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11 die in nationwide Indian protests

From Associated Press reports

NEW DELHI, India — Protesters blocked railroad tracks and battled police during nationwide demonstrations Wednesday against Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. Officials said 11 people were killed and more than 100,000 arrested.

The nationwide strike shut down commerce and transportation in six states controlled by opposition parties but had less effect in the 19 states governed by Gandhi's Congress Party, Press Trust of India said.

Several clashes broke out between government supporters and opposition demonstrators and at least four people died when a bomb was thrown at a bus, police said. Police used batons and tear gas to break up crowds nationwide, news reports said.

At least 80 people were injured and 103,450 were arrested nationwide, police said.

Opposition parties had called the strikes to focus attention on alleged government corruption. Gandhi must

call new parliamentary elections later this year, and the strike has been perceived as being the start of the opposition's campaign.

The strike closed shops, businesses and schools and stopped rail and transport services in the six opposition-government states. In other regions, it evoked only a limited response, although there was a drop in business activity and attendance at schools, colleges and offices.

About 2,700 people, including 16 lawmakers, were arrested for sitting on railroad tracks to block trains in southern Tamil Nadu state, police said.

Press Trust said at least 11 people were killed in clashes involving police and pro- and anti-government forces. It said seven deaths were reported from the northeastern state of Tripura, which borders Bangladesh, in fighting between members of the Congress Party and the Marxist Communist Party.

Four people were killed in the

states of Kerala and West Bengal, both governed by the Marxist Communist Party, it said.

V.P. Singh, the leader of an opposition coalition trying to unite political groups against Gandhi, said the strike was a success. "We are very confident of the future," he said at a news conference.

Singh's National Front had called the strike and was supported by the Marx-ist Communist Party, the Communist Party of India and the right-wing Indian People's Party.

Federal Home Minister Buta Singh claimed the strike failed and that "the forces that inspired it have been decisively defeated." He said that except in the opposition-ruled states, citizens rejected the strike call and federal government organizations nationwide functioned normally.

In New Delhi, thousands of government employees slept in their offices Tuesday night so they could report to work on Wednesday. The government had threatened not to pay

them the day's salary if they missed work.

Food and bedrolls were provided for employees, and senior executives were given rooms in luxury hotels, said officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The strike brought to a climax the opposition's campaign against alleged corruption in the government. Last month, 106 opposition members in Parliament resigned, saying a government audit into a controversial arms deal proved kickbacks were paid to senior officials and Gandhi's party.

Opposition leaders say a Swedish company, AB Bofors, paid \$50 million in kickbacks and bribes to secure a \$1.4 billion contract to supply artillery guns to the Indian army. The government denies the charge.

Parliamentary elections must be called before January.

The strike was a rare show of unity for the normally fractured opposition.

2 New York teens charged in connection with murder

From Associated Press reports

NEW YORK — Two white teenagers were indicted Wednesday on murder charges in the killing of a black youth last week that has set off a racial furor in the city.

The indictments were returned in Brooklyn Criminal Court just one hour before the scheduled funeral of Yusef Hawkins, 16. At a wake Tuesday for Hawkins, mourners jeered Mayor Edward Koch.

Keith Mondello, 18, and Pasquale Rauci, 19, of Brooklyn, were charged with murder, riot, assault, criminal possession of a deadly weapon, unlawful imprisonment and civil rights violations.

Mondello was the alleged leader of a gang of up to 30 whites, armed with baseball bats and golf clubs, that allegedly attacked Hawkins and three friends Aug. 23 in the predominantly white Bensonhurst neighborhood.

"This is nothing more than a political indictment," charged Mondello's lawyer, Stephen Murphy.

Friends defend teacher

MOULTRIE, Ga. — A former Teacher of the Year was defended Wednesday by friends who testified they believe her claim that she didn't know her husband was growing marijuana in a vine-covered greenhouse behind their home.

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Co-workers, members of a theater group and parents from a local Boy Scout troop praised 38-year-old Vicki Sherling as a woman of stellar character who would never lie to her friends about something as serious as marijuana use.

"I know Mrs. Sherling well enough to believe her if she told me anything," said Mary Norman, a teacher who worked with Mrs. Sherling at Colquitt County High School.

Cambodian meeting falters

PARIS — An international conference on Cambodia failed to produce an agreement and suspended its work Wednesday until warring factions are ready for a compromise to end a generation of violence.

"We need time so the spirit of reconciliation can overcome the spirit of confrontation, but for Cambodia the hour of peace will come," Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, told the conference just before adjourning the final session.

Some delegates said the failure increased the likelihood of full-scale civil war when Vietnam withdraws its military forces Sept. 27 after nearly 11 years of occupation.

South African women arrested in march

From Associated Press reports

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Police arrested more than 200 women, including the wife of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, during a protest march in central Cape Town as part of a nationwide defiance campaign.

