

London summit to help Palestinians: Blair

Abbas eyes talks with Sharon after polls

REUTERS, Jerusalem

British Prime Minister Tony Blair said on a visit to the Middle East yesterday that he planned London conference on reform for Palestinians next year would help them become a real negotiating partner for peace.



Blair said the proposed summit would help the Palestinians on the path to democratic, security and economic reform. "Everybody wants to see that overall vision of Israel confident of its own security... but it also has to be about proper (Palestinian) democratic institutions, about proper security and proper use of the economy," Blair said in Jerusalem.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon (L) passes British Prime Minister Tony Blair at the end of a press conference at the Prime Minister's office in Jerusalem yesterday.

He welcomed Israel's plan to withdraw from the occupied Gaza Strip and part of the West Bank next year, saying that it could be a step toward an internationally backed "road map" for a Palestinian state. Sharon said that he supported the aim of a London conference on Palestinian reform, but added: "We have held talks with the British about it and both sides agree there is no need for our participation."

Abbas had earlier appeared cool to an Israeli invitation to coordinate the "Disengagement Plan" for abandoning occupied Gaza and four of 120 settlements in the West Bank in 2005.

Iraq bloodshed to affect polls, says Annan

AFP, United Nations

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan on Tuesday insisted only Iraq can decide whether to go ahead with elections next month, but he warned that the ongoing bloodshed would have an effect on the polls.

Speaking at the United States insisted that the violence would not derail Iraq's first post-Saddam Hussein election due at the end of January, Annan said the UN's work in helping to ready the vote was on schedule.

India may have some advice for Nepali king

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, New Delhi

When Nepal King Gyanendra arrives here today on his third visit to India, the Indian government will convey to him the need to urgently restore the political process in the kingdom, officials said.

India considers the visit important, given the precarious security situation in the kingdom and the key role the king could play in resolving it, the sources said. "A condition to any solution to Nepal's serious problems is restoration of the political process and legitimacy of parliament. This will be conveyed to the king," they said. The king will travel to India amid protests in his country by Maoist guerrillas, who see the trip as a "surrender" of the country's sovereignty to New Delhi.

Iraqi insurgents set free 2 French reporters

AFP, Paris

Two French journalists freed by insurgents in Iraq after being held hostage for four months were on their way back yesterday to a rapturous homecoming in Paris, where the government said tireless diplomacy--and no ransom--secured their release.

French President Jacques Chirac summed up the nation's "joy" that reporters Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot were on their way to France, via a stopover in Cyprus, and stressed: "They have gone through a very tough ordeal."

The pair, kidnaped south of Baghdad on August 20 and released Tuesday by a group calling itself the

Islamic Army in Iraq, left Iraq early Wednesday and were expected to arrive at a military airbase outside Paris around 6:00 pm (1700 GMT), to be greeted personally by Chirac. Jubilation swept France, where a feeling of solidarity and constant campaigns kept the journalists' plight in the public eye throughout their detention. "The nightmare is over, we are going to be able to resume a normal life," Malbrunot's 70-year-old mother, Andree, told AFP at her home in central France. "We're going to have a happy Christmas."

Christian Chesnot's brother Thierry said: "This is a huge relief. It's a wonderful Christmas present."

Zardari secures bail again

AFP, Karachi

The husband of former Pakistani prime minister Benazir Bhutto was granted bail by a court yesterday, his lawyers said, a day after he was arrested for failing to turn up for a murder case hearing.

Asif Ali Zardari had been placed under house arrest Tuesday, less than a month after he was first freed on bail in the last of 17 cases of corruption, murder and drug smuggling after eight years behind bars. Sindh provincial high court in the southern city of Karachi had overturned a judge's order on Tuesday to revoke his bail and have him rearrested, Zardari's lawyer Aziz Ullah Sheikhsaid.

"The two judges at the court, after hearing my arguments, suspended the order and granted bail in the sum of 300,000 rupees (5,000 dollars) surety," he said outside the high court.

GOVERNOR'S RACE Democrats claim victory

AP, Olympia

Democrats have claimed victory in the race for Washington governor by a razor-thin margin of eight votes, citing preliminary results of a hand recount they say puts Christine Gregoire in front for the first time. Republicans maintained the race was still too close to call.

The stunning turnaround was reported late Tuesday by the head of the state Democratic Party, who said party officials' analysis of hand-counted returns from King County the last county to finish the grueling process showed that Gregoire had eclipsed the dwindling margin that Republican Dino Rossi had held since Election Day.

"We're confident Christine Gregoire has been elected the governor of the state of Washington," Democratic Chairman Paul Berend said. "I believe Dino Rossi should concede."



Len Funk, a Vietnam veteran, takes part in a candlelight vigil protesting the war in Iraq Tuesday in Arlington, Virginia. Arlingtonians for Peace and Northern Virginians for Peace held a candlelight memorial to remember those who have died in Iraq.

