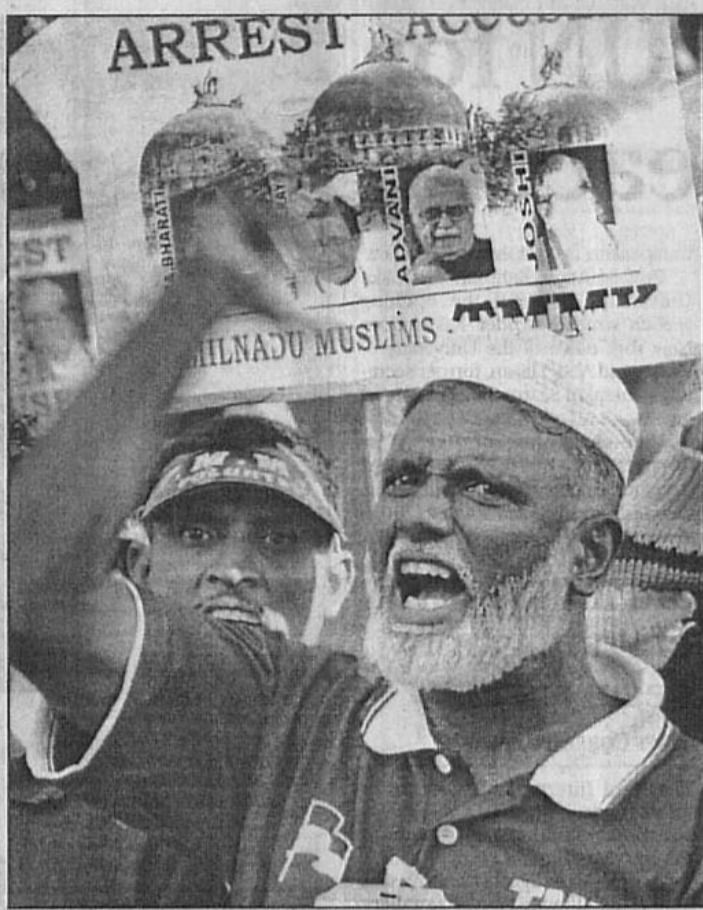


India asks Nepal to hold peace talks with Maoists

India yesterday urged Nepal to invite insurgent Maoists for peace talks ahead of a visit by head of state King Gyandendra expected later this month and suggested 'aggressive' border patrols to cut rebel supply lines.



Indian Muslims from the southern state of Tamil Nadu hold placards bearing pictures of the leaders who are accused in the Babri Mosque Demolition Case during a protest rally to mark the anniversary of the demolition in New Delhi yesterday.

Muslims mark mosque demolition anniversary

Police were on alert in the north Indian temple town of Ayodhya ahead of a meeting of Hindu groups Monday to mark the 12th anniversary of the demolition of the 16th century Babri Mosque.

KASHMIR DISPUTE

Musharraf welcomes London's mediation

World failing to tackle root causes of terrorism

Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf would welcome British involvement in negotiations with India over Kashmir, he told The Times in an interview.

EU upbeat on lifting China's arms ban

The European Union expects to send a "positive signal" to China at a summit this week on lifting a 15-year-old arms embargo, but does not expect it to be scrapped yet, an EU source said yesterday.

Mahathir scorns Bush, Australia

Former Malaysian prime minister Mahathir Mohamad poured scorn on US President George W. Bush's economic understanding and Australia's Asian desires in a typically abrasive return to a public platform yesterday.

