

Egyptian gets new trial

By the Associated Press
INTERNATIONAL

CAIRO, Egypt — Egypt's top appeals court ordered a retrial for an Egyptian-American sociologist today, overturning his conviction for tarnishing the nation's image with his writings on democracy and for alleged financial crimes by his think tank.

Saad Eddin Ibrahim's conviction and sentencing to seven years in prison last year had been condemned by human rights groups around the world as politically motivated. The case had also strained ties between Egypt and the United States.

In its ruling today, the appeals court, the Court of Cassation, said at least five of its judges will preside over the retrial set to start on Jan. 7.

It will be Ibrahim's third trial on the same charges. The court did not say whether the ailing Ibrahim — who was in prison, not in court, today — would be freed pending his new trial.

Ibrahim, who turned 64 today and is in poor health, was convicted May 21, 2001 and sentenced to seven years in prison for tarnishing Egypt's image, accepting foreign money without government approval and embezzling funds. He was granted a retrial after an earlier appeal. The second trial ended July 29 with a conviction and the same seven-year sentence and he appealed again.

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone — The eight judges of Sierra Leone's international war crimes tribunal were sworn in at a ceremony hailed as a turning point in a decade of bloodshed in the West African country.

Outfitted in black and red silk gowns, the six international and two national judges on Monday pledged to serve impartially, then shook hands with Sierra Leone President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah.

The court was launched earlier this year to try serious violations of international and local humanitarian laws since Nov. 30, 1996, when rebels — infamous for hacking off civilians' limbs — signed a peace accord with the government that was supposed to end the war.

The accord was followed by a military coup and several more years of fighting until a shaky peace began emerging at the end 2000. The war was only officially declared over this year. "This court is a first step on the path to combatting impunity and addressing accountability for the serious crimes committed ... that have shocked the conscience of mankind," said Behrooz Sadry, U.N. acting special representative to Sierra Leone.

The judges — who previously served as justices in Austria, England, Canada, Cameroon, Gambia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone — aren't expected to begin hearing cases until early next year.

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MIAMI — Passengers aboard the Carnival cruise ship Fascination were trying to focus on anything but a virus

around the world

outbreak that sickened nearly 200 passengers on the same vessel over the weekend.

It wasn't easy. "Everybody's treating it pretty much the same way," passenger David Martinez said in a cell phone interview from the ship early today. "Everybody's taking precautions about touching things and being careful, but everybody's trying to make jokes about it, too."

The ship departed from the Port of Miami around 7 p.m. Monday, destined for a Tuesday morning stop in Key West, Fla., and a Wednesday docking in Cozumel, Mexico.

Ship officials told passengers details of the presumed Norwalk-like virus outbreak that plagued the Fascination's three-day trip to the Bahamas. But there was little information about the precautions taken to avoid similar problems on this sail, Martinez said.

BOSTON — University of Massachusetts President William M. Bulger, who has maintained a steadfast silence about his mobster brother, must decide how to respond to a congressional committee subpoena summoning him to testify about his infamous sibling.

Bulger's attorney, Thomas R. Kiley, said Monday he was "looking at all our options" after the House Government Reform Committee issued the subpoena instructing Bulger to testify about James "Whitey" Bulger.

Meanwhile, reports published today said Bulger testified before a grand jury that he has been in contact with his fugitive brother once since the mobster fled Boston nearly eight years ago.

William Bulger said he spoke with his brother over the phone in January 1995, according to a copy of William Bulger's testimony on April 5, 2001, obtained by The Boston Globe. Bulger said his brother was seeking legal advice, and that he didn't urge him to surrender to authorities "because I don't think it would be in his interest to do so."

Bulger, 68, said he does not know where his brother is hiding. The Boston Herald, citing an unnamed "investigative source," also reported Bulger had been in touch with his brother since the mobster fled.

SEATTLE — When Edith Springer was trying to kick her drug habit decades ago on Manhattan's lower East Side, she says she had to "fake being crazy" to get into a psychiatric treatment program she hoped would help her get clean.

Springer achieved her goal by replacing heroin with methadone, a legal, orally administered substitute for the drug. Until then, she felt she had been treated like a criminal and an outcast. "I needed a hug," she says.

The experience inspired Springer to become an advocate of "harm reduc-

tion" strategies for fighting addiction, such as drug substitution, needle-exchange programs that seek to stop the spread of diseases like Hepatitis C and AIDS, and compassionate counseling for addicts.

That approach is the focus of a four-day conference here that has drawn more than 1,000 clinicians, public health workers and researchers.

