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Lao girls in traditional dance to welcome delegates in front of the venue of the10th summit of the Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) in Vientiane yesterday, Myanmar, Thailand and economic issues are dominating the two-day meeting.

#### ZARDARI SAYS

## Benazir to end exile, lead party to polls victory

Former Pakistani prime minister Benazir Bhutto will end her exile and lead her party to victory in the next election, her husband Asif Ali Zardari said following his release

'She is surely coming and will lead the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) in the next general election, Zardari told AFP in an interview Sunday at his seaside Bilawal House residence in this southern port city.

"I can't give you the date, but she will be here for the next elections," Zardari said, insisting 2005 would be election year in Pakistan.

" Benazir will create history by becoming the premier for the third

Zardari, who spent eight years in detention, was released on Monday granted him bail in the last of 17 metarian governments to maligneases of graft, murder and drug Benazir.

" Benazir has a role to play in Pakistan politics and the vote bank

Doubts about holding Iraqi national

the welter of conflicting interests

and views in a fragmented country

trying to build democracy in the

midst of an armed uprising and

for the delay because of widespread

anger within their community over

this month's attack on the Sunni

insurgent base of Fallujah, which in

turn produced a call by Sunni clerics

In calling for a delay, the Sunnis

managed to win backing of repre-

sentatives from the country's two

leading Kurdish parties. Collectively,

the Kurds and the Sunni Arabs form

about 40 percent of Iraq's nearly 26

Sunni Muslim politicians pushed

foreign military occupation.

to boycott the vote.

AP, Baghdad

belongs to her," he said.

Benazir, who governed Pakistan twice -- from 1988 to 1990 and 1993 to 1996 -- lives in self-imposed exile in London and Dubai.

She left Pakistan in April 1998 and was convicted in absentia of corruption and other charges which she rejects as political victimisation to keep her away from last polls held in

The government has said the present parliament would complete its five-year tenure until 2007. Zardari rejected speculation his

release was linked to any deal with the government. 'I rejected all offers and preferred prison," he said.

"Democracy is our shield and we cannot compromise with the authoritarian rulers," he said.

He said his "villainous image was painted by successive authori-

Zardari, who was arrested on November 4, 1996 said during custody intelligence agencies wanted

Iraqi election creates

unusual alliances

mostlyShias.

"to break me through physical and mental torture in order to pressure Benazir, but they failed."

'Sleep deprivation for hours during interrogation resulted in my spine problem," Zardari said.

was asked to sit on a chair, which was not very comfortable. When I started getting sleepy they forced me not to sleep and asked all kind of questions."

On the possibility of accepting General Pervez Musharraf as both president and the army chief, Zardari said: "Democracy and authoritarian rules can't go 'He (Musharraf) can contest

progressive to religious on one

fresh presidential elections, but not as a general. It goes without saying." Zardari expressed his confidence in bringing all the political parties from liberal to secular and

'I can be a bridge for all the political forces to agree on minimum points of democracy and supremacy

# Top court weighs Ukraine polls

West calls breakup unacceptable

Ukraine's top court convened yes-terday to weigh claims of irregulari-ties in the country's bitterly-disputed presidential elections amid threats of separatism, mass protests and warnings from Nato and the EU against any division of the 13-year-old state.

Outgoing President Leonid Kuchma meanwhile met with pro-Russian regional officials who had threatened to declare autonomy and said afterwards that any breakup of the country was unacceptable.

The campaign chief to pro-Russian Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich, the officially-declared winner of the election, said he was quitting both that post and his job as chief of the country's central bank and called for a fresh election.

The 21-judge Supreme Court panel began deliberating claims from opposition candidate Viktor Yushchenko that the November 21 ballot to succeed Kuchma was rigged to ensure that Yanukovich emerged the winner.

Yanukovich, who favors stren-gthening traditional bonds with neighboring Russia, was officially declared the winner of the election. But Yushchenko, who seeks to anchor Ukraine more firmly in the western European camp, has challenged the validity of the vote.

A spokeswoman for the court, Liana Shlaposhnikova, said deliberations could take anywhere from several hours to several days. Analysts say the court, whose

judges serve for life, has shown independence from the government in the past and could meet opposition calls to annul the election results. However it is not clear how long

has demanded a new vote be held on December 12 -- or whether its decision will in fact resolve the standoff. Justices can rule the election was fraudulent and annul in part or in

the hearing could last -- Yushchenko

full the results but do not have the jurisdiction to call for a new vote. That can only be done by a cen-

tral election commission which last week handed victory to the pro-Moscow candidate. And Yanukovich's camp has already called the supreme court hearing illegitimate.

## Iran okays full freeze of uranium enrichment

Iran agreed not to test any centrifuges as part of a total suspension of nuclear activities that can yield the way for the UN nuclear agency to bring an end to a dispute that had threatened to go all the way to the UN Security Council.

