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Witnesses Sunarty and Yacob, brought in by Prosecutor R. Moekiat, testified yesterday that they were unaware Pakpahan had made the allegedly anti-government and anti-President Soeharto statements during various speeches he gave between 1995 and 1996.

Sunarty told the court that the defendant had been fighting to help workers obtain their rights through peaceful means.

Judge Djadzulidj adjourned yesterday's hearing until Monday.

In a separate session also at the South Jakarta District Court, the subversion trial of four activists of the Democratic People's Party (PRD) contin-

...when declaring the establishment of PRD in 1996 included a call for the abolition of the existing laws on politics and for a review of the dual function of the Armed Forces, as well as a protest against social disparity.

"There's nothing new inside Budiman's speech," Bintang said. "Their goal is similar to that of my own party, namely making this country more democratic based on the 1945 Constitution and Pancasila state ideology."

Bintang, a former legislator from the United Development Party (PPP) who was dismissed from the House of Representatives in 1995, formed a new

...been called "a rebel" and accused of being a communist. "But the truth is I just have opinions which are very different from those of the government's," he said.

Bintang was among several people who received the PRD award; the others include senior journalist Goenawan Mohamad and writer Pramodya Ananta Toer.

"After I received the award, I told the activists of PRD that I also support a multiparty political system and oppose the single party system...only in communist states does the single party system exist," said Bintang. (35/08)

...would be allocated separate zones to place their posters, Singgih told a meeting of Armed Forces members at the defense ministry office.

"We should be thinking of a rule on the placement of party posters, banners and symbols," Singgih said. "We cannot rule out physical clashes in this year's election."

The United Development Party, Golkar and the Indonesian Democratic Party will officially begin electioneering on April 27 through to May 23.

To minimize the likelihood of street brawls among activists, common in the past, the government has banned street rallies. Campaigning will mostly take the form of indoor and media debates on parties' programs.

Singgih said he imagined if rival activists could easily exchange words and begin hurling rocks at each other.

"Therefore, each contestant should be given a different place and date to put up their posters in public places," he said in the meeting, chaired by Vice President Try Sutrisno.

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Jamu to be made in Malaysia

MEDAN, North Sumatra: Indonesian medicinal and tonic drinks, locally known as jamu, will soon be produced in Malaysia, Antara reported here yesterday.

Carrying the brand name "Madura Jamu", it will be produced by businessman T. Abdul Rachman Daud, an Indonesian from North Aceh. He told the news agency his herbal jamu manufacturing company would be set up in Subang, Malaysia, at a cost of Rp 1.5 billion.

He said the company would also act as a distribution center for the variety of Indonesian jamu products he began marketing in Malaysia in 1970.

Indonesian jamu products are quite popular in Malaysia. "Like Indonesians, many Malaysians still prefer to use traditional medicines," he said.

Daud said the factory would employ Malaysians, except for the jamu experts who have to be recruited from Java. Raw materials would come from Indonesia and Iran. (swe)

Wild elephants kill two

BANDAR LAMPUNG, Lampung: A herd of wild elephants strayed out of a reserve park here and went on the ram-

page in a nearby settlement, killing two people, Antara reported yesterday.

At least seven elephants from the Way Kambas National Park attacked the nearby Brajajekti village Wednesday, destroying houses and crops and trampling two villagers to death.

Eight to 12 people were killed by elephants in southern Sumatra each year, the agency said. (swe)

British laborer found dead in pipe

SAMARINDA, East Kalimantan: The body of a British worker was found yesterday morning in a gas pipe off the coast of East Kalimantan, Antara reported.

Graham Robertson Henry Weir, 36, who worked for marine construction firm PT McDermott Indonesia, was last seen leaving with three colleagues to weld a gas pipe on Bontang Island, East Kalimantan, Monday.

The one-meter-wide pipe is located six miles off the Santan Unocal terminal in the Bontang oil and gas field.

Local police and coast guard patrols launched a search operation Tuesday to find the man, said chief of the Bontang police Lt. Col. Syamsurizal.

Officials from the American-Indonesian joint venture PT McDermott Indonesia declined to give details of the death.

Four rhinos to come home

BANDAR LAMPUNG, Lampung: Four two-horned rhinoceros (*Dicerorhinus sumatrensis*) would be returned home from London as soon as their breeding area in Way Kambas National Park, Central Lampung, was ready, an official said yesterday.

Head of the local forestry office Eko Wardoyo was quoted by Antara saying the breeding area, to be completed by the end of this year, would cover 10 hectares inside the national park.

Wardoyo said the return of the four rhinos to Indonesia was planned several years ago. "The plan could not be materialized yet because we have to prepare the breeding area first," he said.

The return of the rhinos to Indonesia has been supported by the International Rhino Foundation, a non-governmental organization (NGO) active in the efforts to preserve the rare animal.

Meanwhile, chief of the environmental preservation bureau in Lampung, Haryanto WS, said in London the rhinos were apparently suffering from stress, which is why they were unable to breed in their London breeding area. (swe)

Indonesia forgo with Goethe In

JAKARTA (JP): The education and culture ministry and Germany's Goethe Institute have agreed to exchange works on science, technology, religion, culture, economics and politics.

The project agreement, with a term of five years, is the first of its kind between Indonesia and Germany.

The cooperation agreement was signed here yesterday by chief of Indonesian Language Development Center Hassan Alwi and German Regional Language Training Institute Henning Schroeder-Albers.

Present at the ceremony were Minister of Education and Culture Wardiman Djonegoro and German Ambassador Heinrich Seemann.

Activities will include the publication of an Indonesian-German dictionary and translations of books and German language courses for Indonesian professionals.

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