Russia has categorically said it would respect agreement for transfer of rocket technology to India. Russian Secretary of State Dr. Gennady Burbulis said on his arrival today that New Delhi need not have any concern in this regard. During ministerial level talks between two countries, Russia expressed its desire to maintain continuity in supply of defense spares and in other aspects of bilateral relations, including trade. Indian side was led by Finance Minister Manmohan Singh. Talking to newsmen on his arrival, Burbulis indicated that issues pertaining to rocket technology would be sorted out. Clip showing Russia-India ministerial level meeting in New Delhi and news conference addressed by Burbulis. 2. Winding up three-day national convention of party in Gandhinagar today, BJP leader Atal Behari Vajpayee has viewed that India should sign nuclear nonproliferation treaty only after becoming a nuclear power. Earlier, meeting adopted resolution appealing to central government to keep strict watch on changes in Afghanistan. Another resolution said Pakistan's emergence as a nuclear power poses gravest threat to India. It said India must exercise its nuclear option and must not succumb to international pressures, particularly from the US. Clip showing Vajpayee addressing BJP national convention. 3. Addressing a party meeting in Anand yesterday, Union Minister for Civil Aviation Madhavrao Scindia has reiterated importance of Nehruvian economic policy of progress with change. He described BJP's politics as divisive. Clip showing Scindia and former external affairs minister Solanki speaking at meeting. 4. In a press statement in New Delhi today, Congress-I leader Arjun Singh has charged that BJP is having no other option except religious fanaticism to gain electoral support. 5. Kabul: Talking to newsmen in Kabul today, Golboddin Hekmatyar has threatened to attack Kabul unless interim council dissociates itself from Uzbek militia and its commander General Dostum. Meanwhile, Kabul airport reopened and employees started going to offices. A report says former Chief Justice Kalim Saddam was found dead in Kabul. Sikhs visited their main temple in Kabul and offered prayers for peace. Clip showing a few persons opening fire with rifles in a deserted area while a tank and a few persons were seen at a distance and also a Sikh temple where Sikhs are seen offering prayers. 6. German Finance Minister said in Bonn today that his country will redefine its foreign policy giving due weightage to India. 7. Foreign news with video footage on current situation in the US cities which witnessed unprecedented violence a couple of days ago and the situation in Bosnia-Hercegovina. 8. Kathmandu: In Nepal, Kathmandu Valley observed a strike today to protest against rising prices of essential commodities and deteriorating law and order situation. 9. (234)
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militants in Punjab today shot dead a judicial magistrate in Ludhiana district. Six persons have been killed in separate incidents since last night. In Haryana also militants shot dead 10 persons this morning. 10. (248) Correspondent's report with video footage on the recommendations of Janardhan Reddy Committee for several new changes in National Education Policy. 11. (273) In Kashmir Valley, leader of banned militant outfit confessed that some pro-Pak militants set on fire Library of Holy Shrine Hazratbal in Srinagar in February this year. 12. (280) 23d death anniversary of former President Dr. Zakir Hussain was observed today. Clip showing the prayer meeting at his tomb in New Delhi. 13. (292) Nepalese tourism ministry announced that two members of an Indian expedition team to Mount Everest were killed. 14. (305) Sports. 15. (335) Video report on death of a bull fighter in Spain last Friday. 16. (356) Mikhail Gorbachev arrived in California on 13-day U.S. tour. Clip showing Gorbachev and Raisa Gorbachev alighting from a plane and being received by former U.S. President Reagan and others. 17. (368) Video report on an unknown flying object shot by a Russian photographer. 18. (375) Weather report with satellite pictures. db500405.036 031600 04/0742z may BT #0421 NNNN