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Hong Kong school doors back open

Some normalcy returns in SARS-stricken country

By Dirk Beveridge THE ASSOCIATED PRESS HONG KONG — Hong

ong reopened most secondary chools Tuesday three weeks fter they were closed to keep he SARS virus from spreading, out thousands of students in surical masks were walking proof he territory still has a long way

The daily number of new SARS cases here has declined in ecent days, but World Health Organization officials say that is not enough to consider the disease under control.

At the same time, Hong Kong reported five new deaths luesday, bringing the total to 99. Most officials have consisently avoided any predictions about when they might overcome the worst disaster here in years, despite Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa's expression of ptimism Monday.

He said the former British colony was "slowly, but surely etting the figures stabilized" fter quarantining households of SARS patients and tracking own more possible contacts.

But experts say they are ooking for a sharp and susined drop in new infections sting for weeks, not just days -that would show severe acute spiratory syndrome is coming

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Arafat defied international pressure

Tuesday by challenging his prime minis-

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when the spread in the local community is stemmed; when exported to other countries for a certain amount of time; when the total number of cases falls to a certain level; and when the number of new infections detected each day is under a par-

ticular number. WHO officials have not determined what the required thresholds are, but they expect to have that worked out within the next few days, said Dr. David Heymann, WHO's communicable diseases

Dr. Lo Winglok, president of the Hong Kong

Medical Association and an time Hong Kong can return to almost normal, not completely

Even then, Hong Kong might continue to have sporadic cases,

Health Secretary Dr. Yeoh Eng-kiong Tuesday that SARS "is going to be with us for some time.

We do not anticipate that it will be eradicated completely, because it's a highly infectious virus," he said.

Hong Kong secondary students went back Tuesday to schools no new infections have been closed since March 9, some administrators refused to open.

Some students, too, were fearful. Tom Leung was annoyed that only some grades had to go back and accused authorities of treating him and

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commentators said.

de facto Hong Kong airline, Cathay Pacific Airways, infectious disease expert, said announced more temporary cuts he believed "in three months in service Tuesday, saying it now has scrapped 281 flights about 45 percent of its schedule due to a plunge in traffic believed to be costing it \$3 million a day.

An estimated 4,000 people worldwide have been infected acknowledged by SARS, and the WHO reports at least 229 deaths, mostly in Asia. The United States reports just 38 probable cases and no

> Even if new infections keep tapering off in Hong Kong,

And although some 200,000 some experts fear the territory's proximity to mainland China, where the disease is believed to have originated and is still spreading, could complicate a matters.

Dr. Henk Bekedam, the chief WHO representative in China, said Tuesday he was especially worried about SARS in the mainland's poorer western provinces, where "the public health system has collapsed in the last 10 or 20 years because the government has not support-

ed it." If mainland China cannot control the disease, he said, "it will be very problematic to deal with it globally. Diseases like

this do not respect borders." Hit by international criticism that it covered up information about SARS and aggravated the outbreak, Chinese officials appear to be making bolder public efforts to contain the disease. One example was a radio message broadcast across Beijing seeking two taxi drivers, who may have contracted the virus from an infected "male passenger dressed in a long green military-style coat," the state-run Xinhua News Agency reported

Both drivers eventually were found, Xinhua said without elaboration.

Mainland China reported 11 new deaths Tuesday, pushing its toll to 97 as its number of SARS cases surged well past 2,000, according to Xinhua.

Arafat. Without Arafat's blessing, Abbas is

not likely to win approval for the Cabinet

in parliament, where the ruling Fatah party

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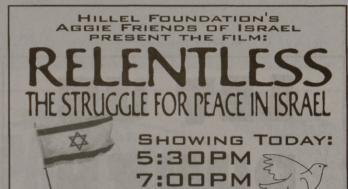
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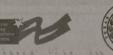
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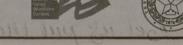
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