



Pakistani Foreign Ministry additional secretary Tariq Usman Haider (R) and his Indian counterpart Meera Shankar (L) talk with reporters at the end of two day meeting in Islamabad Wednesday. This is the first meeting after the start of latest round of composite dialogue and the two sides will explore CBMs (confidence-building measures) in the conventional arms sphere.

Pakistan, India to start nuclear hotline

No deal on warning over missile tests

AFP, Islamabad
Pakistan and India agreed to push forward plans for a nuclear hotline after two days of talks but failed to reach a deal on advance warning of ballistic missile tests, officials said Wednesday.

at Pakistan's foreign ministry, who led Pakistan's delegation told reporters when asked about the hotline. The results of the talks would be submitted to the Indian and Pakistani foreign secretaries, who are scheduled to meet on 27-28 December, according to a joint statement issued by the two parties.

Pakistan and India held back-to-back nuclear detonations in May 1998 and have twice come close to war since then over disputed Kashmir, which is divided between the two and claimed by both in full. The two countries hold frequent missile tests although they have an informal arrangement to give each other prior notification. They had been expected to formalize the agreement in a sign that the peace process was on track.

21 Nepali troops, 41 rebels killed

Army foils bid to destroy communication tower

AFP, Kathmandu
Nepal's army said it killed at least five Maoist guerrillas when it foiled an attack yesterday by hundreds of insurgents on a communications tower. Some 800 Maoists attacked the tower in the remote western district of Lamjung but were driven off by troops, an army official said.

where the guerrillas have a heavy presence. The army said 21 troops and an estimated 36 rebels died in that clash while the Maoists said more than two dozen soldiers and six rebels died. While an army source quoting local witnesses said: "The rebels suffered a heavy loss while many others were injured."

Blast kills 4 Afghan cops

AFP, Khost
Four Afghan policemen were killed and two injured yesterday when a remote-controlled bomb exploded in the southeastern province of Khost, an official said. The blast came amid a spate of violence in the south and southeast, where militants linked to the ousted Taliban regime continue to launch attacks on military, government and civilian targets.

China can help regional security by helping poor neighbours: Aziz

REUTERS, Beijing
Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz urged booming China to help poorer neighbours, saying yesterday that a larger role by the nascent giant could boost development and improve regional security. The prime minister is on a visit to Beijing and Shanghai aimed at boosting trade ties between the traditional allies, whose relationship has expanded beyond cooperation on nuclear power plants to joint efforts to combat extremist violence.

Norway embassy closes after anthrax scare in Colombo

AFP, Colombo
Sri Lanka's peace broker Norway shut its embassy in Colombo yesterday after the diplomatic mission received a package containing a white powder suspected to be anthrax, police said. Investigators were called to the embassy compound after the mission received an envelope containing the substance, a police spokesman said.

Myanmar junta putting Suu Kyi's health, safety at risk: Opposition

AFP, Yangon
Myanmar's opposition National League for Democracy (NLD) party accused the military regime yesterday of endangering party leader Aung San Suu Kyi's life by restricting her access to a doctor and non-junta security. The famed pro-democracy leader's access to her doctor has been slashed from three visits a week to one, while her personal NLD security detail has been cut from 13 to six, the party said in a statement.



A Nepalese official sift through rubble caused by a bomb blast at a clinic in the Kirtipur District of Kathmandu yesterday. A bomb believed to be planted by Maoist rebels, exploded in the clinic, damaging offices but causing no injury.

Pakistan refuses new passport to Zardari

REUTERS, Islamabad
Former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's party complained yesterday that her husband Asif Ali Zardari had been refused a passport, but officials said anyone freed from jail on bail was barred from travelling abroad. "The ban on travel is a violation of fundamental rights," Taj Haider, a spokesman for Benazir's Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) said. "Our party will challenge it in court."



Homeless people move to safety crossing a flooded road Wednesday in Sri Lanka's north-central district of Anuradhapura. Six people were killed and over 625,000 people were forced out of their homes following heavy flooding in four northern and eastern districts of the island.

Lankan floods spread to fresh areas

AFP, Colombo
More heavy rain lashed northern and eastern Sri Lanka yesterday after two days of floods that killed six people and made 750,000 homeless, officials said. Irrigation authorities have opened sluice gates at several reservoirs amid fears that excessive water levels could lead to the breaching of embankments. Floodwater surged over the northern districts of Jaffna, Vavuniya and Mullaitivu where an estimated 12,500 families, or 62,500 individuals, were moved to schools and temples on higher ground, officials said.

Marxists blamed for sabotaging peace

AFP, Colombo
Foreign aid donors Wednesday pressed Sri Lanka President Chandrika Kumaratunga to rein in her coalition allies and stop the country slipping back to war as Norway failed in its latest bid to restart peace talks. Japan, the United States and the European Union, which co-chair efforts to drum up foreign financial support, said they were "deeply concerned" about the Marxist JVP, the main coalition partner in government.

Natwar's nuke talk stirs controversy

AFP, New Delhi
India's tests prompted considerable national rejoicing over what was seen by many Indians as affirmation of the country's "big power status." The Express said Singh "virtually expressed regret over India's current nuclear status" and contradicted the stand taken by former Congress premier Rajiv Gandhi who sanctioned in 1989 pursuit of a nuclear weapons programme.

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