Diplomats, from the European Union and elsewhere, said the commitment sent by letter to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna fulfilled demands that Tehran include centrifuges in its total suspension of uraniumenrichment programs.

Just hours after the letter reached the agency, diplomats said that Iran reached agreement with the European drafters of a resolution on the language of text outlining how to police the suspension.

That cleared the way for the agency's board to adopt the resolution when it reconvenes Monday,

apparently ending a dispute that had threatened to escalate into possible referral of Iran to the UN Security Council for defying the

A senior diplomat with nuclear expertise told The Associated Press the Iranian pledge appeared to contain no pitfalls and seemed to meet the European demands for full

But it came with strings attached. A government official from a board member country told The Associated Press that France, Germany and Britain had accepted an Iranian demand to further water down the language of a draft resolution they wrote for adoption by the board of the IAEA on ways of policing the suspen-

The text to be adopted Monday now includes an extra phrase emphasizing that the suspension is not a legal or binding obligation on Tehran's part, he said.

#### White House nixed early hearing on Rice nomination

REUTERS, Washington

At the urging of the White House, a key Senate panel put off consideration of the nomination of Condoleezza Rice to be secretary of state, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said on Sunday.

Sen. Richard Lugar, an Indiana Republican, said he had suggested "a very early time" for his committee to take up the nomination, which must be approved afterward by the

"The White House suggested that that would not be appropriate -- that is, in December," Lugar said on "Fox News Sunday." "So we'll not be having hearings in December. But we'll have hearings as soon as possi-ble in January."

#### Nichols admits playing role in Oklahoma blast

REUTERS, Oklahoma City

Convicted conspirator Terry Nichols admitted to prosecutors he played a key role in gathering and assembling the components of the bomb that destroyed an Oklahoma City federal building, killing 168, the Daily

Oklahoman reported on Sunday.
The newspaper said it obtained a statement from Nichols made with state prosecutors during a secret 2003 plea agreement meeting. In the statement, Nichols said he helped bombing triggerman Timothy McVeigh obtain the components of the bomb that ripped through the Alfred P. Murrah federal buildingin 1995.

Nichols confessed to helping McVeigh assemble a fertilizer and fuel bomb in a truck that McVeigh

## Malaysia to press on with crackdown on migrants

Malaysia will press ahead with a controversial plan to arrest and deport hundreds of thousands of illegal migrants in January despite a warning by an international rights group that it could lead to widespread abuses, a seniorministersaid yesterday.

Home Minister Azmi Khalid told AFP there would be no change in plans to deploy more than half a million Malaysian members of volunteer neighbourhood security groups to track down and detain the llegal migrants.

The move was described as "ominous" by Human Rights Watch, which said in a statement last week the volunteers would receive minimal training and would get cash rewards for each migrant arrested. Azmi defended the plan, saying

those heading the civilian groups were skilled and experienced as they were former military and police "Have no fear," Azmi said. "We are

a civilised society. We do not beat the

There are an estimated 1.2 million illegal immigrants in Malaysia, mainly from neighbouring Indonesia and the Philippines but also from India and Bangladesh, who are drawn by jobs in construction, plantation work and services.

Malaysia has said it will move against the illegal migrants at the end of an amnesty which began on October 29. The amnesty was originally designed to last 17 days, but has been extended until an unspecified date next month at the request of the Indonesian government.

Azmi said only about 111,000 illegal migrants had left the country since the amnesty began and he did not foresee a major exodus before it expired despite tough punishment including jail terms and a whipping for those who overstay.

Many illegal immigrants risk staying in relatively-prosperous alaysia because they face unemployment and poverty in their own countries. "Life back home is difficult," an Indonesian car-wash worker told AFP. "They cannot find a job and they have paid a lot of money

#### Curfew in Lankan town after grenade attack on bus

AFP, Colombo

The Sri Lankan government ordered a curfew yesterday in the eastern port city of Trincomalee after one person was killed in a grenade attack on a bus that defied a strike call by rebel sympathisers, police said.

Unidentified attackers lobbed a grenade at a bus in Trincomalee, 260km northeast of Colombo that killed one person and injured three others, a police official said.

He said police suspected that Monday's strike was called by a front organisation of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) which held ceremonies Saturday to honour nearly 17,800 supporters that have died in Sri Lanka's decades old civil war. The commemorations drew the ire of progovernment forces, policesaid.

#### New theory blames ducks for bird flu spread: WHO

Domesticated ducks may be the main transmitters of the H5N1 bird flu virus that killed 32 people in two major outbreaks in Asia earlier this year, a senior World Health Organisation official said yesterday.

ing outbreaks occurred where duck populations were highest, said WHO director for the Western Pacific Shigeru

Studies suggest the most devastat-

"Our judgement is that ducks are now playing a major role in terms of transmitting the disease," Omi said during a visit to Hong Kong.
"When chickens are infected, they

get the symptoms and then they die, but the ducks don't die and they don't

develop the symptoms."