ঢাকা ইলেকট্রিক সাপ্লাই কোম্পানী লিঃ (ডেসকো)

বাড়ী নং ৩, রোড নং ২৪, ব্লক-কে, বনানী, ঢাকা-১২১৩।

বিদ্যুৎ বন্ধের জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ঢাকা ইলেকট্রিক সাপ্লাই কোম্পানী লিঃ (ডেসকো) এর সন্মানিত গ্রাহকবৃন্দের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, পিঙ্গলিকাবি'র ১৩২/৩৩ কেভি কল্যাণপুর গ্রীড উপকেন্দ্র এবং ডেসকো'র কল্যাণপুর ৩৩/১১ কেভি উপকেন্দ্র ও আগারগাঁও ৩৩/১১ কেভি উপকেন্দ্রের জরুরী মেরামত ও রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ কাজের জন্য নিম্নে বর্ণিত তারিখ ও সময়ে বিদ্যুৎ সরবরাহ বন্ধ থাকিবে।

এই সাময়িক বিদ্যুৎ বন্ধের কারণে সন্মানিত গ্রাহকবৃন্দ ও এলাকাবাসী যে অসুবিধার সম্মুখীন হবেন তারার জন্য 'ডেসকো' কর্তৃপক্ষ আন্তরিকভাবে দুঃখিত। রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ কাজের জন্য 'ডেসকো' কর্তৃপক্ষ গ্রাহকবৃন্দের সকল মহলের সহযোগিতা কামনা করে।

Table with columns: তারিখ, সময়, বিদ্যুৎ এলাকা সমূহ. It lists power outage schedules for different areas like Kalyanpur, Ghorasal, and Dhaka.

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BCIC Re-Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পঞ্চা শিল্পায়ন ন জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Sealed tenders are invited by Managing Director, Urea Fertilizer Factory Limited, Ghorasal, Narsingdi against local tender Inquiry No. UFF/Pur-2.003/2004-2005/168 Dated 23-11-2004 from manufacturers/suppliers/stockists/traders for purchase of 350.00 M Ton solid caustic soda.

Tender will be received in the tender box kept at the administrative building of Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd, Ghorasal, Narsingdi up to 11.00 hours of 29-12-2004 and opened immediately afterwards in presence (if any) of tenderers in public.

Tender document will be available on payment of Tk 500.00/- (five hundred) only (non-refundable) per set from (1) Controller of Accounts, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka, (2) BCIC Branch Office, G, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong and (3) Director General (Accounts and Finance), Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd, Ghorasal, Narsingdi.

No tender document will be sold on the date of opening tender. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders in part or full without assigning any reason. If it is not possible to receive tender under unavoidable circumstances, then it will be received on the next working day at the same time.

Khokan Chandra Das Deputy Manager (Marketing) Urea Fertilizer Factory Limited Ghorasal, Narsingdi

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Re-Advertisement for Appointment to the Post of Principal

Applications are invited from the deserving candidates to fill the vacant position of the Principal for K B Intermediate College located at Bangladesh Agricultural University Campus, Mymensingh. Incumbents with at least second class both at Honours and Masters from Science Discipline/English/Bengali along with 10 (ten) years teaching experience at college level are suitable to apply for the post. Retired Principal/Teacher from govt college, age not exceeding 60 (sixty), may also apply. In exceptional circumstances educational qualifications and experience may be relaxed as per govt rules. The successful candidate will get fringe benefits in accordance with the existing pay scale. On confirmation of the job, the position will be brought under general provident fund and pension/gratuity facilities as per rules of the institution. Intending candidates are requested to submit applications either directly or by post within 15 days after the publication of this advertisement with 2 (two) recent passport size photographs, complete CV, attested copies of all relevant certificates and documents and a Postal Order/Bank Draft worth Tk 250/- (non-refundable) in favour of the Chairman, Governing Body, K B Intermediate College, BAU Campus, Mymensingh-2202. Those who applied earlier for the same post need not to apply again.

Professor Dr Md Rafiqul Islam Sarkar Chairman, Governing Body K B International College BAU Campus, Mymensingh- 2202

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION SAYS US army covering up Iraqi prisoner deaths

AFP, Washington

US army commanders may have interfered in military investigations into the deaths of at least two Iraqi detainees in US custody, the largest US civil rights group said Tuesday, citing internal military documents. The documents from the Army's Criminal Investigation Command that were released to the American Civil Liberties Union following a court order issued under the Freedom of Information Act. "The files that we have obtained raise serious questions about obstruction of justice and whether government officials are acting with brazen impunity," said ACLU executive director Anthony Romero. On August 8, 2003 US forces arrested one Obed Hethere Radad during a raid in the city of Tikrit, just north of Baghdad. According to the documents, a soldier on September 11, 2003 "shot and killed Radad without any advance warning. The (Criminal Investigation Command) ultimately determined that there was probable cause to charge the (soldier) with murder."

the soldier with voluntary manslaughter. The soldier was found guilty, demoted, and discharged from the service before the investigation even began. "We are concerned that commanders short-circuited the investigation and prosecution of the Radad killing, rather than seeking full and fair justice," said ACLU attorney Omar Jadwat. Other documents detail the military inquiry into the death of Abdurezaq Lafta Abdul Kareem, 44, who "appeared to be in good health" when he was arrested on December 5, 2003, and taken to a detention site near the northern Iraqi city of Mosul. Four days later he was found dead in his cell. "The medic who examined him found multiple wounds, a laceration on his head surrounded by internal bleeding, bruising on his abdomen and a clear fluid in his right ear," the ACLU said.

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