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India carries out third missile test in three days

AFP, Bhubaneshwar

India Monday carried out its third test in three days of its surface-to-air Akash missile at an eastern coastal testing range, a defence official said.

The missile was fired from the Chandipur-on-Sea testing site, 200km northeast of the Orissa state capital Bhubaneswar, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The domestically developed missile was test-fired from rocket launchers and hif its flying target successfully, the official said.

On Saturday, India twice successfully tested the same missile from the same range.

The 700-kilogramme (1,540pound) Akash, which means "sky" in Hindi, can track 100 targets simultaneously with onboard radar, move at 600 metres (yards) a second and deliver a 55-kilogram warhead across 27 kilometres in 50 seconds.

The missile is one of five being developed by India's state-run Defence Research and Development



Pakistani soldiers and accident investigators inspect the wreckage of a train at Domeli, near the city of Jhelum yesterday. Pakistani investigators believe saboteurs tampered with a section of railway track, causing the train to plunge into a ravine and killing at least four people.

Sabotage blamed for Pak train plunge

4 passengers killed

Pakistani investigators believe saboteurs tampered with a section of railway track, causing a train to plunge into a ravine and killing at least four people, a minister said

Experts found nuts on the track had been unscrewed when they examined the site of Sunday's crash near the city of Jhelum in the eastern province of Punjab, Railways Minister Ishaq Khakwani told AFP.

Six carriages of the express jumped the rails and three fell into the 50-foot (15-meter) gully around two hours after the Lahore-bound train left Rawalpindi, a city adjoining Islamabad.

"It is almost confirmed now that it is an act of sabotage. The evi-dence says it is sabotage," Khakw-

anisaid.
"We have seen spanners, the nuts of the fish plates were open," he added, referring to a key track part used to join different rail sections.

The minister would not speak in detail about who might have sabotaged the track but said "several elements" could have been involved, adding: "It could be internal, it could be external."

The suspected sabotage also targeted a crucial area. "Such a derailment in a hilly area could have caused greater loss but luckily there were not many casualties," he

The death toll rose on Monday to four, two of whom were women, while 94 people were injured, 10 of them seriously, railway police chief Zaheer Ahmed said. Officials said Sunday that three people had died. The rest of the estimated 400

passengers in the stricken coaches survived and it was a miracle that more were not killed, said Major General Shaukat Sultan, President Pervez Musharraf's spokesman. Tariq Masood, a rescue worker

from a private relief organisation, said there were "fears it could be sabotage". "People say the track was damaged, its fish plates were removed," he told AFP at the crash site early Monday.

Musharraf and Prime Minister

Shaukat Aziz, who expressed grief over the loss of lives in the Jhelum crash, have ordered an inquiry.

Tribal militants from the southwestern province of Baluchistan have carried out a series of bombings on railway lines since January 2004, although the attacks have largely been confined to Baluchistan itself.

However in a separate incident

on Sunday suspected rebels blew up a stretch of track in Shadan-Lund, which is also in Punjab but about 400km southwest of Jhelum, 40 minutes before a passenge train was due to pass, police said. In April seven people were injured when a bomb blamed on Baluch militants exploded on the same

train, the Chiltan Express.
The rebels are demanding more revenues from Baluchistan's natural resources and increased politi-

Accidents on Pakistan's ageing and overcrowded railway system have themselves claimed hundreds

of lives in recent years. Pakistan suffered its worst train disaster in more than a decade last July when three trains ploughed into each other at Ghotki in the southern province of Sindh, killing around 150 people.

sound warning to Delhi AFP, Guwahati

Naga rebels

Separatist rebels from northeastern Nagaland warned Monday, ahead of another round of talks with the Indian government in Thailand, that they will let a ceasefire lapse unless they clinch concessions.

"We have made our point very clearly that unless the governmen agrees to meet our demands within a stipulated time frame, there is no point in simply extending the ceasefire," a rebel leader, who spoke on condition of anonymity,

said by phone from Bangkok.

