

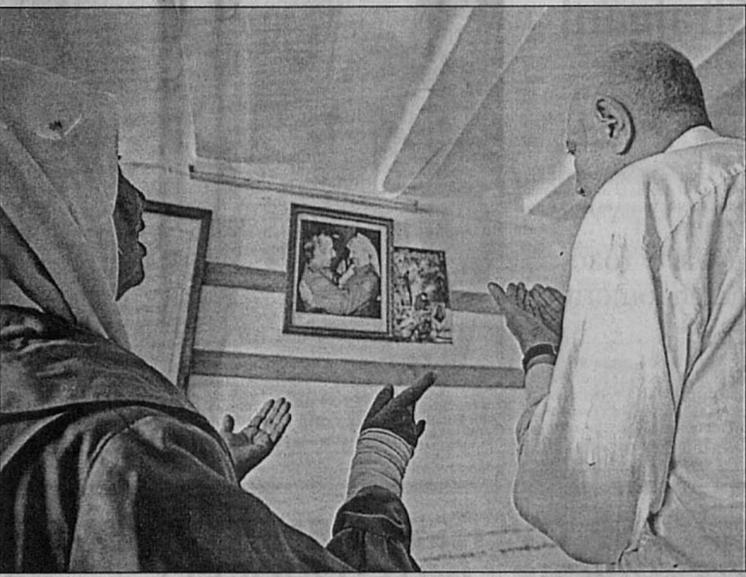
Palestinians worry about post-Arafat future

AFP, Ramallah
Palestinians waited anxiously for updates yesterday on the condition of their comatose long-time leader Yasser Arafat...

don't know what's going on and they don't trust the leaders around them," said 19-year-old Hanna Asbah...

French medical sources have said the Palestinian leader is in an irreversible coma and will not recover.

Rimawi. "They are not interested in the others and in any event, many people have a hard time getting around due to the Israeli roadblocks at the edges of the city," he added.



Palestinian refugee Abu Faris and his wife pray for the recovery of their leader Yasser Arafat at the Haifa club camp on the outskirts of Baghdad yesterday.

Israel to block Arafat burial in Jerusalem

AFP, Jerusalem
Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has reaffirmed that he would block moves to bury Yasser Arafat in Jerusalem...

EU voices solidarity with Palestinians

AFP, Brussels
The European Union's Dutch presidency expressed solidarity with the Palestinian people Thursday as their veteran leader Yasser Arafat was pronounced "brain dead" in a French hospital.

Possible successors to Arafat

Table with 2 columns: Name (Mahmud Abbas, Ahmad Qorei), Alias (Abu Mazen, Abu Alaa), and a list of key events and dates from 1935 to 2004.

POST-ARAFAT ERA Abbas, Qorei set to take over leadership

AFP, Ramallah
Former Palestinian prime minister Mahmud Abbas and his successor Ahmad Qorei are likely to slide calmly into place at the helm of an interim Palestinian leadership in the event of Yasser Arafat's death...

Palestinians pray for Arafat

AFP, Jerusalem
Some 100,000 Palestinians yesterday prayed at Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa Mosque complex for their stricken leader Yasser Arafat...

End of Arafat era may boost US role in ME

AFP, Washington
The end of Yasser Arafat's reign as Palestinian leader could nudge US officials back into a greater role in the Middle East peace process...

Lankan peace talks back to square one

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Colombo
Finally, after more than two and a half years of the Norway-sponsored peace parleys, more and more Sri Lankans are ready to believe that the ethnic conflict can resume again.

Indian PM offers to settle all disputes with Pakistan

AFP, New Delhi
Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh offered yesterday to resolve all outstanding disputes with Pakistan, including Kashmir, as long as Islamabad keeps its pledge to crack down on cross-border militant infiltration.



Chairman of Pakistan's Tehreek-e-Insaf party and former Pak Cricket captain, Imran Khan (L) talks with chairperson of India's United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government and Congress Party President Sonia Gandhi (R) during a conference...

Putin signs bill to ratify Kyoto Protocol

AP, Moscow
President Vladimir Putin has signed a bill confirming Russia's ratification of the Kyoto Protocol, the Kremlin said yesterday, clearing the way for the global climate pact to come into force early next year.

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An application under section 81(2) and 83(3) of the companies Act AND IN THE MATTER OF Md. Issa Gazi

Europe should bolster powers in face of strong US: Chirac

AFP, Brussels
French President Jacques Chirac said yesterday that Europe should bolster its united power on the world stage, in the face of a strong United States reinforced by the re-election of President George W. Bush.

Bush's 2nd-term agenda would add big costs

AP, Washington
With federal deficits already running amok, it is unclear how President Bush will pay for his second-term agenda, a potentially multitrillion-dollar smorgasbord that includes overhauling Social Security and revamping the tax system.

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