

# Universe Today

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## Narn Aggression at Ragesh III Defused

An agreement has been reached regarding the disputed Ragesh system, announced Commander Jeffrey Sinclair today. 'All parties involved have agreed to a diplomatic settlement,' the Commander told the Council in an open session. 'The Narns will relinquish their claim to Ragesh and return all Centauri personnel and property to the Republic, as well as make a written apology to the Emperor for their actions. In response, the Centauri will forfeit any claim to reparations from the Narn people and sign a treaty recognising the right of Narn passage through the system.'

Later, Ambassadors G'Kar and Mollari, of the Narn Regime and Centauri Republic respectively, were seen shaking hands and signing the agreement in front of the cameras. 'On behalf of my government, the Narn Regime apologises to the Emperor,' G'Kar said with sincerity. 'And the Emperor accepts your apology,' Mollari replied. The two then grinned and shook hands again, perhaps ushering in a new era of peace between the Narn and Centauri people.

Although this appears to be a diplomatic victory for the Centauri, not everyone is certain. Analysts have attempted to explain the Narn move, a military attack on a strategically useless system far from their homeworld, as a test of Centauri resolve and will to fight. '[The Narns] basically don't care about what the rest of the Galaxy thinks,' said one source, who declined to be named. 'They wanted to see if the Centauri would fight to get them out, and they didn't. Instead, they used diplomacy, and therefore showed weakness. Mark my words, one day the Narns *will* attack the Centauri. War between the two is imminent, I say.'

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*Timeline of the incident: Page A8*

## Dockworker Stress on the Rise

An argument between dockworkers and a security patrol nearly came to blows today. 'They were pushing us around again,' one unidentified hangar employee stated angrily before disappearing into the crowd. 'One of these days, I tell you! There's gonna be a riot!'



Stress has been high on the docks for months now, with no end in sight. 'We're overworked and underpaid!' complained dock foreman Eduardo Delvientos. 'My brother and I came here looking for a good job and a fresh start, and instead we're treated like slaves! This equipment we have to work with needs repairs badly, and the men are overworked to the point of collapse. Something has to be done, or there's going to be an accident!'

These claims have been brought to the attention of the union, but with no visible results as yet. 'The problem is there's just too much cargo coming through here,' said one representative. 'We have limits on how many men we can hire for these positions, but no one bothers to put controls on shipping traffic. Perhaps tariffs should be increased, in order to generate additional funds for maintenance and personnel. Lacking that, I don't see what we can do.'

**Other dock incidents: Page A11**

### New Entertainment Facility Opens

After numerous delays, the long-awaited Nova Nine public house has finally opened on Blue Four. 'If you've ever been to England, you know what a pub is,' said owner Miles Rutherford, who has been trying to open the gathering place for the past year and a half. 'If you haven't, you're in for a treat, mate. We serve not only a variety of fine European beers, imported straight from their breweries back home, but also the finest fish and chips this side of London. Not only that, but we have darts, billiards, and electronic games as well. Stop on by!'

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### Funeral for Slain Security Officer Today

The funeral for Officer Leonard Travis, one of the most well-known and best-liked men on Babylon 5, will be held today at 1700 hours in the First Baptist Chapel of Babylon 5. All friends and family members are invited to attend.

'Lenny will be missed,' said Officer Jack Rowley sadly. 'He was someone you could always count on to watch your back. I'll be looking over my shoulder a lot more now that he's gone.'

Officer Travis was shot in the back of the head last Thursday by an unknown assailant while off duty. No witnesses have come forward, but a reward has been posted for any information leading to the conviction of his killer. Those wishing to show their respects are urged to donate to the Station Security Relief Fund, which benefits the families of officers like Leonard Travis who are killed in the line of duty.

