

Israeli tank fires kill 4 Palestinians in Gaza

Tel Aviv must abandon 'intimidation & terrorism': Egypt

GAZA CITY, Nov 22: Four Palestinians, including a woman, were killed today when an Israeli tank fired on two cars driving near a Jewish settlement in the southern Gaza Strip, a Palestinian security official said.

"It's an execution," Khaled Abu Oula, head of the Palestinian security force that coordinates with Israel, told AFP.

An Israeli military source said those killed were "terrorists" who had opened fire from the vehicles.

The tank fired apparently with heavy-caliber machine guns near the Jewish settlement of Morag between Rafah, close to the Egyptian border, and the town of Khan Yunis, witnesses said.

They said the Israeli army had sent in armoured vehicles to close off the area.

The civilian cars were moving on the road and they opened fire on them without any reason. They prevented the ambulances from reaching them and one of those killed bled for roughly half an hour," Abu Oula said.

A Palestinian security official on the scene said three of those killed had been in a Hyundai and the fourth was killed in a white Mercedes. It was not immediately clear if there were other injuries.

The latest deaths bring the toll from almost eight weeks of violence across the Palestinian territories and in Israel to 262, most of them Palestinians.

The Palestinian official said that the man killed in the Mercedes was still alive after the shooting, but died in the car after the Israeli army blocked ambulances from entering the area.

The shooting incident came less than two hours after a loud explosion was heard near the Jewish settlement of Gush Katif, which is also in the southern Gaza Strip.

There were no apparent injuries caused by that blast. The Israeli army reported several shooting incidents overnight in the Gaza Strip and in the West Bank, mostly Palestinian gunfire directed at Jewish settlements.

One Israeli soldier was lightly wounded by shrapnel at the Kfar Darom settlement in the central Gaza Strip, apparently by a grenade, the army said.

Meanwhile, Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Mussa said today that Israel must abandon its "erroneous policy of intimidation and terrorism" the day after Egypt recalled its ambassador from Tel Aviv.

"Israel's strategic error is that its policy is based on intimidation and terrorism. Israel thinks it can't hereby make the Arabs accept whatever settlement it offers," Mussa said.

Mussa, who is usually more moderate in his language, was speaking after talks between Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Egypt recalled its ambassador to Israel for consultations Tuesday in protest at heavy Israeli air attacks on Gaza City and other Palestinian targets in the Gaza Strip.

The raids were launched in retaliation for a bomb attack on a settlers' school bus which killed two Israelis and wounded nine, five of them children.



An injured Palestinian youth is carried to safety during clashes with Israeli troops in the West Bank town of Ramallah on Tuesday. Israeli soldiers killed four Palestinians in renewed violence in the occupied territories the day after Israel's massive strikes on the Gaza Strip in retaliation for the deadly bombing of a Jewish school bus. -- AFP photo

Former minister shot dead in Spain

MADRID, Nov 22: Former Spanish health minister Ernest Lluch was shot dead at his home in Barcelona late Tuesday, the regional prefecture said, blaming the Basque separatist group ETA for the attack, reports AFP.

Witnesses, cited by radio Cadena Ser, said the attackers opened fire in a parking lot in the basement of his building in the Catalan capital in northeast Spain.

Blast rocks Serb official's home in Kosovo

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia, Nov 22: A powerful bomb ripped through the home of Serbia's top representative in Kosovo early Wednesday injuring two of his staff, a spokesman for the province's NATO-led peacekeeping force said, reports AFP.

The official, Stanimir Vukicevic, escaped uninjured from the house, part of the ground floor of which was completely destroyed.

Madonna to marry British boyfriend

LONDON, Nov 22: Pop diva Madonna is to marry her British boyfriend and settle in Britain, according to an interview with the performer published in the Sun newspaper, reports AFP.

She has been living with film director Guy Ritchie for more than a year and the couple have had a son, Rocco, together.

"Guy has asked me to marry him and I've said yes, but we haven't decided when yet," Madonna was quoted as saying in the newspaper.

She said the happy day could be next year. Ritchie had bought her a ring, but both are too busy with their work commitments to marry in the near future.

Madonna, 42, dismissed earlier reports that the couple are to marry before Christmas in a lavish ceremony in a Scottish castle.

"We've discussed it but we haven't booked a Scottish castle or anything like that... So we're not going to get married before Christmas. It could be next year."

She added that the couple had decided to settle in England in order to give Rocco and three-year-old Lourdes, Madonna's daughter from a previous relationship, a more stable upbringing.

"We have decided on that and so we will be living here properly in about two years," the Sun quoted her as saying.



