# INTERNATIONAL

## London summit to help to affect polls, 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 his planned London conference on reform for Pales-tinians next year would help them become a real negotiating partner for peace.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said after meeting Blair that he had agreed that there was no need for Israel to attend.

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.

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."

Meanwhile, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, frontrunner to succeedYasserArafat, said yesterday that he expected negotiations on Israel's plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip after Palestinian elections next month.

"Until now there are no official contacts or negotiations with the Israeli side, but it is natural the negotiations will begin after the presidential election," Abbas told a



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

oint news conference with Italian Foreign Minister Gianfranco Fini.

Jerusalem yesterday.

Abbas is expected to win the Jan 9. election to succeed Arafat, whose death last month has raised new hopes for peace in the Middle East.

Abbas had earlier appeared cool to an Israeli invitation to coordinate four of 120 settlements in the West

the "Disengagement Plan" for abandoning occupied Gaza and

# 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 as 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

"The technical preparations are on track and I hope that all Iraqis will exercise their right to vote," he told a press conference at UN headquarters in New York.

## 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, official sources said.

India considers the visit imporant, given the precarious security situation in the kingdom and the key role the king could play in resolving t, 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.

It is not only the guerrillas who registered their protest by imposing a shutdown in Mahottari district near the Indian border ahead of the visit.

## Iraqi insurgents set free 2 French reporters

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 one through a very tough ordeal."

The pair, kidnapped 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 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

ing 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."

The Islamic Army in Iraq said it released the journalists because of France's stand against the US-led invasion of Iraq and the pair's support for Palestinian statehood, according to a statement given to Al-Jazeera television.

It had also been proved they were not spying for US forces in Iraq, it

French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin told political leaders Wednesday that his government did

not pay a ransom for the journalists.
"He was very clear. We can consider this to be the word of the prime minister," the leader of the French Communist Party in the senate, Nicole Borvo, told media after the

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

> Sheikh said. "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,"

Zardari secures

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

Asif Ali Zardari had been placed

under house arrest Tuesday, less

bail again

murder case hearing.

AFP, Karachi

## 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 handcounted returns from King County the last county to finish the grueling process showed that Gregoire had eclipsed the dwindling margin that Republican Dino Rossi has held

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



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

### ঢাকা ইলেকট্রিক সাপ্লাই কোম্পানী লিঃ (ডেসকো) বাড়ী # ৩, রোড # ২৪, রক-কে, বনানী, ঢাকা-১২১৩।

বিদ্যুৎ বন্ধের জরণরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ঢাকা ইলেকট্রিক সাপ্লাই কোম্পানী লিঃ (ডেসকো) এর সম্মানিত গ্রাহকবৃন্দের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, পিজিসিবি'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 নিমে বর্ণিত তারিখ ও সময়ে

এই সাময়িক বিদ্যুৎ বন্ধের কারণে সম্মানিত গ্রাহকবৃন্দ ও এলাকাবাসী যে অসুবিধার সম্মুখীন হবেন তাহার জন্য 'ডেসকো' কর্ত্তপক্ষ আন্তরিকভাবে দুঃখিত। রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ কাজের জন্য 'ডেসকো' কর্ত্তপক্ষ গ্রাহকবন্দসহ সকল মহলের

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## US army covering up Iraqi prisoner deaths

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION SAYS

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."

But officers on site only notified investigators four days after the incident. In the meantime a commander held a hearing and charged

the soldier with voluntary manslaughter. The soldier was found guilty, demoted, and discharged

gation 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.

from the service before the investi-

Other documents detail the military inquiry into the death of Abdureda 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

"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 ACLUsaid.



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