

Heavy fighting outside Tiger political HQ

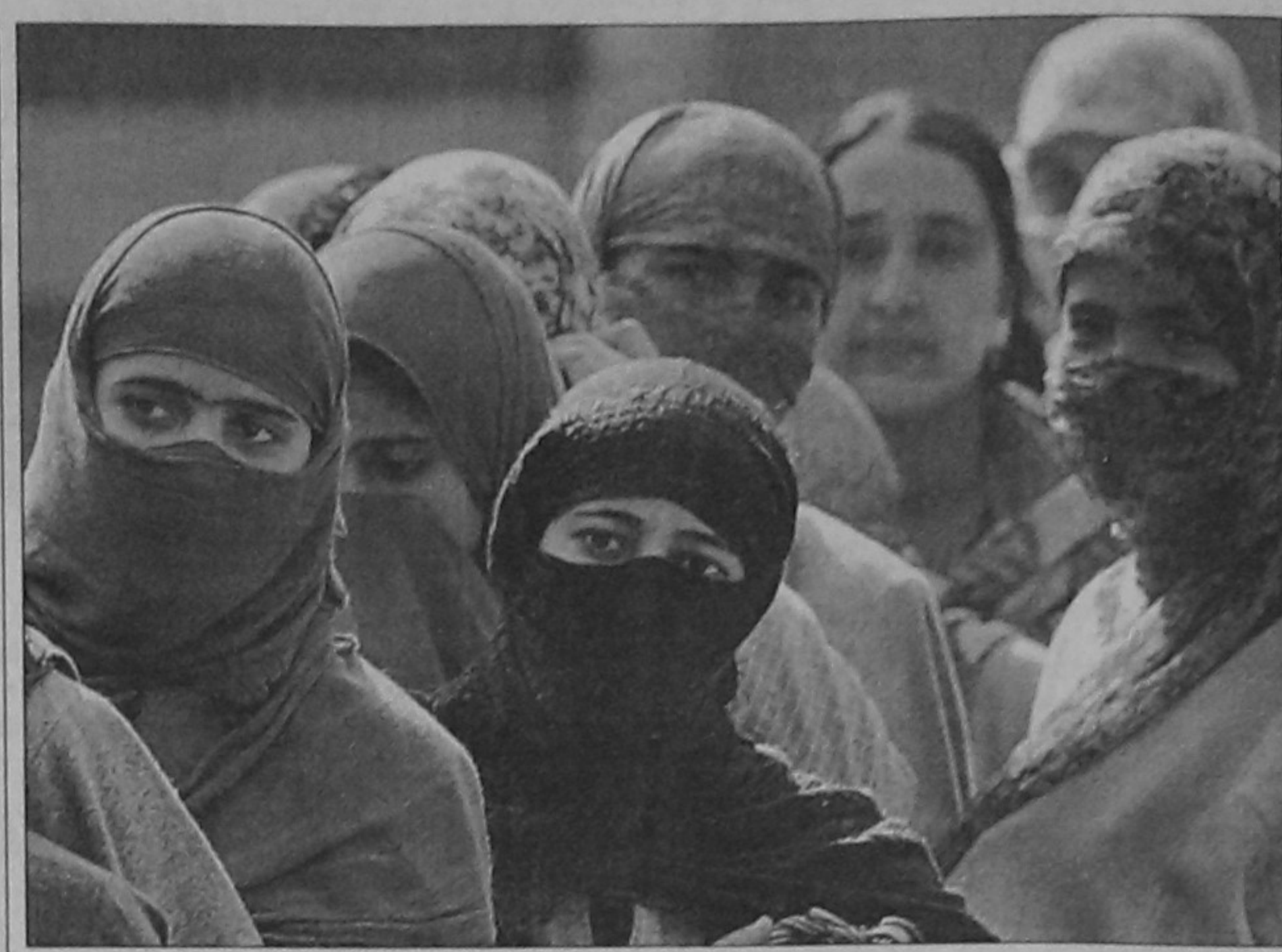
AFP, Colombo Helicopter gunships attacked Tamil Tiger rebel positions in northern Sri Lanka as battles shifted onto a key highway leading to the rebels' political capital, the defence ministry said.

highway that runs through the six-kilometre (four-mile) length of the town, the ministry said. Troops were engaged with Tiger rebels in the Therumurikandi area, 10 kilometres (six miles) south of the town centre, the ministry said, adding that guerrillas had built an earth barrier around Kilinochchi in a bid to block the military advance.

The Tigers launched their separatist drive in 1972, while the first Tiger cadre was killed by government forces 10 years later on November 27, 1982. The week of commemoration ends Thursday with a speech by their supreme Velupillai Prabhakaran, who turns 54 on Wednesday.

Civilian, 11 rebels killed in Afghanistan

AFP, Kabul US-led forces in Afghanistan said Sunday they had killed an Afghan civilian in a battle that also left two militants dead, as nine Taliban rebels were reported killed in a separate clash.



Indian Kashmiri voters wait in line to cast their ballots outside a polling station in Ganderbal on the outskirts of Srinagar yesterday. Hundreds of voting stations were opened for a second stage of state elections in Indian Kashmir as thousands of troops provided tight security, officials said.



A Sri Lankan passenger looks out of a train in Colombo yesterday, transporting food supplies and aid for troops and civilians to the island's embattled north. Government forces are on a major offensive to dismantle a de facto state of Tamil separatists in the north.

Wake up, shape up and fight terror Manmohan to cops

CNN-IBN, New Delhi Prime Minister Manmohan Singh yesterday talked tough with the police forces, telling top officers they needed to gather actionable intelligence and act in a manner that does not damage their image among the people.

The police need to demonstrate greater strength in their response capacity. The inability of intelligence agencies and police at gathering accurate and actionable intelligence has enabled these groups to carry out certain high profile attacks, he said.

Clashes mar Kashmir polls

AP, Srinagar There were no reports of injuries. In a village near Kurhama, however, scores gathered to vote. "I'm exercising my right and we need to have our own government that will address our issues," said first-time voter Owais Ahmed Mir, 20.

Kashmir, the country's only Muslim-majority state, and a tough crackdown on separatist leaders. Thousands of paramilitary soldiers and police officers wearing bulletproof jackets and carrying automatic weapons patrolled as polling took place in towns north of the Himalayan region's main city, Srinagar.

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Obama promises to fight terror in 'region': Karzai

AP, Kabul US President-elect Barack Obama pledged in a telephone conversation with Afghan President Hamid Karzai that fighting terrorism in Afghanistan and the region an apparent reference to Pakistan would be a top priority during his administration, Karzai's office said Sunday.

contact between the two leaders and comes more than two weeks after the Nov. 4 US election. The United States has some 32,000 American forces in Afghanistan, a number that will be increased by thousands more next year.

Voting starts in Venezuela elections

AFP, Caracas Polls opened across Venezuela Sunday in elections for governors and mayors seen as a popularity test for leftist President Hugo Chavez, one year after the anti-US leader lost a referendum on extending his authority.

Maldives' first president dies

CNN ONLINE Ibrahim Nasir, credited with ushering in independence to the Maldives as prime minister and then serving as its first president has died, a former government spokesman confirmed.

Table with election results for various constituencies in Bangladesh, including columns for candidate names and vote counts.