Talks between New Delhi and the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN) were extended into an unscheduled third day Monday after weekend talks in

Bangkokfailed to break the impasse. The talks are aimed at saving a nine-year-old ceasefire which

expires Tuesday.

Federal minister for Overseas
Indian Affairs, Oscar Fernandes,
and New Delhi's chief peace negotiator K. Padmanabhaiah are leading the government in the talks with the NSCN leaders, which ended in stalemate on Sunday.

Candidates stay out of Nepali polls campaign

A candidate was shot while others stayed largely out of sight as campaigning officially began for controversial municipal polls called by Nepal's royal government, which Maoist rebels have

threatened to disrupt.

Dal Bahadur Rai, running for mayor of the Kathmandu suburb of Patan, was shot and wounded by a man on a motorcycle and taken to hospital, police told AFP.

Police have not identified the gunman but Maoist rebels have threatened to "take action" against people participating in the polls. w candidates were out campaigning in the capital.

The February 8 elections are touted by King Gyananedra as the first step in restoring democracy after he seized power last February. Main political parties say they are a sham and are boycotting the polls.

In Bidur, 70km from the capital Kathmandu, no candidate was out canvassing and many electors said they would not vote in any case.

I don't know any of the candidates but then again I am not very political," said Maila, a truck driver, who is afraid to give his last name

"I am not going to vote because there are threats from both sides,

the army and the Maoists," he said. Seven police and army check-points on the way to Bidur indicate

that this is a different world from the cocoon of the capital, where one mayoral candidate prepared Monday to launch his campaign

The Maoist threats got a lot of publicity but that is not the reality. I have not received any direct threats," said Kathmandu mayoral candidate Raja Ram Shreshtha of the Rashtriya Prajatantra Party, which is allied with the government.

Some 300 people were taking part in his motorcycle rally, accompanied by police patrols.

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India plans to abstain from Iran vote

India plans to abstain from a vote on Iran's nuclear programme at a meeting of the UN's atomic watchdog this week, top Indian officials said yesterday.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) board is due to hold an emergency session in Vienna on Thursday to consider sending Iran to the UN Security Council for sanctions over its disputed nuclear programme.

The US Ambassador to India,

David Mulford, said last week that if India did not oppose Tehran at the IAEA, a landmark India-US nuclear cooperation pact could be in trouble.

"We cannot vote with the US after his comments. We're planning to abstain," one senior official, who spoke on the condition of anonym-

ity, informed a news agency.

Although Mulford later said he had been quoted out of context and expressed regret, his remarks triggered a domestic furore with allies in Manmohan Singh's ruling coalition and opposition groups accusing the government of selling out to Washington.

We are still hoping the crisis won't go to a vote and Iran will get some more time to resolve it through talks," said the official. "But if it does, then Ambassador Mulford has made it easy for us." The official said India backed a

Russian compromise plan under which Moscow would enrich Iranian uranium fuel, a proposal backed by China.

Reluctance from veto-wielding Security Council members Russia and China over imposing economic sanctions on Iran threaten to undermine US and European plans for tough action against Tehran. Hurt India-US deal?

India and Iran have historically

New recruits bolster Tigers ahead of talks

Tamil guerrillas have inducted scores more combatants to their "Sea Tiger" force ahead of crucial peace talks with the Sri Lankan government, a pro-rebel website said yesterday.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) held two graduation ceremonies for the "Sea Tigers" in the rebel-held north of the island on Sunday, Tamilnet.com said. It said 125 combatants were

inducted after a graduation parade but did not give figures for a second ceremony also held Sunday. The Sea Tigers have inflicted heavy casualties on the Sri Lankan

navy, sinking dozens of gunboats, naval craft and fast attack vessels in The Sri Lankan military accused

Sea Tigers of sending a woman "black Sea Tiger," or suicide bomber, to ram an explosives-filled boat into an Israeli-built Dvora fast attack craft killing 15 sailors on January 7

However, since the Colombo overnment and the LTTE agreed ast week to end a three-year deadlock in peace talks and try to strengthen a ceasefire, the level of violence has dropped sharply, defence officials say.

