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One million Ethiopians need food

ADDIS ABABA. Over one million people are in urgent need of food relief in drought-stricken areas of northern Ethiopia, the head of a United States congressional delegation said yesterday. Howard Wolpe, leader of an eight-man congressional study mission, said shortage of relief supplies and transport had pushed the child death rate to alarming levels in Gondar and other areas affected by drought. The Ethiopian government has estimated that 3.7 million people in Gondar, Wollo, Tigray and Eritrea regions have been hit by the year-long drought.

Oasis town recaptured by rebels

N'DJAMENA. The northern oasis town of Faya-Largeau has been recaptured by Libyan-led forces after a seven-hour battle, western military sources said here yesterday. The capture of the town, 100 km (500 miles) north of N'djamena came after five days of intensive bombing by Libyan aircraft, they said. The sources said some of president Hissene Habre's men and military equipment, including United States-supplied red eye missiles, were evacuated from the town before the all-out assault.

• Chad interference condemned — p7

Future king of Swaziland named

MBABANE. The future king of the tiny Southern



The Indian High Commissioner, Mr. G.D. Atuk introduces the Chairman of the Indian Cultural Society, Mr. Krishna Savjani, to the Official Hostess, Mama C. Tamanda Kadzamira on the occasion of a premiere of Mahatma Gandhi's film in Blantyre on Wednesday night. Looking on at left is Mrs. Savjani.



Above: The Life President shows his pleasure in the gift of an intricately moulded statuette of Nataraja, the lord of dancers, which was presented to him by the women.

Below: Mama C. Tamanda Kadzamira speaks about her experiences in India during a luncheon held for the women at Sanjika Palace.



Indian women visit Sanjika

A hundred and thirty Indian women resident in Lilongwe, Zomba and Blantyre visited Sanjika Palace last Saturday to share experiences of India with Mama C. Tamanda Kadzamira.

Mama Kadzamira accompanied His Excellency the Life President on his visit to India last month for the Commonwealth leaders summit in New Delhi.

Before a luncheon with Mama Kadzamira, the group was addressed by the Ngwazi, to whom they gave a garland of flowers — a traditional Indian sign of respect — and a special statuette of the Hindu god Nataraja.

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Above: The Ngwazi greets one of the 130 Malawi Indian women who went to Sanjika Palace last Saturday.

Below: The Life President speaks to the Indian women before they had lunch with Mama Kadzamira. He told them he had been highly impressed by what he had seen and learned during his recent visit to India.



MALAWI



His Excellency the Life President poses with 130 Indian women from Lilongwe, Zomba and Blantyre in the grounds of Sanjika Palace in Blantyre last Saturday.



Government officials, members of the diplomatic corps and the general public (above) joined the Indian community at the condolence meeting

Prayers for late Indian premier

THE INDIAN community in Blantyre on Saturday held a service of mourning in honour of the late prime minister of India, Mrs. Indira Gandhi who was assassinated on October 31.

Speaking at the ceremony, held at Kwacha International Conference Centre, Mr. Krishna Sav-

jani, a member of the Indian community described the death of Mrs. Gandhi as a "great loss not only to India but the whole world."

He said people throughout the world mourn the late Mrs. Gandhi because she was not only dedicated to the Indian people, but also tried to change social and economical order of nations during her pre-

miership.

Mr. Savjani thus told the gathering that the assassination of Mrs. Gandhi was a great loss to the Indians, adding that the Indian community in Malawi was deeply touched, and honoured, that the Life President sent Mr. W.B. Deleza the Minister of Labour, to represent him at the mourning ceremony.

He also said that October 31 would remain in minds of the Indian people as the day of mourning.

Mr. V.K. Ganatra also a member of the Indian community described Mrs. Gandhi as a "useful and intelligent" person in the world.

Speaking on behalf of the Life President, the government and the people of Malawi, Mr. Deleza said the people of Malawi were very sorry about what had happened to Mrs. Gandhi.

He said the news of her death was very shocking.

Mr. Deleza described the late Mrs. Gandhi as a good leader and that it would be difficult to find a leader of her calibre.

Malawi joins the rest of the world in mourning the late Indian premier, he

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Indian High Commissioner to Malawi, Mr. P.S. Sahai, addresses the audience.



The Official Government Hostess, Mama Kadzamira presents a bouquet to Miss Pratibha, leader of the dance troupe. Mr. Savjani looks on.



Brother Rudolph (left) receives the cheque from Mr. Savjani, chairman of the Indian Sports Club, Limbe.

HONOURING YEAR FOR THE HANDICAPPED

TIMES REPORTER
BLANTYRE, Sunday

CONTRIBUTING towards the Year of the Disabled, the Chairman of the Indian Sports Club of Limbe, Mr. Krishan Savjani presented a K750 cheque to Brother Rudolph, Chairman of the Malawi Council for the Handicapped on Thursday night, August 27, at Delight Cinema in Limbe.

The occasion at which this took place was at the end of the entertainment programme by the visiting 18-member Indian dance troupe which came to Malawi, having been to Kenya.

"I am thankful for this donation," Brother Rudolph said after

receiving the cheque, "and there are many things to be accomplished for the cause of the handicapped. I therefore urge you to keep going on and on in your efforts to help us." Brother Rudolph added.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of bouquets by the Official Government Hostess, Mama Kadzamira, to the leader of the dance troupe, Miss Pratibha Pandit and the individual troupe members; and in turn the presentation of a bouquet by the wife of the Indian High Commissioner to Malawi, Mrs. Sahai, to Mama Kadzamira.

Thanking the audience earlier, the High Commissioner to Malawi Mr. P.S. Sahai said the speed with which permission was granted for the troupe to perform here proved that Government can also work. Sahai expressed the possibility of an exchange.