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No more wars, cold or real one, vows Putin

'US should practice what it preaches on democracy'

AFP, REUTERS, Moscow

Russian President Vladimir Putin vowed yesterday to help ensure the world never again faces a global conflict, whether a Cold War or a real war, as world leaders gathered to commemorate the end of World War

In a keynote speech at a Red Square parade attended by over 50 leaders including US President George W. Bush, he recalled the

horrors of the 1939-45 conflict. Putin, who has been criticised by some in the West notably over Russia's human rights record in tackling "terrorists" in Chechyna, said the modern world faces new threats which require a joint inter-

"It is our duty to defend a world order based on security and justice and on a new culture of relations among nations that will not allow a repeat of any war, neither 'cold' nor

United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan and Chinese President Hu Jintao were also among the leaders and other international dignitaries in Russia for the events, which took place amid massive security efforts.

But while the official programme centred on the Allied victory 60 years ago, the run-up to the celebration was marred by bitter debate over what happened in the subsequent decades until the Soviet breakup in

In Monday's address, Putin

hailed reconciliation between Russia and Germany as "one of the most important post-war achievements" in Europe. German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder was also among participants at the parade.

The tension between Moscow and some Western capitals has been fuelled notably by concern over Russia's commitment to democratic standards and support for rights including for example media freedom.

President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin aired their differences on democracy and Moscow's ties with its neighbours on Sunday but top aides insisted the talks were amicable and open.

The two presidents met for over an hour at Putin's country house west of Moscow then dined, as the on Monday to dozens of world dignitaries at a parade on the 60th anniversary of the defeat of Nazi

Earlier Putin said in a taped interview with the US network CBS the United States should examine its own democratic shortcomings before criticising Moscow.

"In Russia, the president is elected through the direct vote of the whole population. That might be even more democratic," said Putin in an interview broadcast late Sunday on CBS' "60 Minutes" programme.

By contrast, in the United States, -voters cast their ballots to "elect the electors and then they vote for the presidential candidates.



(L to R) Chinese President Hu Jintao, Ludmila Putin, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Luxemburg Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker, US President George W. Bush, his wife Laure, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and other heads of state walk to the place for a family picture after a joint wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers on Monday near the Kremlin in Moscow, during the celebrations marking the 60th anniversary of the Allied victory over Nazi Germany in WW II. Nearly 60 heads of state and government and other leading international dignitaries took part in the festivities in Moscow.

News blackout on Myanmar blasts

Official toll seen as too low

Military-ruled Myanmar has imposed a blackout on the news of casualties from the recent bomb blasts after official reports of 11 dead, but evidence mounted yesterday that the toll was substantially higher.

Doctors at Yangon General Hospital, the capital's largest, admitted they had been ordered not to speak to journalists about numbers of fatalities, even as the likelihood was remote that all 162 declared wounded had survived Saturday's bombing at two shopping malls and a trade centre. 'Anewsblackouthasbeenimposed,'

onedoctoratthehospital toldAFP A senior health official compiling data from the blast added to the secrecy. "We are in no position to say anything at this point," he said when

asked if the toll had risen. Myanmar's junta routinely restricts information on sensitive incidents such as bombings, clashes between authorities and the prodemocracy opposition, and even natural disasters if it feels the data would further harm the isolated government's reputation.

Clare Short joins calls for Blair to go soon

AFP, London

Clare Short, a former British government minister who has become one of Prime Minister Tony Blair's fiercest critics, added her voice Monday to calls for the premier to step down soon following last week's general election.

Short, who resigned form Blair's government in protest at the Iraq war, said the prime minister, whose Labour Party won a third term in power last week but with a greatly reduced majority, should depart swiftly.

'I think it would be best for him and for the government and for the Labour Party if he announced that he was going pretty soon and we agreed a process for selecting a new leader around the time of (the Labour) conference," Short told BBC radio.

military pact

REUTERS, Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia and the United States renewed a military cooperation pact yesterday for 10 years, putting aside irritants which have bedeviled bilateral ties.

Mainly Muslim Malaysia, cur-rently chair of the Non-Aligned Movement and an opponent of the US-led invasion of Iraq two years ago, has had some problems with Washington over the past decade but military ties have grown closer.

The new agreement enables armed forces from the two countries to share logistics and supplies, a follow-up to close military teamwork during relief operations for tsunami-hit Asia, the two sides said. "The (agreement) enhances

strong military-to-military coopera-tion between our two countries," US Ambassador Christopher LaFleur told reporters at a signing ceremony.

