

Pilgrimage to Mecca

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~~Sumatran~~ at Tiddah

Jeddah: Received by the King of Saudi Arabia, the Governor General of Pakistan makes the pilgrimage to Mecca. Every year Muslims journey to this religious centre to perform ceremonial rites of devotion - the rounds of ~~the Kaaba~~ Kaaba - the Sacred House.

The Governor-General kisses the black stone - which is believed to have been placed there by the prophet Mohammed.

And the casting of stones - symbolises ~~resistance~~ resistance to temptation and evil.

Also making the pilgrimage - (the Muslim test of courage and fortitude), was the Begum Aga Khan...

Mace Bearers

Blackpool: A colourful procession as over forty Mace Bearers ~~(with~~ ~~wearing their own regalia)~~ make their way to the Leas Cliff Hall.

The occasion was the Installation Ceremony of the Prime Warden of their Guild. Inside the building, a wooden mace is presented to the Scottish Guild - to mark their amalgamation with the parent body.

A Mace Bearer, of course, carries the emblems of civic office; but there's added responsibility for Mr Harry Gregory of Blackpool, who becomes the new Prime Warden of the Guild.

Korea demonstration

Korea: Demonstrations in Seoul, the capital, ~~as the people stage~~ WITH ~~some~~ a protest march following the announcement that four U.S. Divisions are to be withdrawn from the country. A natural reaction, perhaps, by people (some still homeless) with vivid memories of the Communist invasion.