



A handful of Diana fans gather yesterday at the Paris site where the princess's car crashed 10 years ago. The Alma tunnel, on the north bank of the River Seine, is a must-see spot for tourists who are drawn to the site where the 36-year-old Diana crashed shortly after midnight on August 31, 1997.

## Prince Harry hails Diana as 'best mother in the world'

AFP, London

Prince Harry described princess Diana as "the best mother in the world" during a highly personal address yesterday at the London memorial service marking the 10th anniversary of her death.

Harry, dressed in a dark suit and army tie, said that losing his mother at the age of 12 was "incredibly shocking and sad" before an audience of 500 invited guests at the Guards Chapel.

"William and I can separate life into two parts," he said, as his elder brother bowed his head in the front row.

"There were those years when we were blessed by the physical presence beside us of both our mother and father and then there are the 10 years since our mother's death."

## Diana's death observed

AP, London

Princess Diana's family gathered yesterday to solemnly mark the 10th anniversary of her death, while admirers tied scores of bouquets, poems and pictures to the gates of her former home.

It was a day for broadcasting video snippets of one wedding and funeral, for rehearsing the rights and wrongs of the failed marriage of Diana and Prince Charles.

It was one more day for dredging up questions about how she came to die in a car crash in Paris with her boyfriend Dodi Fayed, and for the Daily Telegraph to publish an essay, which explained "why we were right to weep for Diana."

Diana's sons, Prince William and Prince Harry, were credited with organizing a noontime service at the Guards' Chapel near Buckingham Palace, but Charles was blamed by many for the dispute over an invitation to his current wife.

Camilla, who was blamed by Diana for breaking up her marriage, decided to stay home. That decision followed quickly after the

Mail on Sunday published a commentary by Diana's friend, Rosa Monckton, saying the princess would have been "astonished" that Camilla was invited.

"Actually, she would have been astonished to learn that her former husband had married his longtime mistress," Monckton wrote.

A few people were waiting outside the Guards' Chapel on Friday morning, in contrast to the masses who lined the route of Diana's funeral procession to Westminster Abbey 10 years ago.

"She reached our lives deeply, even in America. She brought life to the palace and warmth and that's what the monarchy needed," said Arlene Fitch, 54, of Boston, one of the early arrivals.

Fitch and her sister, Marie Schofield, 46, from Florida, said they planned their vacation to be in London at the time of the service.

"She (Diana) got married the same year as me, she had children the same year as me and as her boys have grown up they have done just the same kind of things as our boys would do," Schofield said.

# Musharraf consults aides in Pak power struggle

## Pakistan asks KSA to stall Sharif's return

AFP, ANI, Islamabad

Pakistani president Pervez Musharraf held talks with top aides yesterday to weigh up his shrinking options after ex-premier Nawaz Sharif vowed to return from exile to block his re-election plans.

Musharraf, who is fighting for his political life, and close advisers were to discuss proposals by another former prime minister, Benazir Bhutto, for a power-sharing deal that would see him quit as army chief.

The United States also reminded its key ally in the "war on terror" of his previous commitments to shed his uniform before

seeking re-election by parliament in September or October.

"The president is holding further discussions with his top political aides later Friday," one of the aides told AFP on condition of anonymity.

A minister also confirmed the discussions were taking place.

He said Musharraf was trying to "thrash out differences with ruling party leadership, which opposes an amendment which will pave the way for Benazir or Sharif to hold the prime minister's office for the third term."

The Pakistan government has contacted authorities in Saudi Arabia in a bid to stall former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's return to

Pakistan on September 10.

The government is confident that the Sharif brothers would not be able to return to Pakistan if Saudi elders intervene, sources said.

An envoy of the Saudi leadership is expected to contact the Sharif brothers in a day or two to remind them of the understanding pertaining to their exile from the country till December 2010.

Visibly upset over the Sharif brothers' announcement, Musharraf is exploring a number of steps to deal with the development including diverting the Sharif brothers plane to Jeddah, boarding them on arrival here to yet another Jeddah-bound flight and declaring

Islamabad airport as a "no go area" on the D-day.