Malaysian and US militaries hold annual joint exercises and they cooperated closely in the unprecedented international military relief operation in Indonesia's Aceh province, which bore the brunt of the tsunami that swept Asia on Dec. 26.

US forces used Malaysian air force bases as hubs for ferrying supplies to Aceh, off Malaysia's west

Malaysia, US renew | Kabul offers amnesty to Omar, Hekmatyar

Two GIs, 23 militants killed in Afghan fighting

AFP, AP, Kabul

Afghanistan government has offered amnesty to top Taliban fighters yesterday while 12 militants and two US soldiers were killed in lighting on Sunday in the eastern part of the country.

Fugitive Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar and former prime minister and warlord Gulbuddin Hekmatyar are not excluded from an amnesty offer, Afghanistan's reconciliation commission said yesterday.

Mojaddedi said the amnesty would also cover Afghan detainees held at the US military base at Guantanamo Bayin Cuba. Yes the amnesty includes these

two people, who cannot do anything on their own when people around them surrender," he said, when questioned on the issue by AFP. "At this moment we announce

amnesty for all, so give them some time, let them think about it and

Meanwhile, two US Marines and US military statement said.

Commission chief Sibghatullah up to 23 militants were killed in a clash in eastern Afghanistan amid an upsurge in violence by suspected Taliban rebels which has claimed around 90 lives in the past week.

The deaths occurred after a group of Marines hunting militants clashed Sunday with about 25 rebels northwest of the eastern city of Jalalabad, the US military said Monday.

'Two insurgents were confirmed killed and another 21 suspected dead after a five-hour gun battle in the Laghman province Sunday,"

KHARAZI SAYS Iran has 'legitimate right' to nuclear tech

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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Iran has a "legitimate right" to nuclear technology and has no plans to permanently halt uranium that it will resume uranium enrichenrichment, Foreign Minister ment work if an agreement is not Kamal Kharazi told Time magazine.

Iran agreed in November last e focus of international fears the Britain, France and Germany.

Kharazi's comments in an interview with Time, published Sunday, but conducted last week, supported

reached with the European Union. Iran said Sunday it was preparing year to suspend its fuel cycle work -- a bill to ratify a key nuclear protocol but also stood firm on its intentior country may be seeking nuclear to resume sensitive nuclear fuel weapons -- and open talks with work despite intense international

Indian Commissioner for Indus Water D.K. Mehta (L) talks with his Pakistani counterpart Syed Jamaat Ali Shah (R) during a meeting in Lahore Monday. An eight-member Indian water delegation, led by Mehta, arrived in Lahore on Saturday for a three-day talks on the Kishan-Ganga power house dispute.

UAE signs pact with Unicef to rehabilitate child camel jockeys

AFP, Abu Dhabi

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Sunday signed an agreement with the United Nations children's fund Unicef to rehabilitate child camel jockeys after banning their use in the region's popular sport.

Under the pact, a social welfare institution will "provide all kinds of tance and protection to the children (used as jockeys) until they are repatriated in line with internationally recognised standards," the officialWAM news agency reported.

Once back in their countries, the children will also "receive aid for a period of two years to help them recover their health and reintegrate in their families and societies", it said.

Talk of 6 N Korean nukes worries US, UN

A UN atomic agency estimate that North Korea could have six nuclear weapons ratcheted up official Washington's worries that the Stalinist state may test a bomb as early as next month.

CNN television Sunday asked International Atomic Energy Agency chief Mohamed ElBaradei if North Korea had as many as six nuclear citing "hostile" US policy

estimation," he said.

"We knew they had the plutonium that could be converted into five or six North Korea weapons.

"We know that they had the indusplutonium. We have read also that capabilities.

they have the delivery system." days after the New York Times reported that US officials familiar warheadas "theoretical."

with satellite and intelligence data believed the Stalinist state was building a reviewing stand and filling in a tunnel, signs of a potential underground nuclear test.

US officials have been urging North Korea to rejoin China, Japan, Russia and South Korea to join the United States in so-called six-party talks, which have been stalled since June, when the North quit the talks,

North Korea declared on nuclear weapons to defend itself from the United States.

However, the pace of events picked up this week, with press and IAEA reports on North Korea's trial infrastructure to weaponise this nuclear weapons and delivery

As recently as April 29, the Pentagon ElBaradei's comments came two referred to North Korea's ability to arm a long-range missile with a nuclear

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