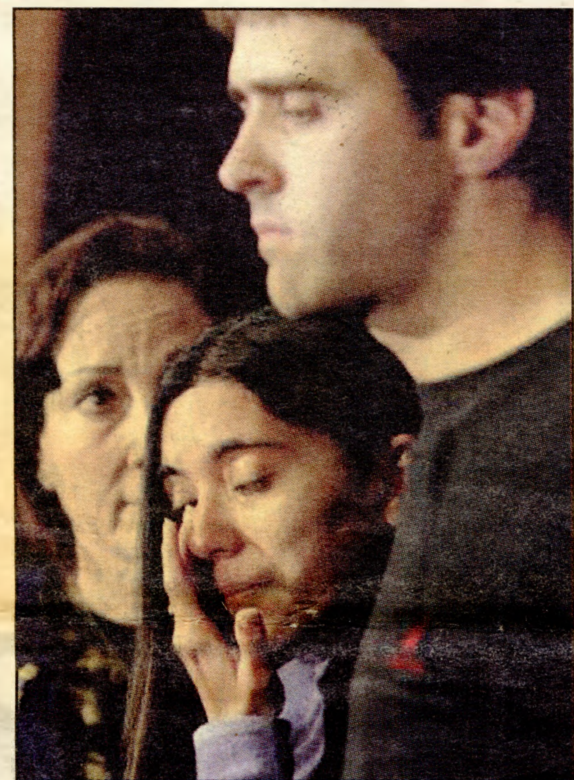


Air India Verdict Stuns The Community, Demands Public Inquiry

BY BINOY THOMAS

There is disappointment, shock and even anger in several quarters now that the verdict has come down in the mysteriously delayed Air India bombing. Ripudaman Singh Malik and Ajaib Singh Bagri, the prime accused, have been acquitted on all eight charges, including murder in the first degree and conspiracy. The main reason why Judge Josephson, the BC Superior Court Justice, made that determination is because he found two of the key witnesses, one an alleged lover-confidante of Malik, not credible. And since it was a murder case, he felt that the prosecution hadn't proved their case beyond a shadow of doubt. And many legal experts may agree with that verdict since the original investigation itself was riddled with holes that naturally tainted the prosecution attempt to build a credible case. The prosecution has thirty

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Pakistan's Highest Islamic Court Rules To Keep Mai Rapists In Jail

Pakistan's highest Islamic court on Friday reinstated the convictions of five men sentenced to death for raping a woman on orders from a village council, following a firestorm of criticism after a lower tribunal ordered the suspects freed.

The decision by the Federal



Mukhtar Mai

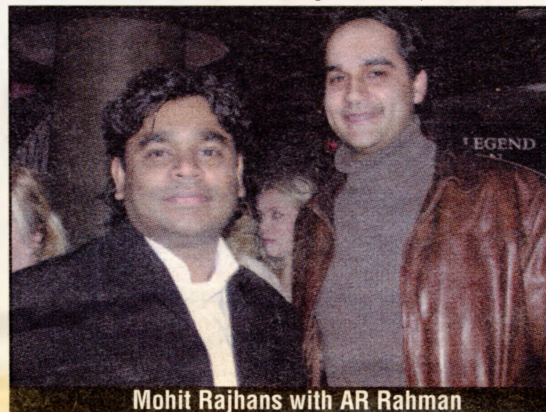
Shariat Court was yet another twist in the case of Mukhtar Mai, a 33-year-old woman who said she was raped in 2002 after elders in her village ordered the attack as punishment for her brother's alleged illicit affair with a woman from another family.

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AR Rahman To Score For \$30 Million Lord of The Rings Musical In Toronto

BY MOHIT RAJHANS

Strolling into the Princes of Wales theatre in Toronto I was just as apprehensive as many of the other media. Could someone really be trying to destroy the Lord of



Mohit Rajhans with AR Rahman

The Rings franchise by turning it into a musical? Prior to the preview many jokes were being thrown around about just how bad it could turn out to be. But,

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Musharraf Agrees To Cheer For Home Team At New Delhi Match!



They may fight over who gets the F-16s first and how many! But when it comes to the warming relationship between India and Pakistan, it is on the front burner. President Musharraf is scheduled to be in New Delhi on April 17, and this time, his priority will be to cheer Pakistan's

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