*More details of the murder: Page A8*

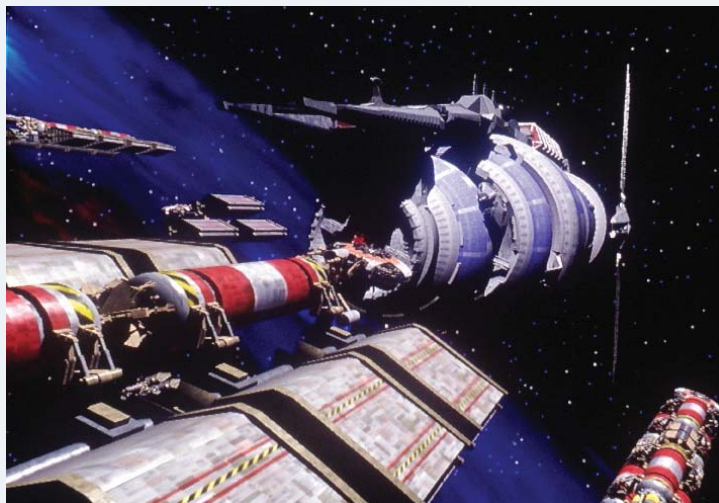
### Advertising Proposal Shot Down

A proposal to sell advertising space in the hangar entry tubes was rejected today in a unanimous vote by the Babylon 5 Oversight Committee. The bill would have allowed the electronic equivalent of billboards to be placed throughout the docking port area, forcing new arrivals on station to view flashing advertisements as they brought their ships in to land.

'This is a sad day, really,' said Julia Childress, a businesswoman who championed the idea on behalf of all the companies aboard station. 'The amount of money that could have been brought in could have offset a considerable chunk of Babylon 5's budget, leading to higher wages and better operating conditions for everyone. Particularly those poor dockworkers.'

'That may be true,' Commander Sinclair pointed out, 'but this is first and foremost a diplomatic station. What does it say to arriving representatives of alien races when the first thing they see as they enter the bay is a gaudy, flashing sign? It says we've sold out, that's what. The Committee made the right decision.'

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## **Alien Cyber-Assassin Stopped in its Tracks by Commander Sinclair**

The crazed alien killer that left a trail of destruction through Babylon 5 has been dealt with quickly and decisively by the direct actions of none other than Commander Sinclair.

‘Please, I only did what any of my men would’ve done,’ Sinclair explained humbly. ‘I wasn’t alone in this. This wasn’t a lone crusade, me versus a monster. I was part of an entire team. I was just lucky it listened to me when I confronted it with the truth.’

The cybernetic creation was actually an alien bio-technology device that took over the body of assistant scientist Nelson Drake, after he was unwittingly exposed to organisms from a recently surveyed planet. The location and name of this world were withheld for security reasons. Drake and his employer, Dr. Vance Hendricks, have been formally charged with illegally bringing an alien technology aboard the station in violation of quarantine law.

Drake returned to normal following the defeat of the cybernetic weapon, which for a while seemed indestructible as it rampaged through the station. Standard weapons seemed unable to harm it, even at close range, and the creature had the power to literally vaporise anything it chose to destroy. Exactly how Commander Sinclair managed to defeat it remains a closely shrouded mystery.

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*More on the scientists: Page A9*

## **Narn and Centauri Agree on Euphrates Sector Claim**

After several weeks of tense negotiations, the Narn and Centauri have finally signed an agreement on the occupation of the Euphrates Sector.

‘Well, as you humans would say, this has been ‘in the bag’ for several days,’ explained Londo Mollari after the signing. ‘We have spent the last seventy-two hours doing nothing but argue over semantics and a few scattered asteroids. Those Narns can be so thick-headed sometimes, and I mean that in more ways than one.’

In the end, the Euphrates region, which consists mostly of icy asteroids orbiting the dead remnants of a small star cluster, was divided almost down the middle between the two races. Experts have been predicting this result since the start of the debates, but nothing is ever certain between the Narn and Centauri. At one point, both ambassadors actually refused to attend, sending their aides in their place and threatening the fragile peace between the two star nations. That situation calmed down on its own, however, and after that the resolution came quickly.

‘Now we can move on to bigger and better things,’ suggested Ambassador G’Kar.

**Details of the treaty: Page A6**

## Food Poisoning No Longer Just an Accident

Five more food poisoning cases were reported yesterday, each in a different area of the station. 'We don't know what's causing it,' said Dr. Franklin, who treated each of the patients. 'All I know for sure is this isn't an accident or coincidence. None of the victims ate the same kinds of foods, or at the same locations. What's more, we've checked and double-checked all the food stores and found nothing that would cause the symptoms we've seen.'

