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N Korea rocks nuke deal with reactor demand

Seoul says deal not dead yet

REUTERS, Seoul/Beijing

North Korea jeopardised a sixnation deal on giving up its nuclear arms just one day after it was struck by vowing yesterday to keep the weapons until Washington provides civilian atomic reactors.

The US State Department said the North's views, set out in a lengthy statement, did not match the agreement it signed at sixcountry talks in Beijing. Japan said the North's demand was unacceptable and China asked all sides to

fulfil their promises. Seoul said it would take the lead role in bridging the gap between the US and North Korean positions.

The six countries, also including Russia, had agreed on Monday to a set of principles on winding up Pyongyang's nuclear programmes

in return for aid and recognizing its right to a civilian nuclear programme. The six agreed to discuss providing a light-water reactor "at an appropriate time."

Analysts noted the North had backtracked on seemingly rock-solid positions before, and so the deal was not dead yet.

"They've chosen the appropriate time to discuss it is now," said Peter Hayes, a North Korea expert at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. "I think what they're doing is negotiating. They're putting out a maximal position."

The North's Foreign Ministry

statement could be mostly aimed at its own people, said Toshimitsu Shigemura, a professor at Waseda University in Tokyo and an expert on

While official reaction to the end

of the fourth round of talks had been upbeat, sceptics had already said the deal was long on words, vague on timing and sequence, and short

The North's comments exposed those short comings.

"The US should not even dream of the issue of the DPRK's dismantlement of its nuclear deterrent before providing LWRs," said the statement, published by KCNA news agency. "This is our just and consistent stand as solid as a deeply rooted

DPRK is short for the North's official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, LWRs are light-water reactors that experts say are more proliferation-resistant

As the North has given ground before, its statement may not be the

last word. After the first round in August 2003, it said just a day after the talks it saw no need for more.
"It could be a lot of bluster," said

one US official in Washington. But Tuesday's statement posed at least a challenge to a deal which less than 24 hours earlier delegates applauded.

"This was obviously not the agreement they signed and we will see what the coming weeks bring," said State Department spokesman Sean McCormack, referring to the gap before talks are set to resume in ovember. Japan took the same Referring to its nuclear deterrent,

North Korea's chief delegate, Vice Foreign Minister Kim Kye-gwan, told reporters in Beijing: "There will be no such thing as giving it up first." Seoul said the North's comments



This handout picture given by London Metropolitan Police shows a grab image taken from a CCTV footage dated June 28, 2005 showing (Centre from L-R) Mohammed Sidique Khan, Germaine Lindsay and Shahzad Tanweer, three of four presumed London suicide bombers arriving at King's Cross Thameslink station during an apparent dummy run of their July 7 attack.

German conservative leader Angela Merkel, wounded by her failure to

get a clear majority in stalemated

weekend elections, fought yesterday

to keep alive party support for her

ambition to be Germany's first

her parliamentary party for fresh

backing, Chancellor Gerhard

Schroeder reportedly urged a coup

Even as Merkel prepared to ask

support

woman chancellor.

AFP, Berlin

London bombers 'staged dummy run in June'

AFP, London

The four presumed London suicide bombers who killed themselves and 52 other people on July 7 staged a "dummy run" of their devastating attack the month before, a report said yesterday.

The four men, all British Muslims, travelled from their home city of Leeds, northern England before separating to visit their designated targets on the London Underground subway rail system, the Evening Standard newspaper said.

According to the London daily, which cited anonymous police and security sources, the apparent reconnaissance mission in late June was discovered by officers looking through hours of security camera footage.

The July 7 attacks saw three bombs explode near-simultaneously at Underground stations at points to the east, west and south of King's Cross, the mainline terminus where the bombers arrived by train.

A fourth blast ripped through a bus in the centre of London around an

EU for action against Iran Russia opposes move, Tehran threatens to quit NPT

Europe's top three powers were yesterday pushing for Iran to be reported to the UN Security Council with a draft resolution that blasts Tehran for "breaches" of international nuclear safeguards but which faces stiff opposition from Russia.