A June 2000 file photo of singer and actress Madonna accompanied by Guy Ritchie, her film director boyfriend, who are expected to be married next year, it was reported in London late Tuesday. -- AFP photo

5 Hindu, Sikhs gunned down in Kashmir

JAMMU, India, Nov 22: Suspected Muslim militants have gunned down five Hindu and Sikh truck drivers in Kashmir, just days after the government offered a ceasefire in the strife-torn region, police said today, reports AFP.

The killings triggered fears of further attacks similar to the spate of murders and massacres that helped wreck the last ceasefire initiative in Kashmir during the summer.

According to Police Director General S.K. Mishra, the incident occurred late Tuesday on the Srinagar-Jammu highway in Doda district, 230 km east of Kashmir's winter capital Jammu.

As many as 10 unidentified gunmen - wearing military camouflage fatigues - stopped and rounded up 17 drivers near a popular truck stop along the highway, Mishra said.

Processing and issuance of such licenses have been barred since February under the now-waived sanctions.

In addition, frozen discussions between Washington and Beijing on extending a 1995

Caste do matters even during worship

CALCUTTA, Nov 22: A Hindu lower-caste "untouchable" family in eastern India is to appeal to the Human Rights Commission after being fined for touching a statue of the Goddess Kali, reports AFP.

According to villagers, one family member, Malati Sith entered a Kali temple and touched the forehead of the statue, angering the upper caste Brahmin community in Pursurah village, near Calcutta.

The Brahmins called a special meeting and imposed a fine of 8,000 rupees (173 dollars) on the family to meet the cost of "purifying" the idol.

"We would have to sell off all our valuables to pay the fine," said Sith's husband Madan Mohan.

But the temple priests insisted they acted correctly.

IAF lost 113 aircraft in five years

NEW DELHI, Nov 22: The Indian Air Force has lost 113 aircraft in the last five years, Defence Minister George Fernandes said in a written statement to the upper house of parliament today, reports AFP.

The minister said a high-level panel had suggested measures to minimise the number of accidents of fighter aircraft.

Fifty-nine Russian-made IAF MiG-21s have crashed since 1995, killing 22 pilots and leaving another 10 injured.

The high accident rate has been blamed on ageing planes, poor maintenance and inadequate training.

US waives sanctions on China, slaps on Pakistan, Iran

WASHINGTON, Nov 22: The United States on Tuesday waived sanctions on China that were imposed for their export of medium- and long-range, nuclear-capable missiles and related technology to Pakistan and Iran and slapped restrictions on Islamabad and Tehran, reports AFP.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher announced the move after the release of an anti-proliferation statement by the Chinese Foreign Ministry that said Beijing would no longer assist countries in building such missiles.

"In exchange, the US side has decided to waive sanctions under US law for past Chinese assistance to missile programs in Pakistan and Iran, and to resume certain commercial space interactions with China," Boucher told reporters.

Washington will now resume processing and issuing licenses for commercial space cooperation between US and Chinese companies, notably allowing once again launches of US satellites from China, he said.

Processing and issuance of such licenses have been barred since February under the now-waived sanctions.

In addition, frozen discussions between Washington and Beijing on extending a 1995

agreement on international trade and commercial satellite launch services would resume "as soon as possible," he said.

Boucher stressed that the waiver applied only to sanctions imposed for past violations of US law regarding the transfer of missiles and related technology and that Washington reserved the right to impose sanctions for any possible future transactions.

"China's statement includes broad new commitments on non proliferation and security imports but its value ultimately will depend on whether those commitments are implemented fully and conscientiously," he said.

Despite those reservations, reaction on Capitol Hill was mixed. Some lawmakers expressed interest in imposing additional sanctions on China, demanding increased monitoring of Beijing's missile-related exports.

"China has made similar promises regarding proliferation in the past and broken them," said Congressman Benjamin Gilman, chairman of the House International Relations Committee.

"This agreement will necessitate strong vigilance and continual monitoring," he said.

A senior US official said the decision to waive the sanctions on China while imposing

them on Pakistan and Iran was not meant to reward or punish any nation but to encourage non-proliferation efforts.

In Pakistan and Iran, the United States imposed sanctions against various government agencies and entities, including the ministries of defence in both countries, that received the Chinese assistance, Boucher said.

In Pakistan, two-year bans on the import of certain US technologies and awarding of US government contracts were imposed against the defence ministry, the Space and Upper Atmospheric Research Commission and their related units, he said.

In addition, all imports from those agencies into the United States are banned for the two-year period.

