing a serious crisis as some top ranking leaders are planning to desert the party following rout in Lok Sabha election in West Bengal.

and Iqbal Ahmed are more or less decided that if the Trinamool Congress does not sever ties with the BJP then they would quit. Of the four, Iqbal Ahmed is contesting as a Congress candidate for a post in the accounts committee of the Kolkata City Corporation.



(From R to L) Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf and his wife, King Abdullah II of Jordan, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his wife, daughter of Erdogan, Esra, and her groom Berat Albayrak and the groom's mother pose for a picture on Sunday at the wedding of Erdogan's elder daughter in downtown Istanbul in the city's conference center.

Blair faces setback in by-polls over Iraq

AFP, Leicester
Jaswinder Singh Nijjar might only be a mild-mannered taxi driver, but he is the sort of person likely to be giving Prime Minister Tony Blair sleepless nights ahead of two upcoming by-elections.

-- died suddenly in May, forcing the government to arrange a by-election to be held next Thursday. On the same day, another by-election will be held in Birmingham, Britain's second-biggest city, to replace another serving Labour MP, Terry Davis, who is quitting parliament to become secretary-general of the Council of Europe.

France, Iraq restore ties

AFP, Paris
France and Iraq yesterday reestablished diplomatic ties cut more than 13 years ago by ousted Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein at the start of the first Gulf War in 1991.

Sharon, Peres join unity talks for Gaza pullout

REUTERS, Jerusalem
Israeli opposition leader Shimon Peres agreed yesterday to work with right-wing Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to push ahead a Gaza pullout plan and pursue contacts on a unity government, political sources said.

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