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By Yeoh En-Lai THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

epped up efforts to contain a deadly new

virus this weekend, including issuing elec-

ronic wrist tags to keep track of those under

Reports Saturday of nine more deaths

worldwide brought the death toll from

evere acute respiratory syndrome or SARS

at least 125 in 20 countries. The virus,

which has sickened over 2,700, has no

known cure. Symptoms include shortness of

In Singapore, where 558 people are

inder home quarantine, the government

ssued its first electronic wrist tags, which

sound an alarm and issue an alert to a mon-

itoring station if a person breaks the bracelet

The measures were taken as police

appealed for information on the where-

reath, fever, coughing and body aches.

abouts of Li Zhong Ying, a 33-year-old Chinese immigrant showing symptoms of SARS who escaped four days ago while she was under quarantine in Singapore. SINGAPORE — Singapore authorities

In Canada, site of the largest outbreak of SARS outside of Asia, three more people were killed. The new death reports, all in the Toronto area, brought the Canadian death toll to 13, health officials said Saturday. Canada has recorded a total of 274 probable and suspected cases of SARS.

Also Saturday, officials reported a British Columbia laboratory became the first to complete the genetic sequencing of the coronavirus believed to be causing severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS.

WHO spokesman Dick Thompson in Geneva called the achievement "an extraordinary step," the Canadian Press reported.

In China, two more people died, raising the country's death toll to 60. The official Xinhua News Agency said the two died Friday and were among 10 cases of SARS in Inner Mongolia, the latest Chinese



Li Dong (wearing face mask), a 42-year-old government worker, purchases herbs that are claimed to prevent the contraction of SARS at Tong Ren Tang, a Chinese medicinal pharmacy in Bejing, China. The store sold more than 30,000 orders in a single day for the herbal prescription.

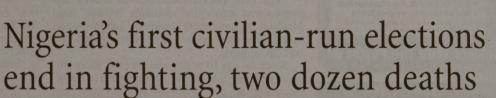
NEWS IN BRIEF

Venezuelan peace pact site bombed, destroyed

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) - A predawn bomb blast ripped through the building where Venezuela's government and opposition have been negotiting a peace agreement, destroying hree floors but injuring no one.

The attack at about 2:45 a.m. Saturday came one day after the Organization of American States brokered a deal between the government and opposition to work toward a refrendum on President Hugo Chavez's

An opposition negotiator said the blast was intended to intimidate his gories are: named delegation at the talks, while the govoup-plotting secsaid. tors of the opposition.



By Glenn McKenzie THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAGOS, Nigeria Fighting between tribal and political rivals disrupted legislative elections in Nigeria's oil-producing south for a second day Sunday. At least two dozen people were killed in the voting and hundreds were forced to flee their homes, witautomatic weapons fire delayed a second attempt to hold a vote in the oil port of Warri.

Witnesses said navy soldiers and Ijaw fighters were shooting at each other and spoke of between five and 10 people killed. Grace Akpete, a market vendor who fled the fighting, said she saw five bodies floating in the water.

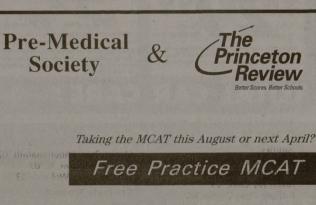
The shooting died down after half an hour. By late afternoon, three elections stations opened, but most remained closed.

There were also reports of deadly violence in the southeastern city of Onitsha, the southern city of Benin and the eastern city of Port Harcourt.

Still, election commischairman Abel sion Guobadia said the voting Saturday went well overall.

In early results from Nigeria's electoral commission, six ruling party incumbents in the northern Kano





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or information technology.

Tuesday, April 15, 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.

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The explosion destroyed the first three floors of the Teleport building in central Caracas. A night watchman and technician, the only two people inside he building when the blast hit, were unharmed.

Malaysian journalists kidnapped in Baghdad

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) – Gunmen ambushed and kidnapped ree Malaysian journalists in Baghdad, illing their Iraqi interpreter, officials aid Sunday. Two Malaysian doctors were wounded in the attack. The Malaysians were attacked while

raveling in two vans early Saturday rom the Sheraton Hotel in the Iraqi apital to a hospital, said Acting Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi. Baghdad has been swept by waves of ooting and lawlessness since U.S. prces moved in and Iraqi President

Radio Television Malaysia.

The vote for 469 seats is a key gauge of civil tensions a week ahead of presidential elections and an important test for democracy in the Africa's most populous nation. Military coups have scuttled Nigeria's previous attempts to hold democratic, civilian-run elections.

The voting began on Saturday but was extended to Sunday in several areas where the balloting was marred, particularly the Niger Delta.

The oil-rich region has been the scene of numerous clashes in recent weeks between Ijaw militants and government troops over voting districts the Ijaws say favor their ethnic rivals, the Itsekiris.

More than 100 people have been killed in the violence, which has shut down 40 percent of the country's oil production. Nigeria is the fifth largest supplier of U.S. oil imports.

On Sunday, sustained

"I can't understand why one tribe can hold everyone else to ransom," said Johnson Atake, an Itsekiri waiting to vote Sunday in the port city.

Elsewhere in the Niger Delta, clashes between ruling party and opposition supporters killed 10 people in the town of Nembe, sent hundreds fleeing and left dozens of homes burned, human rights official Azibaola Roberts said, citing witnesses.

Five people were killed Saturday in an ambush on an opposition politician in eastern Enugu state. Gangs of "government thugs" traveling in state vehicles stole ballot boxes at gunpoint, said Ifeanyi Enwerem, director of the Justice, Development and Peace Center. The center has deployed thousands of observers to monitor the voting.

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state — including House were upset by rivals. Some opposition members from the southwestern Ondo and Osun states were, in turn, unseated.

Officials have indicated a high turnout across the country of 126 million people. Sixty-one million voters were registered for the ballot, which featured 3,000 candidates.

The vote preceded a presidential election scheduled for April 19. President Olusegun Obasanjo - a former military ruler turned civilian leader — is running against 19 opposition candidates, including three former army generals.

The legislative elections are the first since Obasanjo was elected in 1999, ending 15 years of brutal military rule.

More than 10,000 people in Nigeria have been killed in political, ethnic and religious violence since then.

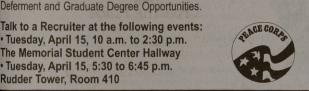
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