Britain, France and Germany were Tuesday distributing the text, "Iran: Elements for an IAEA Board Resolution" to members of the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) board of governors which is meeting in Vienna this week, according to a copy of the draft obtained by AFP. The European trio and the

United States are calling for Iran to be reported to the Security Council over potentially weapons-related nuclear fuel work and threaten to

push for a vote if consensus at the 35-nation board can not be

facilities," the draft said.

Enriched uranium can be fuel for nuclear power reactors but also the raw material for atom bombs.

achieved, diplomats told AFP. Iran's co-operation with an

investigation by the IAEA has been marked by extensive concealment, misleading information and delays in access to nuclear material and

That behaviour "has resulted in many breaches of its obligations to comply with its safeguards agreement," the draft said. The draft asks the Security

Council "as the organ bearing the main responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security" to call on Iran to "reestablish full and sustained suspension of all enrichment-related and reprocessing activity."

Referral to the Security Council is opposed by Russia, China and nonaligned states which support Iran's right to peaceful nuclear activities and fear that taking Iran to the top UN body, which could impose trade

> In Moscow, the head of the Russian atomic energy agency, Alexander Rumyantsev, told ITAR-TASS news agency: "Russia's position is that for the moment there is no reason to consider the issue of Iranian nuclear activities as very worrying.

sanctions, could escalate the con-

Russia is building Iran's first nuclear power reactor.

Meanwhile, Iran's top nuclear negotiator Ali Larijani warned Tuesday that Tehran could quit the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) if it is subjected to the "language of force".

al-Qaeda takes blame Merkel seeks for London blasts

AP, Cairo, Egypt

al-Qaeda deputy leader Ayman al-Zawahri said in a statement broadcast Monday that his terror network carried out the July 7 London bombings, marking the group's first direct claim of responsibility for the attacks that killed 52 people.

The Egyptian-born militant also criticized the legitimacy of Sunday's parliamentary elections in Afghanistan and condemned Pakistan the one-time ally of Afghanistan's deposed Taliban regime for forging strong ties with the United States. "The blessed London attack was

one which al-Qaeda was honoured to launch against the British Crusader's arrogance and against the American Crusader aggression on the Islamic nation for 100 years," al-Zawahri said in the tape aired on Qatar-based al"In their final testament, the heroic brothers in the London attacks ... provided great lessons to the Islamic nation and Muslims in Pakistan to oppose the infidels," said al-Zawahri, who wore a black turban and white shirt and spoke to someone off-camera who was interviewing him. The attacks also killed the four bombers.

This blessed attack revealed the real hypocritical face of the West," said the bushy gray bearded al-Zawahri in his latest tape, which included English subtitles and credits saying it was produced and translated by al-Sahab Media Production House, a shadowy purported al-Qaeda media organisation.

While there was no immediate way to verify al-Zawahri's claim, the attacks on three London underground stations and a double-decker ous bore all the hallmarks of the terror group.

MONEY-LAUNDERING CASE Benazir faces

Pakistan's former prime minister

Benazir Bhutto on Monday faced Swiss justice officials who are prob-

ing allegations that she laundered

Benazir, who has consistently

millions of dollars in bribes.

Swiss justice

officials

against his opponent, offering to drop out of the running to rule Germany but only if Merkel did the

"There has never been a chancel-lor who has sacrificed himself in order to clear the way to form a government. Schroeder would go down in the party's history as one of the greats," an unnamed leading member of Schroeder's Social Democratic Party told the topselling Bild newspaper.

UN rights agency slams Nepal govt

400 anti-king protesters detained

AFP, Kathmandu

Nepalese police arrested more than 400 people yesterday in protests against King Gyanendra's rule, witnesses said, as the UN rights agency in the country criticised police handling of the demonstrators.

Among the more than 400 arrested were women activists and university teachers, police said.

"In the process of stopping the protestors from heading towards restricted areas, we arrested women and University Teachers Association

members," a police officer told AFP. Witnesses said the police charged the crowd of women with batons, injuring several.

The police response to the daily protests drew a rebuke from Ian for ajoint challenge to the king.

Donors ask Lanka to keep

war rhetoric down

Martin, Nepal representative of the UN's Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, who asked the government to avoid excessive use of force. "With regard to the police

response to continuing protests in Kathmandu, OHCHR has received information on incidents of police throwing stones at demonstrators leading to injuries," the UN agency said in a statement Tuesday.

