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Tigers put Lanka on Iraq to offer amnesty to rebels within days war notice

Sri Lanka's Tiger rebels vesterday declared that they were prepared to go back to fighting with government forces, but stopped short of officially

pulling out of a truce.

The rebel Liberation Tigers of
Tamil Elam (LTTE) in their hardesthitting statement so far, accused President Chandrika Kumaratunga's government of trying to use a split in the rebel movement to

"We are ready to face the war that the Sri Lankan state has decided thrust on us thus," LTTE's eastern political wing leader, E Kousalyan, was quoted as saying in the prorebel Tamilnet Website.

Kousalyan said state radio had given air time on Monday to broadcast an interview with breakaway leader V Muralitharan, better known as Karuna, who led a revolt against the LTTE leadership in March and went underground in April.

Karuna disbanded 5,000 to 6,000 fighters under his command. The Tigers have since accused military

intelligence and police of collaborating with Karuna to wage a "proxy war" against the Tigers despite a Norwegian-brokered truce.

"The truth is out today beyond any doubt that the Sri Lankan state is providing him (Karuna) state facilities to wage a proxy war of black propaganda against the LTTE and to carry out terrorist attacks with the assistance Sri Lankan military

Kousalyan said. "The Sri Lankan state's aims are now very obvious to us. It is now openly exploiting Karuna in the hope of weakening the LTTE," Kousalvan said.

intelligence to derail the ceasefire,

"This would make it plain to the Tamil people that the Sri Lankan state is not interested at all in taking forward the peace process, but is only bent on using the talks and the cease fire to wage a terrorist war on us in the baseless hope of weakening us militarily and politically," he said.

The LITE statement came four days after a suicide bombing in Colombo, the first in the Sri Lankan elections in April.

Tigers denied involvement, but many, including the United States, said the bombing attack had the hallmarks of the Tigers.

capital since the ceasefire went into

The Tigers said that alleged military and police backing a break-away Karuna led to Wednesday's bombing in a high security zone in

"We are suspecting that it is the granting of refuge to these groups and the permission given to them to act freely in Colombo that has paved the way for attack in Colombo," the LTTE said in a statement on Thursday, President Chandrika Kumaratunga said she would not allow the bombing at a police station opposite the US and British diplomatic missions to derail the Norwegian-backed peace process, which remains on hold since April

Norway has been trying to revive talks between the Tigers and Kumaratunga's government which

Iraq's new interim government plans to introduce an amnesty for rebels who have been fighting the US-led coalition in Iraq within "a couple of days," the country's president told British newspapers yester-

"We are offering an amnesty definitely, for people who have not committed too many atrocious acts; everybody except murderers, rapists and kidnappers," interim President Ghazi al-Yawar told the Financial Times in an interview.

Last week, Iraq's interim government announced a new security law giving itself wider counterinsurgency powers as well as plans for the temporary amnesty and also the restoration of the death penalty, suspended during the US-led occu-

"It's good to have a carrot-andstick approach," Yawar told The Times in an interview.

"We will offer the amnesty first, then we will have this law for executions so there is a menu to chose from. It's up to (the insurgents) to make a smart choice.

"If they sincerely feel that they are sorry for what they have done and they sign an undertaking that it will never happen again we should-

"They killed close friends of mine. If we keep nagging about this, then it will be a circle of blood, and we want to break that circle of

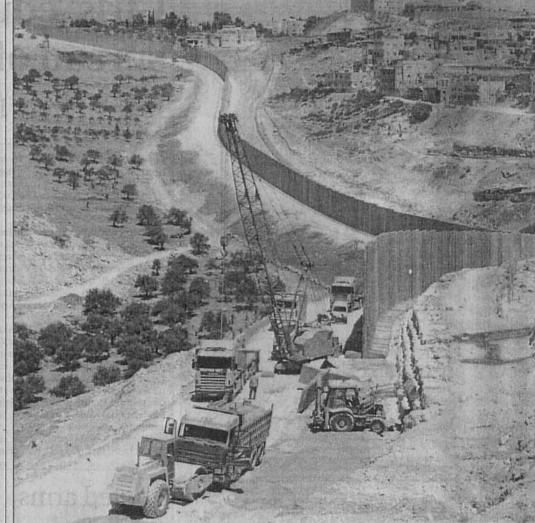
More than 650 US troops have died in combat since the US-led invasion in March last year to oust

Prime Minister Iyad Allawi's interim, government, which took over from US-led occupiers on June 28, is heavily dependent on some 160,000 mainly American foreign troops for security while it builds up AFP adds: Militants holding a

Filipino truck driver hostage in Iraq have rejected a bid by the Philippines government to buy his freedom, a diplomat who has been monitoring the crisis said yesterday.

