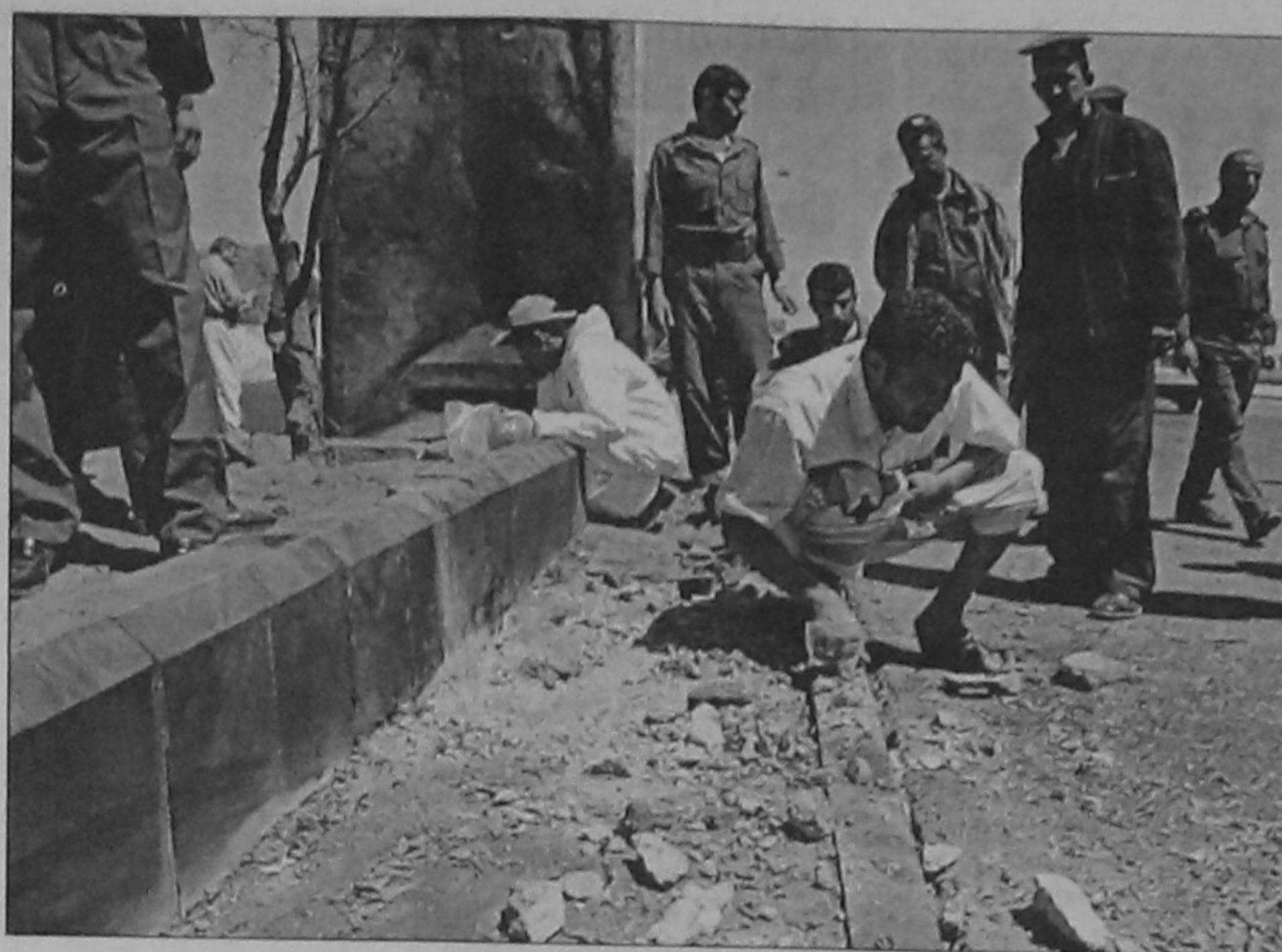


Yemen bombers target S Koreans again

South Korea warned its nationals to be on alert in the Middle East after Seoul officials visiting Yemen to investigate a deadly bombing...

Yonhap news agency: "The vehicles were unmarked. We asked for protection and a police car led our convoy. That might have attracted attention."



Yemeni policemen and investigators search for evidence at the site of a suicide bomb that targeted a South Korean delegation in Sanaa yesterday.

Bush wants Obama to succeed

Former President George W. Bush, making his first public speech since leaving office in January, says he wants Barack Obama to succeed and that it's "essential" to support the new leader.

"I love my country a lot more than I love politics," Bush said. "I think it is essential that he be helped in office."

Beshir calls on rebels to lay down arms

A defiant Sudanese President Omar al-Beshir yesterday called on Darfur rebels to lay down their arms, during a visit to the conflict-ravaged region where he stands accused of war crimes.

PRESIDENTIAL TERM Azerbaijan votes to scrap limit

Azerbaijanis voted yesterday on a proposal to scrap a two-term presidential limit that would pave the way for an indefinite extension of President Ilham Aliyev's dynastic rule.

US considers expanding strikes to Baluchistan

President Barack Obama and his top aides are considering expanding covert operations against Taliban leaders in Pakistan to southwestern Baluchistan province, the New York Times reported yesterday.

Recession knocks at the door

FROM PAGE 1 The shore. For a country with very little hard choices to make, the maneuvering spaces are small. The demand of the FBCCI is, to some extent, easier to meet because we have a saving grace on account of low oil and fertilizer prices...

finance. Can the government find enough coins to keep its public works going for the next fiscal year? And where will it get the fund to meet its promise to enhance the defence and meet the power supply demand?

poverty this year and surely a portion of this hapless mass would be in Bangladesh. With virtually no social safety network in place -- even America with its notorious reputation of being a non-social welfare state had thrown in money for unemployment benefit -- this generation of the recession will be lost for ever -- they will cut their health and education spending and nutrition intake as well.

forever and the recovery would come sooner or later. If you are a better-prepared entrepreneur by the time the upsurge came, you would remain ahead of the pack. That is exactly what many Chinese entrepreneurs are doing -- snapping up vital industries, acquiring capital and getting ready for the heyday again.

Bombs found in Thai govt stronghold

AFP, Bangkok Thai security forces defused four crudely made bombs in a southern city regarded as a stronghold of Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva's ruling party, police said yesterday.



US President Barack Obama (2nd-R) walks with Irish Prime Minister Taoiseach Brian Cowen (R), House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) (2nd-L) and Rep. Richard E. Neal (D-MA), down the steps of the US Capitol on Tuesday in Washington, DC.

Food ration

FROM PAGE 1 workers. Asked about the budget for this massive programme, the minister said the Food and Disaster Management Ministry has been working on it.

Garment owners give out chilling facts. One owner, who happens to be a close friend, said his factory has lost 30-40 percent orders. Whatever is trickling in is placed at a very low margin.

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