The statement also said police

had fired tear gas near hospitals and schools and made arrests on questionable legal grounds.

The protests have brought thou-sands to the streets daily since Maoist rebels earlier this month announced a unilateral ceasefire aimed at winning support from political parties

India to fight out Maoists

India plans to combat rising Maoist violence "compassionately" by reducing poverty as well as with force, reports said yesterday.

The plans were drafted Monday by Home Minister Shivraj Patil and state chief ministers in New Delhi following a sharp jump in deadly leftist attacks.

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in a proper and discreet manner," Patil told state chief ministers, according to The Hindu newspa-

the states agreed to mount anti-Maoist operations that would cross state borders, strengthen intelligence-sharing and bolster state police forces. They also said they would set up groups in each state to promote faster social and economic

The national government and

Alarm bells rang in New Delhi earlier this month when Indian rebels and Maoists guerrillas in neighbouring Nepal, who are fighting to oust the monarchy in the Himalayan kingdom, said they

> The declaration came amid rising leftist violence in India. At least 15 people were killed

in Indonesia

Indonesian police have detained 35

people for vandalising mosques and

houses belonging to a minority

Muslim sect in West Java province, a

were badly damaged and at least

three cars burned in four villages

Monday night, confirmed an officer

at the Cianjur district police office

who identified himself only as

He declined to give further

ElShinta radio reported damage

to four mosques, three religious schools and 33 houses after a group

of students from a local Islamic

boarding school and residents went

details, saying all officers were still at

Several mosques and houses

report and police said yesterday.

AFP, Jakarta

Herman.

the scene.

That attack came a week after 23 paramilitary soldiers were killed in a andmine blast triggered by Maoist would work jointly to promote rebels in the central state of

September 12 when more than 100

The leftist rebels say they are farmers in the country's rural hin-

battling for greater economic and social rights for tribals and landless suspected Maoists raided a village in terland.

the eastern Indian state of

Jharkhand, a hotbed of Maoist

Cianjur Deputy Police Chief

The damaged buildings

Commissioner Rudy Mardianto told

ElShinta that 35 people had been

belonged to the Ahmadiyya, a

Muslim sect which the country's

highest authority on Islam has

Ahmadiyya was founded in the

late 19th century in what is now

Pakistan with the professed goal of

reviving Islam by stressing non-violence and tolerance.

It breaks sharply with main-stream Islam by not insisting

Mohammed was necessarily the last

The sect is a target of periodic violence. A major Ahmadiyya

mosque in nearby Bogor, West Java,

was attacked and damaged last

month.

detained for questioning.

outlawed as a deviant sect.

denied any wrongdoing, said she was cooperating fully with Geneva investigators.

Ahead of the hearing, she told reporters that Pakistani authorities were trying to make political capital out of the case, claiming that some Attack on Ahmadiyyas

After Katrina, it's Rita

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Washington

rircles in her homeland were against

A new hurricane threat prompted New Orleans' mayor to suspend his call for people to return to parts of the flood-hit city and ask returnees to leave the city centre.

Mayor Ray Nagin said late Monday the decision was prompted by Tropical Storm Rita, which was nearing hurricane strength over the Bahamas and was expected to reach the US Gulf Coast by the weekend - less than a month after the unprecedented devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

"So I am encouraging everyone to leave," Nagin said in New Orleans, which was devastated by flooding after Katrina hit on August 29. The appeal applies to the downtown area, known as Orleans Parish.

Tigers blamed for political assassinations AFP, Colombo

Top foreign aid donors yesterday warned Sri Lankan political parties against undermining a fragile peace process and accused Tamil Tiger rebels of carrying out political

assassinations to undermine a

The United States, the European Union, Japan and Norway, cochairs of efforts to drum up international financial support for Sri Lanka's peace bid, said they were concerned about killings as well as rhetoric in campaigning for next

month's presidential vote.

"The co-chairs look to all parties to refrain from violence and from statements and acts that could undermine progress toward the peaceful resolution of the conflict after the elections," they said in a statement issued after a meeting in New York on Monday.