The diplomat would not say if the ransom would come directly from the government or another

The source said the kidnappers have told Manila through intermediaries that a cash ransom was out of



A picture shows a partial view of the Israeli separation barrier in the West Bank village of Abu Dis on the edge of Jerusalem yesterday. Israel defied a world court ruling against its West Bank barrier by ordering building work to continue as the Palestinians decided to hold off pushing for a UN resolution against the structure until after the US

AIDS activist sprays color on the portrait of the US President George W. Bush during a demonstration outside the 15th International AIDS conference hall in Bangkok yesterday. Several dozen protestors stormed the global AIDS summit here yesterday and threw mock blood over posters of G8 leaders in protest over a shortfall in funding to

Koizumi vows to keep troops in Iraq despite election setback

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi vowed yesterday to keep troops in Iraq despite a setback in on his key policies.

Koizumi told a news conference that his ruling Liberal Democratic Party had a tough fight in Sunday's upper house elections as more than percent of people opposed his administration's decision to keep Japanese troops in Iraq.

Japan needs to continue activities which will be regarded as valued work there," said Koizumi.

"In line with a UN agreement, lapan wants to play a role as a member of the international community by providing both personnel support by the Self-Defence Forces and material support," the premier said.

The Iraqi president directly asked me to continue supportive activities of the Self-Defence Forces.

We will carry out activities suitable

Japan, one of Washington's staunchest backers over the Iraq war, has around 550 troops in the southern Iraqi city of Samawa providing post-war humanitarian assistance in its most controversial and risky mission since 1945.

Results from the weekend elections showed Koizumi's LDP won 49 of the 121 seats up for grabs, a loss of one seat. The main opposition democrats won 50 seats.

The elections were regarded as an opportunity for the public to deliver a verdict on Koizumi's decision to keep troops in Iraq and other

country to re-establish ties, follow Koizumi said he would stay in ing in the wake of the United States ower as the LDP and its coalition and Britain which led last year's war partner together maintained a to oust Saddam. majority in the chamber. The ruling "The government of the French coalition also holds a majority in the Republic and the government of more powerful lower house of par Iraq... on the basis of mutual respect for their sovereignty and in accor-

dance with the principles of the UN Charter have taken the decision to re-establish diplomatic relations from July 12," the French foreign ministry said in a statement. "The two governments are con-

France, Iraq

restore ties

first GulfWar in 1991.

France and Iraq yesterday reestab-

lished diplomatic ties cut more than

13 years ago by ousted Iraqi leader

Saddam Hussein at the start of the

As the announcement was made simultaneously in Paris and Baghdad, a French flag was raised

above the newly-established French

embassy -- used as France's inter-

ests section since 1995 -- in the Iraqi

France thus becomes the latest

vinced that this decision will contribute to a strengthening of links between France and Iraq and to an intensification of their exchanges, in the best interests of the two countries," it said.

The statement, issued by foreign ministry spokesman Herve Ladsous, said the two countries would exchange ambassadors "as quickly as possible".

Sharon, Peres join unity talks for Gaza pullout

REUTERS, Jerusalem

Israeli opposition leader Shimon Peres agreed yesterday to work with right-wing Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to push ahead a Gaza pullout plan and pursue contacts on a unity government, political sources said.

Weakened by the departure of former far-right allies furious at the withdrawal project, Sharon is exploring the option of forming a coalition with Peres and his centerleft Labour party to remove troops and Jewish settlers from occupied Gaza. Discussions between Israel's oldest political war horses, friends for decades despite their differences, were only at a very early stage, the sources said. Negotiations on

posts in a coalition government had not begun yet. "They agreed on supporting the Gaza plan," said one senior political source. "Peres said he still has to get his party's mandate if Labour is to join a government

Peres -- who has long proposed abandoning Gaza -- emerged smiling from a breakfast meeting with Sharon but made no comment.

