

Delay eyed in South Africa corruption trial

DURBAN, South Africa (AP) - Prosecutors asked a magistrate Tuesday to postpone the corruption trial of former Deputy President Jacob Zuma to allow additional time for officials to investigate the matter further.

Billy Downer, representing the state, proposed a new date of Nov. 1, the South Af-

rican Press Association reported.

Downer also requested the case be moved to the High Court.

Zuma's lawyer, Kessie Naidu, argued that the case could not be moved until a final indictment is issued.

Zuma already faces two corruption charges, but pros-

ecutors are investigating additional charges and don't expect the case to go to trial before March.

President Thabo Mbeki dismissed Zuma as his deputy president in June after a judge found there was evidence of a corrupt relationship between him and his former financial adviser,

Schabir Shaik, who was sentenced to 15 years in jail for bribery and fraud.

The case has divided the governing African National Congress and thrown wide open the question of who will succeed Mbeki at the helm of Africa's economic powerhouse when he completes his second and last term in 2009.

Zuma retains his job as ANC deputy president and continues to wield considerable influence among the party rank and file, including its influential youth wing.

He also enjoys the backing of the ANC's trade union and South African Communist Party allies, which mobilized hundreds of support-

ers to stage an overnight vigil outside the court on the eve of his appearance.

The crowd of more than 2,000 sang freedom songs Tuesday and waived placards saying: "Zuma people's choice" and "Innocent until proven guilty."

Police, including some (See Trial, Page 19)

Liberians head to polls in first post-war election

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) - Voting lines formed at polling stations in this West African nation Tuesday, as it held its first presidential elections since the end of its civil

war in 2003.

At one station, voters started lining up at 2 a.m., six hours before polls opened.

"We need a president who can provide for our needs.

Look around, we have no electrical current, no clean drinking water, no health clinics," said 42-year-old civil servant Joseph Parhmilnee.

Twenty-two candidates are vying for the top job in Liberia, in tatters after 14 years of nearly continuous civil war that ended with a peace deal in August 2003. A transitional government has arranged the vote and 15,000 U.N. peacekeepers are keeping the calm.

Candidates are promising to keep the peace, while rebuilding government-run water and electricity plants and creating jobs in a country where less than a quarter of the population is employed.

While no polling data exist, many believe the front-runner is former international soccer phenomenon George Weah, 40, whose rise from a

Monrovia slum to soccer stardom has captivated much of Liberia's youth — including many among the 100,000 demobilized fighters who raped, pillaged and murdered during the civil war.

But Weah's critics say he has neither the education nor the management experience to govern Liberia's 3 million people.

Also drawing large crowds at rallies is Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, a Harvard-educated, 66-year old veteran of Liberia's often-deadly politics.

Some 400 international observers and 900 local monitors are fanning out across Liberia for Tuesday's vote. The U.S. ambassador to

Liberia and human-rights workers have said the country is on track for free and fair elections after a two-month campaign marked by calm.

Former President Jimmy Carter, a seasoned election monitor, hailed Liberians' dedication to nonviolence and democratic ideals on Monday.

Liberians will also select 30 senators and 64 representatives — a bicameral system modeled on that of the United States, from where freed slaves were resettled before they founded Africa's oldest republic in 1847.

Some 1.3 million Liberians have registered to vote at over 3,000 polling stations.

U.S. posts \$10 million bounty for 2002 Bali blasts ringleader

WASHINGTON --The United States is offering a \$10 million reward for information leading to the arrest of one of the suspected masterminds of the 2002 bomb attacks in Bali that left 202 dead, the State Department said. The United States is offering the reward for help in the capture of a member of the Islamic extremist group Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) identified as Dulmatin.

It has also posted a \$1 million reward for the arrest of a second JI member identified as Umar Patek.

"Dulmatin, an electronics specialist with training in Al-Qaeda camps in Afghanistan, is a senior figure in the Jemaah Islamiyah terrorist organization," the State Department

said. "Patek is believed to have served as the assistant for the field coordinator of the 2002 bombings in Bali, Indonesia," it said.

The October 2002 bombing of a busy nightclub strip on the island of Bali left 202 people dead. "The United States is determined to bring these men to justice for their crimes," the department said.

"We encourage anyone with information on the location of Dulmatin or Patek to contact the US Mission Philippines, any US military commander, any US embassy, mission, or consulate, or the Rewards for Justice staff via e-mail (mail@rewardsforjustice.net) or telephone (1-800-877-3927)."

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world by 2010. That figure will rise to about \$6 billion as new vaccines come to market for killers such as rotavirus, which causes acute diarrhea, and pneumococcal disease, which leads to pneumonia.

A UNICEF report highlighted the sharp divide between vaccinations in rich and poor nations. In 2003, 90 percent of children in industrialized nations had proper immunizations. But coverage rates in west and central

Africa are just 52 percent, the report said.


It said that overall, 103 countries have 90 percent protection rate against measles, while 16 are likely to achieve that rate by 2010. Another 55 need improvements, while 16 must reverse declining immunization rates.

"There is, in my view, nothing more important than saving a child's life, and we need to strengthen our advocacy to ensure that the funds are available to meet those goals," Salama said.







HAND OUTS

Indian Kashmiri earthquake survivors reach out for relief material. A powerful aftershock rattled northeast Pakistan, triggering panic after the weekend earthquake which has left millions living in harsh conditions and relief teams struggling to bring them desperately needed aid.



TRANSPORTATION NOTICE

A Public Information Meeting regarding proposed improvements to the I-15 corridor from Sahara Avenue to the US 95 "Spaghetti Bowl," also known as **PROJECT NEON**.

Purpose of Meeting

The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and the City of Las Vegas, is conducting a Public Information Meeting to provide project information and receive public comments on the elements of PROJECT NEON that may include:

- I-15 freeway from Sahara Avenue to the Spaghetti Bowl
- Local access improvements to the City of Las Vegas' downtown redevelopment area
- I-15/Charleston & I-15/Sahara interchanges
- Industrial Road and Martin Luther King Boulevard Connector
- UPRR tracks and Oakey Boulevard and Wyoming Avenue separation

When and Where

Wednesday, October 19, 2005, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 Clark County Government Center
 Community Room (Pyramid-shaped building)
 500 S. Grand Central Parkway
 Accessible via Citizen Area Transit routes 105 and 207

Where You Come In

Members of the public are invited to attend the Public Information Meeting at their convenience anytime between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to submit comments verbally to a court reporter or in writing on a comment sheet provided at the meeting. A formal presentation will not be held as this open format increases the opportunity to submit public comments while providing a venue for one-on-one discussions with project staff.

In addition to any comments received at the Public Information Meeting, written comments also will be accepted until 5 p.m., Friday, November 4, 2005. Please submit your comments to: Andrea Slotter, PROJECT NEON Project Office, 1640 Alta Drive, Suite 11, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89106. Comments also may be submitted via the web at www.ndotprojectneon.com.

Right-of-Way: The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policy Act of 1970 will govern the acquisition of any right-of-way necessary for this project. More detailed information on right-of-way acquisition can be obtained by calling the NDOT right-of-way contracting agency Universal Field Services at (702) 310-7171, or by visiting the PROJECT NEON Project Office.

General information about the project and meeting can be obtained from the PROJECT NEON Project Office or by calling Andrea Slotter toll-free at (888) 411-NEON. Certain project materials are available in alternative formats upon request.