During Monday's session of the Fourth National Harm Reduction Conference, Springer and other panelists slammed the abstinence-only rhetoric used in most drug treatment programs.

"Drug prohibition is what causes the greatest harm, not drugs," said Patt Denning, director of clinical services and research with the San Francisco-based Harm Reduction Therapy Center, which helped organize the conference. Denning believes that regarding drug users and nonusers as two separate social groups creates an insurmountable divide that makes effective treatment impossible.

WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON — West Virginia will join Massachusetts as the only states to continue the courtroom antitrust battle against Microsoft Corp., pressing a U.S. appeals court to reconsider tougher sanctions against the world's largest software company.

West Virginia Attorney General Darrell McGraw Jr. said Monday that he will assign his sole antitrust lawyer, Doug Davis, to work on the high-profile appeal.

Microsoft — whose \$28.3 billion in sales dwarfs West Virginia's \$4.1 million budget for its attorney general — has spent tens of millions of dollars on lawyers' fees in the long-running antitrust case.

"We're in as bad a shape as any state but hopefully we'll be able to find the money and resources to do it," said Davis, an assistant attorney general.

In a statement, McGraw accused U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly of siding with Microsoft by failing to impose adequate sanctions for the company's illegal actions. He said the state shouldn't let its financial situation affect its responsibilities.

"No reputable government should plea poverty and allow an adjudicated lawbreaker to retain their ill-gotten gains," McGraw said. Massachusetts last week also announced it would not accept the landmark antitrust settlement reached by Microsoft and the Bush administration.

WASHINGTON — U.S. postal workers are being given potassium iodide pills to protect against thyroid cancer in the event of a radiological emergency.

"Employees are out there in all of these communities nationwide and we wanted to err on the side of caution," spokeswoman Sue Brennan said.

Prime time TV schedule

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Tuesday Evening December 3, 2002

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KLBY/ABC	Life with	Less Than	NYPD Blue		Local	Nightline	Up Close	Local	Local	Local
KBSL/CBS	The Guardian		Judging Amy		Local	Late Show		Late Late		Local
KSNW/NBC	Frasier	Hidden	Dateline NBC		Local	Tonight Show		Conan		Local
KUSA/NBC	Shoot Me	In-Laws	Frasier	Hidden	Dateline NBC		Local	Tonight Show		Conan
KDVR/FOX	That 70's	Grounded	24		Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local

Cable Channels										
A & E	Cold Case Files	Cold Case Files	Third Watch		Biography					Cold Case Files
AMC	The Sons of Katie Elder				Last Train from Gun H			The Sons of Katie Elder		
CMT	Personal Playback	Inside Fame			Most Wanted Live	Crossroads		CMT 3rd Shift		
CNN	Larry King Live	Newsnight			Connie	Lou Dobb	Larry King	Newsnight		
DISC	An Animal's World	Burn Center			New Detectives	New Detectives		FBI Files		
E!	Pia Zadora	AnnaNicol	AnnaNicol		Wild on Far East		Howard Stern	Wild on the Sunshine		
ESPN	ACC/Big Ten Challenge				SportsCenter		Hoops	SportsCenter		
ESPN2	NBA Fast Break Tuesday				StreetBall	Pardon	NBA2Nigh	NFL2Nigh	Friday Night Fights	
FAM	Borrowed Hearts				700 Club		The Caroline Rhea Sh	Paid Prog	Paid Prog	
FX	Sudden Impact				Reality		The Practice	Sudden Impact		
HGTV	Room	Decor Ce	Hunters	Drum Hous	At Home	Fantasy	Room	Decor Ce	Hunters	Drum Hous
HIST	Motorcycles				Hell's Angels		Secret Passages	Motorcycles		
LIFE	A Killer Among Friends				Golden Gr	Golden Gr	Nanny	Mad About	Any Day Now	