In Iran, sanctions are imposed against the defence ministry, the Armed Forces Logistics Command and the Defence Industries Organisation and their related units, Boucher said.

However, he noted that the new sanctions would have little practical effect on either country because of existing restrictions on Iran, including the ongoing US embargo on Tehran, as well as those against Pakistan after their 1998 nuclear tests.

India-Myanmar to step up counter-insurgency efforts

NEW DELHI, Nov 22: India and Myanmar said today they had agreed to step up joint efforts to counter the threat of separatist insurgency along their common border, reports AFP.

The two sides agreed to take steps to ensure peace and tranquillity along the India-Myanmar border, said a joint statement released after a week-long visit by General Maung Aye -- number two in Myanmar's military regime.

The general's visit had stirred up some controversy because India is also sympathetic to Myanmar's pro-democracy movement led by Aung San Suu Kyi.

Indian and Myanmar troops have been cooperating in fighting insurgency in India's northeastern states.

Earlier this year, they carried out a joint operation in which five militant camps in Myanmar belonging to the Nationalist Socialist Council of Nagaland were destroyed.

The joint statement said both countries had also agreed to take steps to "give content to cross border cooperation which would directly benefit populations living on both sides."

Economic and commercial relations would also be stepped up, it added.

During a meeting with Indian industrialists in New Delhi, Maung Aye encouraged businesses to invest in Myanmar's agriculture, fisheries, pearl cultivation and mining sectors.

Tourism, infrastructure and energy were also identified as areas, which had "immense potential."

Hurriyat hails truce offer

SRINAGAR, India, Nov 22: Kashmir's main separatist alliance gave a guarded welcome Tuesday to India's offer of a unilateral ceasefire in the strife-torn Himalayan region, reports AFP.

"If the ceasefire declaration can lead to a resolution of the dispute and the restoration of peace ... it speaks of a positive change in the mindset of the Indian government," the All Party Hurriyat (Freedom) Conference said in a statement.

The cautious note of optimism contrasted with the outright rejection of the ceasefire initiative by militant groups and the military regime in Islamabad.

They described the offer of a ceasefire during the holy month of Ramadan as a piece of political and diplomatic posturing by Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee.

The Hurriyat -- an umbrella organisation comprising around two dozen separatist parties -- made it clear that India would have to drop its opposition to including Pakistan in any talks aimed at seeking a long-term peaceful solution to the Kashmir problem.

"Kashmir is a dispute and it is not India's internal matter," the statement said.

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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাংলাদেশ কম্পিউটার কাউন্সিলের আওতায় পরিচালিত "Information Development Program (InfoDev)"-এর জন্য মাল্টিমিডিয়া প্রজেক্টর ও লেজার কালার প্রিন্টার ক্রয়ের নিমিত্ত আশ্রয়ী প্রকৃত সরবরাহকারী/প্রস্তুতকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট থেকে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

দরপত্র সিডিউল বাংলাদেশ কম্পিউটার কাউন্সিলের কার্যালয় থেকে ২৫/১১/২০০০ (দুইশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকার (অফেরতযোগ্য) বিনিময়ে আগামী ২৩/১১/২০০০ ইং তারিখ থেকে ১০/১২/২০০০ ইং তারিখ সকাল ১১:০০ টা পর্যন্ত সংগ্রহ করা যাবে এবং ১০/১২/২০০০ ইং তারিখ দুপুর ১২:০০ টার মধ্যে দরপত্র বিসিটির কার্যালয়ে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার ব্যাগে দাখিল করা যাবে।

দুপুর ১২:১৫ টায় দরপত্রদাতার উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দাখিলকৃত দরপত্র খোলা হবে। বাংলাদেশ কম্পিউটার কাউন্সিলের অনুকূলে বাংলাদেশের যে কোন সিডিউল ব্যাংক থেকে পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট আকারে দরপত্রভায়ে উজ্জ্বল মোট মূল্যের ২.৫% আনুমানিক প্রত্যেক দরপত্রদাতার সাথে সংযুক্ত করে অবশ্যই দাখিল করতে হবে। দরপত্রে উল্লেখিত সকল দ্রব্যাদি প্রকল্প কার্যালয়ে সরবরাহ করতে হবে।

কৃতপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়াই যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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Two of the stars of the new Hollywood hit movie 'Charlie's Angels' link ups with Britain's Prince Charles late Tuesday. Lucy Liu and Drew Barrymore (right) were in London for the British premiere of their film and were invited to dinner by the Prince at St James's Palace. The two actresses sat either side of the Prince during the lavish dinner which was a fund raising event in aid of one of the Prince's charities. -- AFP photo

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