The symptoms are typical of food poisoning cases: pain in the abdomen, vomiting, diarrhoea, and loss of appetite. 'In each case we discovered toxins similar to those produced by salmonella bacteria,' said Dr. Franklin, 'but there were no salmonella present, or anything else for that matter. I believe someone is adding the toxin to food samples on purpose, either during or immediately before its preparation.'

'We're conducting an investigation now,' said Mr. Garibaldi, Babylon 5's Chief of Security. 'We have very little to go on at the moment, so please, if anyone has any tips for us, let us know. We've set up an anonymous call channel that cannot be tracked or traced. Simply log into any com and send a message to the Food Reporting Centre.'

**More details on poisoning cases: Page A5**

## Dodgers Pitcher Chavez to Visit Babylon 5

Future Hall of Famer Jack Chavez will visit the station the week of March 17th for an autograph signing and goodwill tour during the World Baseball League's spring break. 'I'm looking forward to touring the station,' said an enthusiastic Chavez. 'I know there are a lot of Dodgers fans on Babylon 5, and I'd love to meet them.'

Highlights of Chavez's visit will include several pitching demonstrations as well as a walk on the station's exterior, where he will attempt to throw a ball to a catcher located at the far end of the superstructure. 'The longest pitch ever,' he quipped as he discussed the planned event. 'I just hope I can keep my form intact in a spacesuit!'

Chavez is best known for his string of sixteen straight victories during the autumn season of 2256. He has two perfect games to his credit and is one of the highest paid athletes in professional sports, earning an undisclosed amount that likely exceeds 100 million credits per year.

**Chavez's complete itinerary: Page C2**

## Religious Festival Arrives Next Week

In the interests of promoting peace and understanding throughout the Galaxy, Babylon 5 will host a station-wide religious festival beginning Monday. Hundreds of different aliens, representing an amazing variety of factions and religions, are expected to start arriving as early as tomorrow.

'What will be most interesting will be the diversity of beliefs represented,' said Ambassador

DeLenn, 'but almost as intriguing is the common ground between nearly all of them. All races, it seems, have some form of belief in a unifying force that created or manages the cosmos. I look forward to sharing our views with theirs, for this will help us find the common ground that joins us all.'

Station personnel are urged to show tolerance and respect during this weeklong festival. 'Keep an open mind,' explained Security Chief Garibaldi. 'They may seem strange to you, but you look just as weird to them. Trust me on this. And don't worry about anyone trying to sacrifice you to their gods or anything like that. They will adhere to our laws at all times on the station, or I'll arrest them myself!'

**Detailed event schedule: Page D3**

## More Disappearances Reported in Brown Sector

Two more residents of this sector have vanished mysteriously since yesterday. Adrian Bisell, a twenty-five year old Japanese man, and Lakisha Malloy of South Africa, simply disappeared from the station without a trace. There are no witnesses and no explanations. This brings the total number of known missing humans and aliens in the sector to fifteen.

'We don't know if these are serial killings,' said Michael Garibaldi, head of Babylon 5's security. 'They could just be off for a walk for all we know. There's no evidence of foul play. No blood, no PPG marks, nothing. We're still continuing our investigation, and when we find something, I'll let you know.'

Garibaldi did go on to add that none of the missing individuals had anything in common. They did not know each other, and came from different areas of the station. Some are humans and some aliens, and the split of male and female is almost 50-50. Security has been stepped up in Brown Sector by over fifty percent, but whoever is causing the disappearances seems to be well hidden. Residents are advised to stay in their quarters, and do not travel through the station unaccompanied.

**Early profile of the perpetrator: Page A4**

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## Dockworker Strike Averted

Despite the invocation of the Rush Act by Senate representative Orin Zento, or perhaps because of it, the dockworker strike ended abruptly yesterday. All dockhands are busy unloading cargo now, apparently very satisfied with the increase in pay and medical benefits given to them unilaterally by Commander Sinclair.

‘When he invoked the Rush Act, he [Zento] gave me the power to do whatever was necessary to resolve the strike,’ explained Commander Sinclair. ‘Not everyone was happy with the fiscal results of my solution, but the loading area is a much happier place now, as you can plainly see.’

‘I don’t know what I expected,’ said Neeoma Connoly, representative of the Dockworkers Union, ‘but it wasn’t that. I thought the Commander would side with the Senate on this, but clearly he didn’t. I suspect he earned some enemies on Earth, but he certainly made some friends here on Babylon 5.’

