

'US troops may start Iraq withdrawal this year'

AFP, Washington

US troops could start withdrawing from Iraq this year as Iraqi forces take over security in the violence-wracked country, US Secretary of State Colin Powell said Wednesday.

Bush has no regrets for Iraq invasion

Top Democrat blasts president for failing to find WMD

AFP, Washington

US President George W. Bush said Wednesday that the invasion of Iraq was "absolutely" worth it, even though no weapons of mass destruction have been found.

White House confirmed Wednesday that the United States had quietly halted its search for WMD in Iraq -- one of its key reasons for invading the country.

mass destruction have been found -- nor has any evidence been uncovered that such weapons were moved to another country, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi said in a statement.

COUP PLOT Mark Thatcher pleads guilty

AFP, Cape Town

Mark Thatcher, son of former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher, yesterday pleaded guilty in a Cape Town court to charges of bankrolling an alleged coup plot in Equatorial Guinea.

EU lawmakers back disputed constitution

AFP, Strasbourg

European Union lawmakers voted massively in favour Wednesday of the EU's proposed constitution, which will be submitted to a series of make-or-break referendums from next month in the 25-nation bloc.

Aceh rebels call for truce

US, UN want Jakarta to clarify aid restriction

AFP, REUTERS, Jakarta

Rebels in Indonesia's tsunami-hit Aceh called yesterday for ceasefire talks to help aid effort as new restrictions on foreign relief workers prompted the United States to demand "clarification" from Jakarta.

The rebels' "prime minister in exile" Malik Mahmud said in a statement that his men were willing to sit down for discussions with Jakarta to ease fears over the safety of foreign humanitarian workers operating in Aceh.

restrictions on aid workers in Aceh could hinder international relief operations in the Indonesian province devastated by last month's tsunami.

Outrage greets 'Harry the Nazi'

AFP, London

Britain's young Prince Harry faced stinging criticism yesterday after being pictured wearing a Nazi soldier's uniform, just a fortnight before the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.



A man reads yesterday in Paris the British tabloid The Sun featuring Prince Harry, the youngest son of Prince Charles and the late Princess Diana, wearing a khaki uniform with an armband emblazoned with a swastika, emblem of the German WWII Nazi Party.

US warns Russia against selling missiles to Syria

AFP, Washington

The United States on Wednesday warned Russia against selling missiles to Syria amid reports that Moscow was ready to provide Damascus with a sophisticated weapon that could hit any target in Israel.

SC verdict puts US deportation on hold

REUTERS, Washington

The US Supreme Court ruled on Wednesday that the government may not indefinitely imprison immigrants who have been in the United States illegally for years and cannot be deported to their home countries.

country illegally. The Washington Legal Foundation, a conservative public interest legal group that supported the government in the case, predicted the decision would likely result in the immediate release of more than 1,000 illegal aliens who have been convicted of violent crimes.

Iranian judiciary summons Shirin Ebadi

AFP, Tehran

Iranian human rights activist and Nobel Peace prize laureate Shirin Ebadi said Thursday she has been summoned to answer questions by the country's hardline judiciary or else risk arrest.



Bangladesh Ambassador to Kuwait and concurrently accredited to Yemen Nazrul Islam Khan (L) is presenting his credentials to President of Yemen Ali Abdullah Saleh (R) while Foreign Minister Abubakar A. Al-Qirbi (C) looks on in a recently taken picture.

Baghdad hotel attack kills 7

REUTERS, AFP, Baghdad

An aide to Iraq's top Shia cleric has been murdered barely a fortnight before elections which the Shias are tipped to win, while gunmen seized a Turkish businessman and killed seven Iraqis outside a Baghdad hotel.

Small islands take aim at polluting countries

AFP, Port-Louis

Leaders of the world's smallest islands yesterday joined UN chief Kofi Annan in calling for action to fight climate change, with the Pacific ally of Kiribati accusing polluting countries of waging "ecoterrorism."

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