LOCKET A HALLMARK HALL OF FAME PRESENTATION VANESSA REDGRAVE CHAD WILLETT and MARY McDONNELL SUN. DEC. 8 9/8c. CBS

MTV	Mariah Carey Special	Real Worl	Osbourne	MTV Special				MTV After Hours		
NICK	TBA	Rckt Pwr	Arnold!	Rugrats	Arnold!	Tiny Toon	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers
SCI	Taken Part 2- Jacob and Jesse				Taken Part 2- Jacob and Jesse				Taken Part 2- Jacob a	
TBS	Out for Justice				Hard to Kill				Out for Justice	
TCM	Hell Drivers				Escape from Alcatraz				Brass Target	
TLC	The Human Canvas		Eye Spy		Daytona Motorcycle				Greatest Motorcycles	
TNN	Goldfinger				Star Trek: Generation		VIP		Baywatch	
TNT	Law & Order		Charmed		Law & Order		X-Files		X-Files	
TRAV	Travel Scams & Rip-O		Travel Scams & Rip-O		Travel Scams & Rip-O		Travel Scams & Rip-O		Travel Scams & Rip-O	
TV LAND	Gilligan's	Munsters	Andy Griff	Beaver	Bev Hill	Lucy	Archie B	Jeffersons	The Rockford Files	
USA	She's All That				10 Things I Hate About		JAG		Martin	Lvng Sngl
VH1	Driven		Skin Deep		Driven		Rock the	Rock the	Behind the Music	
WGN	Sister Act 2				Celebrity		Heat of the Night	Matlock	Susan	

Premium Channels										
HBO	The Net				O					Real Sports
MAX	Joe Dirt				Target			Not Another Teen Movie		Under Siege 2
SHOW	The Gate				The Hi-Lin	Down to Earth				The Gift

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	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KLBY/ABC	TBA		MD's		Local	Nightline	Up Close	Local	World Ne	World Ne
KBSL/CBS	Amazing Race		Amazing Race 3		Local	Late Show		Late Late Show		Local
KSNW/NBC	The West Wing		Law & Order		Local	Tonight Show		Conan		Local
KUSA/NBC	Christmas in Rockefeller		The West Wing		Law & Order		Local	Tonight Show		Conan
KDVR/FOX	Bernie	Cedric	Fast Lane		Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local

Cable Channels										
A & E	American Justice	American Justice	Third Watch		Biography					American Justice
AMC	The Longest Day							Fighting S	The Long	
CMT	Inside Fame		Best of Showcase		Most Wanted Live		Crossroads		CMT 3rd Shift	
CNN	Larry King Live	Newsnight			Connie	Lou Dobb	Larry King	Newsnight		
DISC	Supernature	Deep Inside the Titani			Weapons of New War		Pearl Harbor	World of Geishas		
E!	Roseanne				Revealed Mike Myers		Howard Stern	AnnaNicol	AnnaNicol	AnnaNicol
ESPN	ACC/Big Ten Challenge				SportsCenter		Hoops	SportsCenter		
ESPN2	Hoops	PreSeason NIT Basketball			Great Alaska Shootout				NBA2Nigh	
FAM	Three Days				700 Club		The Caroline Rhea Sh	Paid Prog	Paid Prog	
FX	Duce Bigalow Male Gigolo				Reality		The Practice	Duce Bigalow		
HGTV	Bed & Bat	Country	Collectors	Curb Appl	Reatore	Surprise	Bed & Bat	Country	Collectors	Curb Appl
HIST	Limos		Convertibles		The Files of Interpol			Abominable Snowma	Limos	
LIFE	83 Hours 'Til Dawn				Golden Gr	Golden Gr	Nanny	Mad About	Any Day Now	

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MTV	Primetime Players	Cribs	Suspect	Dismissed	I Bet You	All Things Rock		MTV After Hours		
NICK	TBA	Rckt Pwr	Arnold!	Rugrats	Thrnbrys	CatDog	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers
SCI	Taken Part 3 - High Hopes				Taken Part 3 - High Hopes				Taken Part 3 - High H	
TBS	Worst Case Scenario		Believe It Or Not!		Worst Case Scenario				Next of Kin	
TCM	Touch of Evil				The Stranger				Citizen Kane	
TLC	Seeing is Believing		Daring Capers		4-Wheel Force				Junkyard Wars	
TNN	Bull Durham				Star Trek: Generation		VIP		Baywatch	
TNT	My Girl				Law & Order		X-Files		My Girl	
TRAV	World's Best		World's Best		Ultimate Hotel Service		World's Best		World's Best	
TV LAND	Gilligan's	Munsters	Andy Griff	Beaver	Bev Hill	Lucy	Archie B	Jeffersons	The Rockford Files	
USA	U-571				U-571				Martin	Lvg Sngl
VH1	Ferris Bueller's Day Off				Rock the		Skin Deep	Driven		Behind th
WGN	L.A. Story				Heat of the Night		Matlock		StrtSmrts	Susan

Premium Channels										
HBO	The Wedding Planner				Cast Away		The Sopranos		Autopsy	
MAX	Desperado				Meet Wally Sparks	Cruel Intentions 2			Rock Star	
SHOW	Stonebrook				Drew Car	Heartbreakers			Soul Food	

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Letters to Santa Invitation

Area children, age pre-school through 10 are invited to submit their Letters to Santa, the Goodland & Brewster school districts are assisting kindergarten through fourth grade with their letters.

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