Sharon's initiative for unilateral "disengagement" from conflict with the Palestinians means abandoning all 21 Gaza settlements and four o 120 in the West Bank by late next year. Both territories were captured in the 1967 Middle East war. Israel's cabinet approved the

withdrawal project after Sharon fired two far-right ministers, but that cost the former general the majority in parliament he will need next year if he is to push through the phases of

the US-backed plan. Most Israelis would like to part with Gaza, where 7,500 settlers live in heavily guarded enclaves among 1.3 million Palestinians.

As the price for joining a coalition, Peres, an 80-year-old Nobel peace laureate, has demanded a faster pullout and also warns talkswith the Palestinians who fear they will get Gaza only at the cost of a stronger Israeli grip on the West

cle was that Peres appeared to want to return to the foreign ministry in a new coalition, but sacking Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom could strengthen opposition to the 76year-old Sharon within his Likud

But insiders said another obsta-

Anger at the possibility that Labor could join the government is already bubbling vigorously in Likud, many of whose members are against giving up any territory and say Sharon's pullout plan would 'reward Palestinian terror."

"We will oppose by all means any effort to add this cancer to the Likud," said party strongman Uzi Cohen on the prospect of an alliance

US mulls how to delay | Syrian PM Nov polls in case of terror attack

REUTERS, Washington

A senior House Democratic lawmaker was skeptical on Sunday of a Bush administration idea to obtain the authority to delay the November presidential election in case of an attack by al-Qaeda. US counterterrorism officials are

looking at an emergency proposal on the legal steps needed to postpone the presidential election in case of such an attack, Newsweek reported on Sunday. 'I think it's excessive based on what we know," said Rep. Jane

Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, in a interview on CNN's "Late Edition Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge warned last week that Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda net-

work want to attack within the United

States to try to disrupt the election.

Harman of California, the top

Harman said Ridge's threat warning "was a bust" because it was based on old information. Newsweek cited unnamed

sources who told it that the Department of Homeland Security asked the Justice Department last week to review what legal steps would be needed to delay the vote if an attack occurred on the day before or on election day.

The department was asked to review a letter from DeForest Soaries, chairman of the new US Election Assistance Commission, in which he asked Ridge to ask Congress for the power to put off the election in the event of an attack, Newsweek reported in its issue out on Monday.

The commission was created in 2002 to provide funds to states to replace punch card voting systems and provide other assistance in conducting federal elections.

begins Turkey trip today

Syrian Prime Minister Muhammed Naci Otri will embark on a three-day working visit to Turkey today, says a press release issued by the embassy of Turkey in Dhaka.

The Syrian prime minister will be leading a delegation of high officials and top chamber leaders to Turkey for strengthening bilateral and economic relations between the two The leaders and officials of the

two friendly counties will have discussions on cultural and regional Syrian premier is expected to

meet Turkish President Ahmet Necdet Sezer and Speaker of the Turkish parliament.

The visiting Syrian prime minister and his trade delegation will also meet with the Turkish businessmen in Istanbul.

Trinamool Congress in serious trouble

SAKYASEN MITTRA, Kolkata

The Trinamool Congress party ledby Mamata Banneriee is facing a serious crisis as some top ranking leaders are planning to desert the party following rout in Lok Sabha election in West Bengal.

The party possibly on its way to political oblivion after the debacles both in the Lok Sabha and municipal elections in West Bengal which is forcing many of the top rung minority Muslim leaders in the party to rethink their strategy.

The only recourse left for them now is to return to the Congress fold. Sudip Bandopadhaya, has already done that. Two other former MPs, Bikram Sarkar and Akbar Ali Khondkar, are also planning to return to the Congress Party. In fact, the Muslim wing of the party is determined to cut off all ties with the Bharatiya Janata Party. Leaders and MLAs like Sultan Ahmed, Javed Khan, Samsujjaman Ansari

decided that if the Trinamool Congress does not severe ties with the BJP then they would quit. Of the four, Iqbal Ahmed is contesting as a Congress candidate for a post in the accounts committee of the Kolkata City Corporation.