INTERIM PRESIDENT INSISTS

Iraqi polls to go ahead despite violence

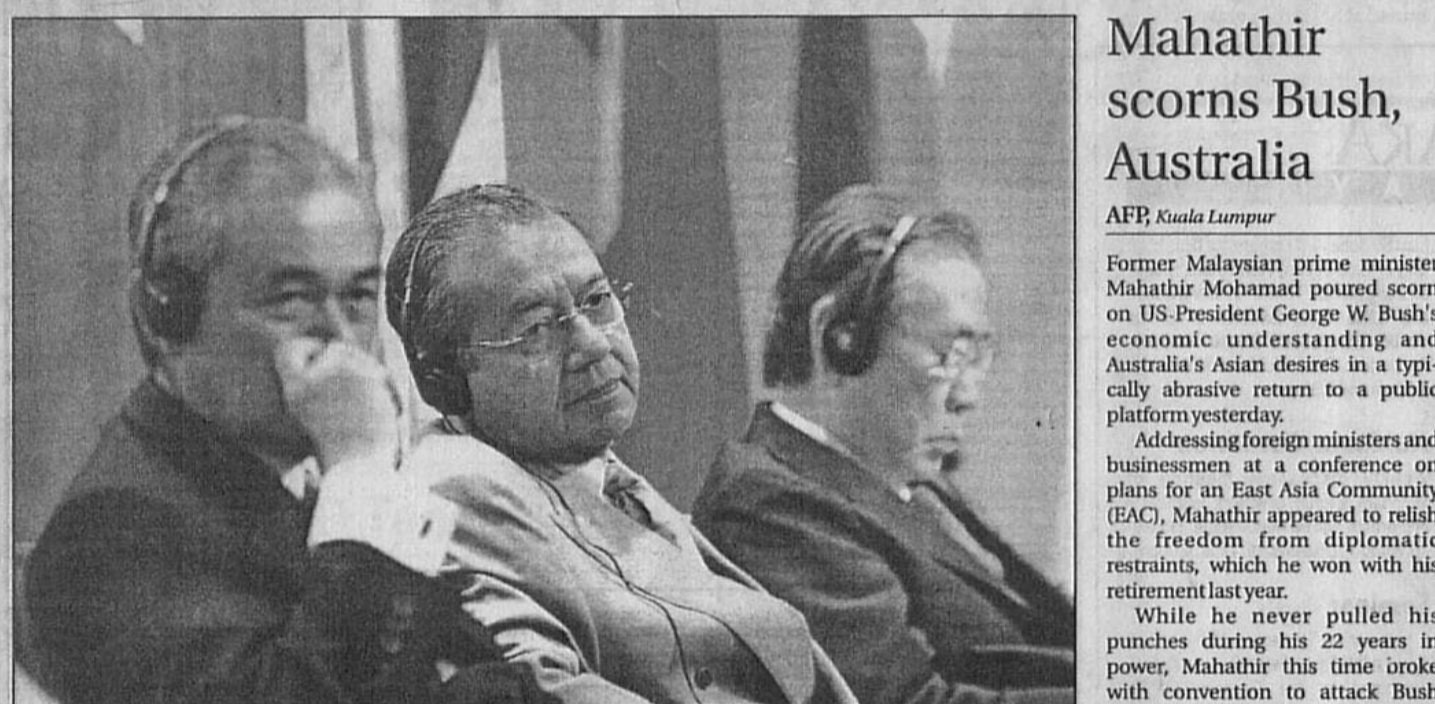
Iraq's interim President Ghazi al-Yawar insisted that crucial elections would go ahead as planned next month despite a sharp upsurge in deadly insurgent attacks that claimed more than 90 lives in three days.

Serbian president apologises to Bosnia over Balkan war

Serbian President Boris Tadic apologised here yesterday to the victims of Serb atrocities during Bosnia's 1992-95, but stressed that ethnic Serbs suffered as well.

18 US soldiers punished for refusing duty in Iraq

The US military in Iraq has disciplined 18 soldiers who refused to go out on a transport convoy they thought was too dangerous, but the reservists will not face court-martial, a military spokesman said yesterday.



Former Malaysian prime minister Mahathir Mohamad (C), Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi (L) and former Japanese prime minister Tsutomu Hata attend the East Asia Forum in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. Mahathir poured scorn on US President George W. Bush's economic understanding and Australia's Asian desires in a typically abrasive return to a public platform.

'Reviving moderate religious ties key to tackling terrors'

Reviving violence-weakened bonds between moderate clerics and followers of different faiths holds the key to crushing Asia's formidable network of extremist militants, regional leaders said yesterday.



Children cross water near a house that collapsed to the river in Real town, Quexon province yesterday following the flash flood and landslides. Thousands were left homeless and about 1,400 dead and missing from the two storms that rampaged in the northeastern Philippines in one week.

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US ATOMIC BOMBINGS Hiroshima group plans 'people's tribunal'. Japanese anti-war campaigners said yesterday they planned a "people's tribunal" over the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki that could symbolically hold the United States responsible for war crimes.

Dhaka International Trade Fair-2005 Export Promotion Bureau Dhaka. Time extension for sale and submission of applications form for participation in the Dhaka International Trade Fair-2005. This is for the information of all concerned that the time for selling of applications form for allotment of space of all categories in DITF-2005 has been extended from earlier declared 4th December 2004 to 11th December 2004.