A defence ministry spokesman said their situation report was a blanksheet Monday in contrast to a daily death toll reported before Norway's special peace envoy Erik Solheim clinched the breakthrough last Wednesday.

However, the LTTE said security forces have continued to harass civilians in the island's embattled northern and eastern regions.

The Sri Lankan government expressed "major relief" over the deal for face-to-face negotiations to stem a wave of killings that has left at least 153 people dead since December.

More than 60,000 people have been killed in the Tamil separatist conflict and four previous attempts at peace have ended in failure.

in London AFP, London

Ex-Pak PM

Sharif arrives

Former Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has arrived in London from Saudi Arabia where he has lived in exile since being thrown from power by the regime of Pervez Musharraf.

Sharif, who landed at Heathrow airport aboard a flight from Jeddah on Sunday, left the arrival hall through a side door.

There was no official statement on the reason for his visit to Britain. A spokesman for Sharif's party the Muslim League (PML-N), had

said his arrival here marked the end of his exile in Saudi Arabia. "Mr Nawaz Sharif has arrived in the United Kingdom, putting an end to his five-year exile in Saudi Arabía, Nadir Chaudhri told AFP last week when he announced the former

Pakistani leader's impending arrival. Sharif was initially expected to speak to reporters at Heathrow, but the press conference was cancelled and another organised for later in

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Flanked by riot police, Nepalese students shout anti-monarchy slogans on the streets of Kathmandu yesterday ahead of the first anniversary of King Gyanendra's power grab.

Tough new judge threatens to derail rocky Saddam trial

The notoriously chaotic trial of deposed Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein had a new judge on Sunday determined to shape the process up, but in the process lost half his defendants and all their lawyers.

Judge Rauf Rasheed Abdel Rahman made it clear from the very start of the hearing he was not going to tolerate the outbursts by defendants that had given the trial the reputation of being turbulent and disorganised.

His efforts to crack down on the unruly defendants, however, resulted in the walkout of the entiredefence team and half of the defendants, including Saddam, and has only cast further doubt on the credibility of the trouble-plagued trial.

The resignation of the previous chief judge under political pressure, the assassination of defence lawyers and the decision to try Saddam inside Iraq rather than at an international court have all sparked debate about whether the trial was truly fair.

International human rights groups, many of which have spent the past few decades collecting material on the abuses of Saddam's regime in hopes of an eventual trial, prefer the proven credibility of an international tribunal such as the one now trying former Serb

Instead Saddam and other former regime figures are being tried by an Iraqi court inside a country where all judges were once appointed by the previous regime. Most of the judges in the Iraqi

leader Slobodan Milosevic.

High Tribunal were actually lawyers under Saddam, with one of the few exceptions being former presiding judge Rizkar Mohammed Amin. Amin opted for a softly, softly approach while presiding over

ddam and his co-defendants. He allowed Saddam's half brother, Barzan al-Tikriti, to ramble on endlessly, in a painfully slow process that nevertheless heard the testimony of 15 witnesses and kept all the defendants in the courtroom, apart from a one-day boycott by the former president.

Muslim anger snowballs over cartoons on Prophet

AFP, Cairo

Four months after the fact, Muslim anger over the publication in Scandinavia of cartoons depicting the Prophet Hazrat Mohammed (SM) has snowballed into a diplomatic crisis threatening trade relations with

Cartoons including a portrayal of the prophet wearing a time-bomb shaped turban were published in a Danish newspaper last September and reprinted in a Norwegian magazine in January, sparking uproar in the Muslim world where images of the prophet are considered blasphe-

Egypt's powerful opposition Muslim Brotherhood on Monday was the latest group to join a chorus of calls for the boycott of Danish and Norwegian products.

"I call on Arab and Muslim peoples and governments to boycott Danish and Norwegian products and take firm measures," the Islamist movement's leader Mohammed Mehdi Akefsaid in a

The incident has threatened to deal an unprecedented blow to the Muslim and Arab world's usually healthy relations with Scandinavian governments, who are major donors in the region.



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