Many of the women, blacks and whites, sat on the street and chanted freedom songs before police led or carried them into vans.

In Pretoria, eight blacks and two whites were arrested for trying to desegregate the capital's whites-only buses, another phase of the defiance campaign. The two whites were women who bought bus tickets for blacks.

Twice this week, shots have been fired into the homes of organizers of the Pretoria campaign.

Police stopped the throng of placard-carrying women in Cape Town after they emerged from a church hall to begin a march to the British Embassy. They intended to ask Britain to protest the South African government's handling of student unrest in the Cape Town area and to intercede on behalf of three black activists facing execution for a 1986 killing.

In addition to Leah Tutu, those

arrested included Mary Burton, a white woman who heads the Black Sash civil rights group, and Dorothy Boesak, wife of the Rev. Allan Boesak, a prominent mixed-race activist who is president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches.

Many of the marchers sat in a street adjoining a small plaza until they were led into police vans and driven away. Scores of onlookers cheered them. Police said the women would be charged with participating in an illegal gathering.

A white activist involved in the defiance campaign, Willie Hofmeyer, was admitted to a Cape Town hospital Wednesday with suspected internal bleeding, his father said. Hofmeyer has been on a hunger strike since he was detained by police last week during a protest at a branch of First National Bank, sponsor of an ongoing tour by an international rugby team that activists say violates the sports boycott of South Africa.

The South African Council of Churches, which supports the defiance campaign, announced plans for an outdoor rally Saturday in Soweto, the vast black township outside Johannesburg. The church council's general secretary, the Rev. Frank Chikane, said the rally was intended

as a forum for blacks to express their opposition to the white-controlled government in a peaceful manner.

Outdoor rallies are illegal unless authorized by the government, and Chikane said he hoped Saturday's event would be approved. Tutu and Boesak are among the scheduled speakers.

Tuition

UNC Chancellor Paul Hardin said he did not oppose the amount of the increase. "The amount of the increase is not unreasonable, but the late imposition of it, so that we've had to double-bill and rearrange financial packages, is a serious inconvenience to students and the University."

John Tart, co-chairman of the N.C. House Appropriations Committee, said the increase put UNC tuition closer to tuition at other state institutions in the country. "We looked at what other colleges outside the state are charging."

"We did consider a 20 percent increase (in out-of-state tuition)."

Out-of-state tuition is still lower than at most public schools, Tart said. "We could have gone up a little more on out-of-state tuition and still would have been in line with what other states are charging."

Hardin agreed. "You (students) still have a pretty good deal relative to other universities."

"I think the main point there is that it was a very, very large dollar

increase imposed very late. It's bound to be a difficulty for out-of-state students and families, especially because we don't have any way to alleviate that with financial aid except for any available federal aid."

Spangler said the increase shouldn't be a problem for out-of-state students. "Tuition is a relatively small part of the costs of out-of-state students. Travel costs and other costs indicate they have the ability to handle the increase in tuition."

"Were they going for cheap education, they would stay in their own state."

Todd Williams, a junior from Elon, said the increase would affect his parents more than it would him. "But I think they should have staggered the increase."

Kristy Mayhue, a junior from Richmond, Va., said she was concerned about the increase. "It does affect me because I don't want to have to make my parents pay more."

Student leaders also questioned the out-of-state increase. "If you're going to raise tuition, you'll make Carolina a more and more elitist school for out-of-state students," said Gene Davis, Student Congress speaker.

Lewis said the increase would drive away out-of-state students. "It's still a bargain, et cetera, but it won't be for long. If that low price means we get high quality students, then we lose one of our competitive edges."

"If you combine that (losing students) and faculty benefits going down, we'll not only be out of the top 10 but out of the top 25."

The legislature should have acted earlier to give students and schools time to prepare, Lewis said. "That leaves people no time to respond. It's bad on students. There was no way for the financial aid office to respond."

But Tart said the late decision was unavoidable. "It just takes that long to make a decision. We don't know how much money the state's taken in until the latter part of July."

The legislature did not provide extra financial aid money for the UNC-system for this academic year,

but \$500,000 has been set aside for the system for the 1990-91 year.

Eleanor Morris, director of the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid, said loan money to counteract the increase would be available. The biggest inconvenience to the office will probably be processing additional forms submitted by students asking for more financial aid because of the increase, she said.

"This could mean as many as 3,000 to 4,000 revisions. It's going to be very costly to provide students with additional funds that they will need."

Most requests for more money will probably come from students already getting financial aid, she said. Awards for this year were based on the proposed BOG increase.

No scholarship sources are available, but students can apply for loans or increased hours in federal work-study jobs, Morris said.

Financial aid to pay for the increase may not be available until the middle of October, if then, Morris said. "The process will take a while. We're still processing applications from May and June."

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