He said the WHO was working on the theory after discovering that the peak seasonal prevalence of flu in ducks, during the winter months, coincided with the peak period of human infections.

# ebout

Nobel Peace Prize winner Jody Williams (C) poses with landmine victims from Cambodia Tun Channareth (L) and Song Kosal at the opening of the Landmine convention at the UN headquarters in Nairobi yesterday. Ethiopia handed over documents ratifying the 1997 Ottawa Convention to a landmine summit in Nairobi, becoming the 144th nation to accept the ban and elimination of the lethal devices, officials said.

#### ship refused to delay the balloting, elections on Jan. 30 produced an the Kurds waffled, claiming they alliance few believed possible Sunni placed from the Kirkuk area by would then drive to Oklahoma City. Saddam Hussein, a Sunni Arab, to never intended to agree to a post-Arabs and Sunni Kurds united in He told prosecutors McVeigh did the calling for a delay. Less than 24 hours return to the city. The goal is to ponement and they were ready for planning and was involved in all increase Kurdish numbers in time later, the alliance collapsed after elections whenever they occur. The aspects of the bombing, including Shia Arabs made clear they would Iraqi National Accord, Prime for a parallel election Jan. 30, in carrying out the deadly mission, the Minister Ayad Allawi's party, took which voters in the city will decide not accept any postponement. The flap over the election date, part in the meeting that produced whether to join the Kurdish autonowhich began Friday, illustrates the the call for the delay. mous region. complexity of Iraq's ethnic-based But as soon as the Shias spoke Delaying the election would give politics. It also provides insights into out, Allawi's government said it was

sticking by the Jan. 30 date and his Accord party also said it never intended to join in the call for an election delay.

One Shia official, asked not to be identified, said that if the Shias lost on the battle over the election date, they might demand their own autonomous region in the south similar to what the Kurds have in the

For the Kurds, a major goal is control of Kirkuk, a major oilproducing center and ethnically mixed city that is outside the Kurdish-ruled autonomous region. The city's major ethnic communities Arabs, Kurds and

Turkomen each consider Kirkuk million people the rest of whom are But when the Shia clerical leader-

Kurdish parties have been encouraging Kurds who were dis-

the Kurds more time to boost their numbers in Kirkuk, political ana-

"The Kurdish political parties have interests in postponing the general elections for a certain period of time, simply to guarantee that the municipal elections in Kirkuk will be also postponed," Kurdish political analyst Assos Hardi said. Before last week's postponement

call, both Kurdish parties the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan and the Kurdistan Democratic Party had insisted that the referendum on the status of Kirkuk should not be held until the government had implemented Article 58 of Iraq's interim constitution.



A marine expert measures dead whales and dolphins yesterday on King Island in Bass Strait off Australia's south coast where 80 whales and dolphins died after stranding themselves. The 55 long-fin pilot whales and 25 bottlenose dolphins died despite the efforts of local islanders to save them and police have herded another 30 dolphins and 12 whales out to sea to prevent them from beaching themselves.

## Wangchuck could be the last king of Bhutan with absolute power

AFP, New Delhi

Bhutan's King Jigme Singye Wangchuck has handed over a draft constitution to the nation's parliament that could make him the last Himalayan monarch to hold absolute power, official media reported

The draft, containing 34 articles including expanded judiciary and popular voting rights, would be distributed among the country's 20 administrative districts for public discussion, according to Bhutan's web site kuenselonline.com.

It would be the nation's first constitution and replace a royal decree of 1953 giving the monarchy

Neighboring Nepal, the world's only Hindu kingdom, established a constitutional monarchy in 1990. The Kingdom of Mustang ceded power to the Kingdom of Nepal in the 18th century while retaining a titular monarchy. The princely state of Sikkim, a former British protectorate, was annexed by India in 1975 when the monarch Palden Thondup Namgyal and his American-born queen, Hope Cook, were ousted.

Republican India to the south ended the institution of royalty decades ago but some noble families still have big followings among people overwhom they once held sway.

### **Embattled Sharon faces 3** no-confidence motions

AFP, Jerusalem

The Israeli government was facing three no-confidence motions in parliament yesterday as the opposition ratcheted up the pressure on Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's minority administration.

The motions will centre on the government's social policies after the publication of a damning report last week that showed more than one in five of the population is now living below the poverty line.

The government has been with-

out a majority since early June after traditional right-wing allies either quit or were sacked over their opposition to Sharon's plan to pull troops and settlers out of the Gaza Strip

The main opposition Labour party has been providing a safety net on issues related to Sharon's so-called disengagement plan but it is throwing its weight behind Monday's no-confidence

Pundits expect the government to scrape through Monday's votes with the six-strong left-wing Yahad faction likely to abstain. But the motions will underline the precarious nature of Sharon's government.

He has been struggling for the last month to muster enough votes for his 2005 budget but the secular Shinui party has warned that it will quit the coalition if Sharon diverts funds towards the favoured projects of religious parties in a bid to bring



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#### ভৰ্তি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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