The co-chair members stressed that a peaceful resolution to Sri Lanka's drawn out ethnic conflict could be achieved only through a negotiated political settlement based on a federal state.

The ruling party's candidate for the November 17 ballot, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapakse, has vowed to overhaul the Norwegianled peace process and drop plans for a federal state. The co-chairs said the August 12

assassination of Foreign Minister Lakshman Kadirgamar at his Colombo home had cast a shadow over the peace process between the overnment

Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). The killing was the "most serious challenge" since a truce agreement went into effect in February 2002, the statement said.

The co-chairs stopped short of accusing the Tigers of being responsible for his death. Colombo, however, has accused the Tigers of carrying out the killing of Kadirgamar, an ardent critic of the guerrillas, while the rebels have denied any involvement.

"This unconscionable act of terrorism casts profound doubt on the commitment of those responsible to a peaceful and political resolution of the conflict. "The co-chairs call on the LTTE

to take immediate public steps to demonstrate their commitment to the peace process and their willingness to change," the statement

"An immediate end to political assassinations by the LTTE and an end to LTTE recruitment of child soldiers are two such steps."

The Tigers for their part have accused the government of supporting paramilitary groups to lead attacks against them, a charge denied by the military.

"The co-chairs deplore the activities of paramilitary groups, which fuel the cycle of violence and unrest," the statement said.

responsibility of the Sri Lankan government under the ceasefire agreement to disarm or relocate these groups from the north and

Shortly after the slaying of the foreign minister, Colombo asked for a review of the truce but efforts to find a venue acceptable to both sides for the meeting have so far

failed. The Tigers agreed to travel abroad for the talks or hold them in rebel-held territory, a position rejected by the government. A proposal by Norway to have the talks at the international airport

here was turned down by the Tigers. "The co-chairs are disappointed that the LTTE have not agreed to the proposed venue for talks with the government of Sri Lanka about implementation of the ceasefire

agreement," the statement said. The LTTE's political wing leader S. P. Thamilselvan told AFP in a weekend interview that they were ready to have truce talks "even in the next minute" if government representatives agreed to travel to their political headquarters at Kilinochchi, 330 kilometres (206

miles) north of here.

US plans new moon landing in 2018

AFP, Washington

on the rampage.

The United States will send four astronauts to the moon in 2018 in a major return to its pioneering manned missions into space, Nasa administrator Michael Griffin announced Monday.

Nasa is to design a new rocket based on the technology from its ageing shuttles that are to be retired in 2010, Griffin said. A new ship could be orbiting in space by 2012.

The last manned mission to the moon was the Apollo 17 rocket in 1972. The new mission will also launch preparations to set up a permanent base on the moon, Griffin said.

He estimated the cost of the return to the moon at 104 billion dollars and insisted it should not be affected by rebuilding after Hurricane Katrina or the Iraq war.



Iraqi policemen search through the rubble at the criminal police headquarters in the southern Iraqi city of Basra threatening the voters that if they yesterday, Iraqi defence and interior ministry sources said British troops battered down the main doors of the headdidn't vote for them, they will be quarters and freed the two British soldiers, detained earlier during an intelligence mission. punished," he said.

OBSERVERS SAY

Intimidation in Afghan polls

AFP, AP, Kabul

The main body of observers of Afghanistan's landmark weekend parliamentary poll said yesterday it had noted some intimidation of voters, but its final assessment would only be ready later this week. "There were a few cases of intimi-

dation by powerful candidates or

their agents," Free and Fair Elections in Afghanistan chairman Nader Naderi told AFP, describing the pressure as "non-violent". "Some of the candidates or their agents were telling the voters to vote for them... they were

reported in southern Kandahar province, the stronghold of the Taliban hardliners that ruled the country until they were forced out in a US-led campaign in 2001. Intimidation was also noted in

Naderi said most cases were

restive central Logar and in north-ern Baghlan, he said. "We expect a full report in one or two days," Naderi said. Vote-counting after Sunday's

election, the country's first parliamentary vote in more than 30 years, began on Tuesday for all but two

Logistical problems delayed the count for eastern Kunar and Nuristan provinces, officials said. Final results are not expected

until late October.

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