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**Newstrack:** Jailed serial-killer David Berkowitz, known as "The Son of Sam," has become a Christian and developed into a spiritual guru, the New York Post reports. U.S. House Democrats have filed suit, claiming their civil rights were abused when the president signed a budget deficit reduction bill. Palestinian jihadists say a Florida Jewish teenaged boy injured by a suicide bomber in Tel Aviv was an ideal target based on his religion and nationality. A top Hamas leader reportedly told an Arabic newspaper the Islamic militant group's officials have been meeting with European envoys. Interim Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert began filling Cabinet posts from senior members of the Kadima party Monday. A mine attack killed five people in renewed violence in the Indian Ocean island nation of Sri Lanka, threatening a fragile truce with Tamil Tiger rebels. U.S. President George Bush honored four entities, including the state of Maryland, for their efforts in protecting national treasures. Rescuers in Tasmania managed Monday to squeeze food and drink to two Australian miners who have been trapped underground for six days. Apparently ignoring the Vatican, China reportedly has elevated a senior official of the state-controlled Catholic Church as a bishop. A 17-year-old Japanese girl who admitted to slowly poisoning her mother into a coma as an experiment was sentenced to juvenile rehabilitation Monday.

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## NewsTrack

### Chinese counterfeit entire NEC company

BEIJING, May 1 (UPI) -- The NEC electronic corporation in Tokyo claims counterfeiters in China have cloned their entire company and product line.

Evidence seized in raids on 18 factories and warehouses in China and Taiwan over the past year showed that counterfeiters had set up what amounted to a parallel NEC brand with links to a network of more than 50 electronics factories in mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan, The New York Times reported Monday.

Apart from copying NEC products, the pirates went as far as developing their own range of consumer electronic products and the real company even received complaints about products they did not make or provide with warranties.

Documents and computer records seized by police during raids showed that the counterfeiters carried NEC business cards, commissioned product research and development in the company's name and signed production and supply orders.

NEC declined to identify the counterfeiters for what it said were legal reasons, and there have not yet been any convictions in the case, the report said.

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