**Strike timeline: Page A6**

**Details of the concessions: Page B3**

### Two More Terrorists Arrested

Two more terrorists involved in the plot to detonate bombs on Babylon 5 have been implicated and arrested, said Michael Garibaldi, Chief of Station Security. ‘We have proof they were working with Cutter and Nolan to plant bombs intended to kill President Santiago during the dedication,’ he stated, adding that formal proof would be made available in a published document later today.

As you might recall, the President’s trip went off without a hitch once the terrorists were removed from the scene. Garibaldi, who himself was

implicated in the plot but later exonerated, explained that the two men in custody now were driven into hiding by heightened security during and after the President’s visit. They were picked up trying to leave the station on a shuttle for Mars. Although Garibaldi believes the terrorist cell has been broken up completely, he will not know for sure for several weeks. Garibaldi declined to comment on what organisation the accused terrorists supposedly work for.

**More on the terrorist plot:  
Page A3**

### Mutai Demonstrations Scheduled in Brown Six

Public demonstrations of the fierce Mutai personal combat sport will be held all next week in Brown Six, in preparation for a full range of events throughout the month. Citizens of all races are invited to observe these practice bouts, and aliens who believe themselves worthy of challenging a combatant to battle can do so. Those who prove themselves might even be accepted into the Mutai, although this is not for the faint of heart. The sport can be quite deadly, and is likened to a cage match back on Earth.

‘The Mutai is not about death,’ explained the Mutai-Do, the Yolu who oversees the festivities. ‘It is about strength of both the body and the spirit. Only the strongest prove victorious here. The Sho-Rin is our current



champion. You can learn much simply by watching him. Observe his mastery of his physical form, in union with his mind. We shall see if any can best him in the coming bouts.'

Humans who think they can stand up to aliens in a one-on-one match should be advised to stay away. The Mutai is only for members of the League of Non-Aligned Worlds, so humans may not participate.

**Mutai champions past and present: Page C6**

## European Football All-Star Game to be Played on Babylon

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This year's all-star game will be held on Babylon 5, the International Football Council announced today. 'As you know, we've been trying to get the game on the

station since last summer,' said Ryan Delgado of the IFC. 'The logistical problems have always been the main concern, especially after the difficulties encountered in taking the game to Proxima in 2253. However, all of that's behind us now.'

Among the unique features of football on Babylon 5 is the fact that the playing field is slightly curved due to the rounded interior of the station. Delgado, however, felt this would be an advantage for the purpose of attracting viewers. 'The all-star game doesn't get the kind of ratings we feel it should,' he explained. 'Having it on a curving field will draw more viewers, simply for the novelty of it. However, play shouldn't be affected all that much. As long as no one kicks the ball high enough to send it to the opposite side of the station, that is!'

Ratings for the all-star game have steadily declined since the Proxima game, where the slightly lower gravity produced a high-scoring affair.

**Complete schedule of related events: Page C7**  
**Roster of players: Page C10**

## Alien Fungus Threatens Crops in Hydroponics Bays

The fungus known as the 'Blue Blight' continues its rampage through the station's crops, destroying fully one-third of the fruits and vegetables currently growing in the hydroponics bays. All attempts to eradicate the blight without damaging the growing plants have so far proven, well, fruitless.

'We don't know where it came from yet,' said Dr. Melissa Cho, one of the scientists investigating the alien growth. 'It seems like a fairly straightforward fungus. There's no way its spores could've made their way through the filters, unless someone brought them in and applied them directly to the air supply. We have the whole area under quarantine now, because if any of this stuff got to Earth, we'd be in trouble.'

Dr. Cho went on to say that if they only knew what planet the blight comes from, they could more easily discover ways to defeat it. 'Perhaps a natural predator of some kind,' she said hopefully. 'I've provided a complete description of the fungus. Hopefully an explorer out there reading his will have seen what I'm referring to.'

**Dr. Cho's technical description: Page A12**

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## **Quadrant 37 Devastated in Mysterious Attack**

A sudden and devastating attack by forces unknown has laid waste to the Narn military base in Quadrant 37, Ambassador G'Kar announced at a press conference today.

