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World

World briefs - Oct 9, 2007

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Iranian students protest

Tehran - Students staged a noisy protest against President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad at the country's top university in Tehran yesterday, likening him to Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet. Ahmadinejad was at the university to mark the start of a new academic year. The demonstrators were calling for the release of students detained since May for publishing writings considered insulting to Islam.

Dearest gem in the world

Hong Kong - One of the rarest gems in the world, a flawless 6,04 carat blue diamond, has been sold to a London jeweller for US\$8-million (R54,5-million) at a Sotheby's sale in Hong Kong, making it the most expensive gemstone in the world, per carat, sold at auction. "Blues" are mostly found at just one site on earth - the Cullinan diamond mine near Pretoria.

Tribute to a dive

Athens - A corset made from cans on display at an exhibition by artist Nikos Floros in the Greek capital yesterday. The Opera Sculptured Costumes Exhibition displays garments made from recyclable materials and is dedicated to the great Greek-born soprano, Maria Callas, who died in Paris 30 years ago last month.

Concession on Jerusalem

Jerusalem - Senior Israeli officials yesterday supported the transfer of Arab parts of Jerusalem to Palestinian control - a concession on one of the most contentious issues in the Mideast conflict. The offer appeared to fall short of Palestinian calls for a full Israeli withdrawal from key areas of the holy city. Palestinians claim east Jerusalem, annexed by Israel, as the capital of a future independent state.

Taiwan to flaunt missiles

Taipei - Taiwan is to showcase for the first time two locally developed missiles in a show of strength aimed at warning rival China that it is capable of striking back if attacked. The supersonic Hsiung feng 3 (Brave Wind) ship-to-ship missile and the Tien Kung 3 (Sky Bow) anti-missile system are to be unveiled at tomorrow's National Day parade in Taipei, the first of its kind in six years.

Clamp on rare - skin attire



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