

UNSC adopts anti-terror resolution

AFP, United Nations
The UN Security Council Friday unanimously adopted a resolution introduced by Russia to bolster international measures against terrorism.



PHOTO: AFP
Afghan women voters line up outside a polling station to cast their vote in Afghanistan's first democratic presidential elections, in Kabul yesterday.

Bodo rebels agree to truce from Oct 15

Assam welcomes offer
AFP, Guwahati
A tribal separatist group in India's restive northeastern state of Assam Friday agreed to a ceasefire from October 15 raising hopes for an end to two decades of violent insurgency in the region.

SC allows opening Taj Mahal for night viewing
AP, Lucknow
The 17th century Mughal monument, Taj Mahal, will soon be opened to tourists for night viewing.



US denies reports on Tareq Aziz's death in custody

AFP, Baghdad
Tareq Aziz, the former Iraqi deputy prime minister under Saddam Hussein, is alive, the US military in Iraq said yesterday, denying television reports that he had died in custody.

Israeli troops kill 5 more Palestinians

REUTERS, Gaza
Israeli troops killed five armed Palestinians in the Gaza Strip yesterday as it pressed on with a massive offensive aimed at stopping militants firing rockets into Israel.

Pak crackdown nets 100 militants

AFP, Islamabad
Pakistan has rounded up more than 100 people linked to outlawed Islamic militant groups in a new crackdown after two bomb attacks which killed more than 70 people within a week, police said yesterday.

Bush, Kerry unyielding on Iraq war

AFP, St. Louis
US President George W. Bush accused Senator John Kerry of being dangerously fickle on Iraq, as the Democrat countered in their second debate late Friday that Bush had become a "weapon of mass deception" on the war.



PHOTO: AFP
US President George W. Bush (L) listens as Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry speaks to the audience in a 90-minute town-hall style debate rematch Friday at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

Suicide attack kills 5 in Kashmir

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Srinagar
Four soldiers and a civilian were killed when a suicide bomber rammed a car packed with explosives into an Army convoy in Jammu and Kashmir yesterday.

sealed and traffic on the highway suspended.
The injured were hurriedly shifted to the Army's base hospital in Srinagar for treatment.



PHOTO: AFP
Indian Kashmiri students sit down as they display placards during a demonstration for peace in Srinagar yesterday. More than 2000 students from various leading schools participated in the peace march.

'Future of Indo-Pak talks hinges on Pakistan'

Islamabad must keep words on reining in rebels: Delhi
AFP, New Delhi
India said yesterday future peace talks between it and Pakistan hinge on Islamabad keeping its vow not to allow soil under its control to be used by Islamic rebels battling Indian rule in Kashmir.

Rumsfeld seeks to reassure US allies on Iraq strategy

AFP, Aboard the USS John F. Kennedy
US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld met with defense ministers from 18 allied nations on an aircraft carrier in the Gulf yesterday to reassure them on US strategy for Iraq.

to find countries to provide troops to protect the UN mission that is supposed to organize the polls.
Whether the United States sends more troops to Iraq, as it has for elections in Afghanistan, is up to Central Command chief General John Abizaid and Casey, Rumsfeld said.

Afghans delighted to have the right to vote

AFP, Kabul
After decades of rule by the bullet instead of the ballot box, war-weary Afghans could not hide their delight yesterday as they got the chance to vote in elections they hope will end years of conflict.

east and Sherbergan in the north, voters spoke to AFP reporters without reserve before 14 of the 18 candidates called for the election to be halted.
In the former Taliban stronghold of Kandahar, jubilation reigned as thousands of voters, huddled against the early morning autumn chill, streamed into polling stations.



PHOTO: AFP
Crew members from the RN frigates HMS Montrose and HMS Marlborough prepare hawsers for the tow of the Canadian submarine HMCS Chicoutimi in the North Atlantic Friday. The Chicoutimi was damaged after a fire broke out October 5, which caused the death of one crew member and injured eight others.