'As yet we do not know who was behind this malicious and unprovoked assault on a peaceful outpost that housed over 10,000 citizens of the Narn Regime,' G'Kar said. 'We have our suspicions, but can prove nothing at this time. Although our rescue ships arrived within hours of the disaster, they found no survivors. I promise you, I will not rest until those who have performed this despicable attack are brought to justice.'

G'Kar then announced that he was departing the station in an attempt to learn what he could about the perpetrators, who left no clues to their identity. His position as Ambassador will be left temporarily vacant, with administrative duties falling to his aide Na'Toth.

Although Commander Sinclair of Babylon 5 offered aid to the Narn Regime in Quadrant 37 and elsewhere, the Narns have so far refused to accept, citing the system is now considered a quarantine zone. 'No ships of any kind will be allowed to approach,' G'Kar stated forcefully, 'until our investigation is complete.'

G'Kar then left quickly, offering no further information or commentary. Although he did not name the Centauri as the likely suspects, many among Babylon 5's circles seem to believe they are tops on the list. 'We had nothing to do with it,' stated Ambassador Mollari as soon as G'Kar departed the conference chamber. 'I know that is what you all think, but it is not true. We of the Centauri Republic are horrified at this loss. Moreover, we are horrified that another race might be out there that is capable of such wanton destruction on a grand scale. We, too, will do what we can to discover the truth.'

Although Mollari's offer seemed genuine, most ambassadors shrugged it off as pure diplomatic posturing. Additional discussions continued, but yielded no further information. It seems this will remain a mystery for some time to come.

**More about Quadrant 37: Page A6**

**Speculation on forces required to make such an attack: Page A8**

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## Alien Healing Machine Secrets Revealed

The alien healing machine discovered in Downbelow two weeks ago is now less of a mystery, according to sources here in the Medical Centre. ‘It’s a fascinating device,’ said Dr. Stephen Franklin, Chief Medical Officer of Babylon 5. ‘We’re still studying how it works, but basically, it can cure injuries by transferring a healthy person’s life energy to the sick. The problem is, each time you use it, you give up a little bit of your own life. Some may feel it’s worth the exchange, but I don’t. We’re going to continue examining the machine, on the off chance there’s a way to circumvent this limitation, but if nothing pans out, we’re putting it in storage.’

Readers may recall that two weeks ago, Dr. Laura Rosen was put on trial for the murder of Karl Mueller with this device. ‘Yes, she used it in reverse,’ said Dr. Franklin. ‘She was suffering from Lake’s Syndrome, so she shunted the disease directly into his already wounded body. Mueller would’ve killed her, so it was self-defence. As far as I’m concerned, the ability to transfer diseases to an unwilling recipient is just another reason to keep this machine locked up.’

**Where did this device come from? Speculation, page C3**

## Bomb Threats Continue in Downbelow

Another bomb threat was sounded last night in this remote sector of the station, marking the ninth such threat in the past four weeks. ‘What makes these particularly dangerous is the ‘Boy Cried Wolf’

syndrome,’ said Security Chief Michael Garibaldi. ‘People tend to start ignoring them after a while, and that’s when a real bomb could cause the most havoc.’

When asked if that meant there really was a mad bomber on the station, Garibaldi replied, ‘So far none of the threats have been carried out. I don’t rule out the possibility that a bomber might be at work, but we have no evidence of that. In the meantime, as always, we treat every call like a real one. We aren’t letting down our guard, no matter what, but even so, this guy—or girl—is not

making our jobs any easier.’

If anyone has any information on the supposed bomber, they can dial the usual anonymous tip channel. As always, no attempt will be made to trace the call.

**Locations of the false bomb reports: Page A11**

## New Year’s Day Festivities Planned Across the Station

As always, New Year’s parties are planned throughout Babylon 5. For those new to the station, the tradition is to divide the station into multiple sections in order to celebrate the holiday with relatives back on Earth in the appropriate time zone. Positions located nearest the bridge observe the changeover earliest, all the way back to the reactor section, which celebrates last.

‘Just remember, security will be tight on New Year’s Eve,’ warned Security Chief Garibaldi. ‘You can go to as many parties as you want, but stay sober! Damages and injuries are greatest this time of year, and we’ll lock up anyone we find—regardless of rank or status. You know who you are!’

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