Amidst party turmoil, firebrand Mamata Bannerjee is maintaining a stoic silence. In the past she used to threaten everyone with disciplinary measures like suspension. But now she is following the path of keeping her mouth shut as the best form of defence. But pressures from within are

increasing and the group demand of

the minority wing is to cut off ties

with the BJP immediately. Sultan Ahmed in a letter to the "It was because of the BJP that the

Trinamool chairperson has stated, Trinamool fared poorly. I have lost the Lok Sabha elections because of non-cooperation from the BJP I am very tired now and so I will not contest the Assembly elections in



(From R to L) Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf and his wife, King Abdullah II of Jordan, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his wife, daughter of Erdogan, Esra, and her groom Berat Albayrak and the groom's mother pose for a picture on Sunday at the wedding of Erdogan's elder daughter in downtown Istanbul in the city's conference center. Abdullah II, prime ministers Costas Karamanlis of Greece and Adrian Nastase of Romania were the witnesses on the marriage. Nearly 7,000 people, including the entire cabinet, were invited to the civil ceremony that saw Erdogan's daughter marry Albayrak, the son of the owner of an Islamist paper.

Blair faces setback in by-polls over Iraq

AFP, Leicester

Jaswinder Singh Nijjar might only be a mild-mannered taxi driver, but he is the sort of person likely to be giving Prime Minister Tony Blair sleepless nights ahead of two upcoming by-elections.

"I have voted Labour pretty much all my life, but next week I'll be switching," said the 53-year-old cabbie, gathered with a group of colleagues near the centre of Leicester, central England.

"I think a lot of people are very disappointed about Iraq," he explained, a comment echoed by many other locals in a city where almost a third of the population is of South Asian origin Leicester, both geographically

and by reputation as close as one can get to the semi-mythical "Middle England", is currently bathing in the unexpected glare of national political attention. Long-serving and popular

Leicester lawmaker, Jim Marshall --

from Blair's governing Labour Party

-- died suddenly in May, forcing the government to arrange a by-election to be held next Thursday.

On the same day, another byelection will be held in Birmingham, Britain's second-biggest city, to replace another serving Labour MP, Terry Davis, who is quitting parliament to become secretary-general of the Council of Europe

Such mid-term electoral tests are, according to tradition, deeply unwelcome for serving governments, and these two are especially so given Blair's recent crises, notably

The prime minister's decision to back last year's US-led war to remove Saddam Hussein was deeply unpopular among many Britons, and his popularity has slumped further as violence continues to plague Iraq.

Ominously, precisely one day before the by-elections an independent inquiry into possible British intelligence failures before the war will publish its findings, which are tipped to criticise Blair

বাংলাদেশ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় মঞ্জুরী কমিশন

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वाश्लाप्तन विश्वविफाला मधुती कमिनात्तत जना अकि नजून कात कारात विषया निस्तत विवतन जनगारी श्रक्त সরবরাহকারী/পরিবেশকদের নিকট থেকে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। দর প্রস্তাবের সাথে সংশ্লিষ্ট প্রতিষ্ঠানের হালসন নাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স ও আয়কর/ভ্যাট পরিশোধের সার্টিফিকেটের সত্যায়িত কপি এবং কোটেশনকত গাড়ির আমদানী/আয়কর/ভ্যাট পরিশোধ সংক্রান্ত কাগজপত্রাদি এবং বিস্তারিত টেকনিক্যাল স্পেসিফিকেশন থাকতে হবে। দরপত্রের সাথে উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ২.৫০% আর্নেস্টমানি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় মঞ্জুরী কমিশন এর অনুকূলে পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফ্ট আকারে জমা দিতে হবে। নতুন গাড়ির দরপত্রের খামের উপর "নতুন গাড়ি ক্রম" কথাটি লিখতে হবে। কার্যাদেশ প্রদান করা হলে ০৩ দিনের মধ্যেই গাড়ি সরবরাহ করতে হবে।

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বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের পর থেকে ২২-০৭-২০০৪ ইং তারিখ বেলা ১১ঃ০০ টার মধ্যে কমিশন অফিসে রক্ষিত (দোতলায়) টেভার বাব্দ্রে দরপত্র ফেলতে হবে এবং উক্ত দিন বেলা ১১ঃ১০ মিঃ সময়ে দরদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্রসমূহ খোলা হবে।

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উপ-সচিব (প্রশাসন)

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