Sources said that the government would not adopt passive attitude to Sharif brothers move.

Sharif said on Thursday that he would fly home on September 10 after seven years in exile to lead a "decisive battle" against Musharraf, who ousted him in a coup in 1999, and contest general elections due by early 2008.

Benazir, considered a natural ally for Musharraf because of her more liberal stance, has also pledged to come back from her exile over corruption charges, although she is still pushing the president for a pact.

## All fires in Greece dying down

AFP, Athens

Forest fires, which devastated southern Greece, killing at least 63 people, were losing their intensity on Friday, the fire service said.

"Things are going well," a spokesman said, adding that the fires -- which had burned for eight days -- were no longer threatening any populated areas.

A drop in the winds that had been fanning the flames was helping firefighters who were concentrating their efforts on three areas.

In the southern peninsula of Peloponnese, 75 firefighters assisted by three water-bombing planes were operating around Mount Parnon where fires had regained strength on Thursday.

Further north in the Peloponnese, four planes were swooping low over burning forests to dump water on fires, which had endangered nearby villages on Thursday.



Locals look at firemen trying to extinguish the fire in Kato Kotyli village in central Peloponnese on Thursday. The fires that wrought a trail of destruction across Greece for a week were mostly under control as people counted the cost of a disaster that has claimed 63 lives.

# Benazir gambles on Musharraf

AP, Islamabad

Exiled former leader Benazir Bhutto is gambling her future on a power-sharing deal with President Gen Pervez Musharraf, hoping to revive a political dynasty.

Benazir is urging Musharraf to step down as military chief and drop corruption charges so she can come home and compete in parliamentary elections due by January. In return, the US-allied Musharraf gets to stay on for another five years as a powerful civilian president.

But joining hands with the unpopular general could cost the liberal opposition leader support and turn her audacious bid to win a

third term as prime minister into a political suicide.

"For the first time in the history of Pakistan, from one end to the other end of Pakistan, there's complete unanimity. No more dictatorship," said Ghulam Mustafa Khar, a senior politician who has broken with Benazir's Pakistan People's Party over her talks with Musharraf.

"Now, Benazir stands up and says, 'Stay, Musharraf, stay!' ... That is something which is a nightmare for the people of Pakistan," he said.

Benazir Bhutto rejects that criticism.

She and Musharraf also argue that joining forces will strengthen Pakistan's efforts to combat extremism and prevent the kind of

political chaos that could prompt another burst of martial law.

"I am trying to convince (party colleagues) that the international community and the armed forces have confidence in Musharraf, and therefore we need to work out a solution" with him, she told The Washington Post recently.

But friends and foes warn that eight years of living abroad has left Benazir out of touch with public sentiment.

Khar accused her of betraying her party's values by reaching out to a man who toppled Pakistan's last civilian government and has lost public support at home and abroad for recently trying to fire the country's top judge.

## Trains collide in Brazil: 8 die

AP, Rio de Janeiro

A speeding train carrying hundreds of commuters slammed into an empty train near Rio de Janeiro on Thursday, killing eight people and injuring more than 80, officials said.

The commuter train was traveling at nearly 60 mph when it slammed into the rear end of an empty six-car train manoeuvring slowly from one track to another, the Supervia company that runs the train said.

Some passengers aboard the commuter train had to be freed by rescue workers using blowtorches to cut through the twisted wreckage.

# Iraq govt asks militias to halt attacks

AP, Baghdad

The Iraqi government called on armed groups to follow the lead of the biggest Shia militia and freeze their operations, while the US military yesterday reported the deaths of two more American service members in fighting against Sunni insurgents.

A statement by Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's office welcomed Wednesday's decision by anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr to freeze attacks by his Mahdi militia

for up to six months as a step toward "affirming security and stability."

The statement, issued late Thursday, said al-Sadr's move offered "a good chance" to "suspend the work of other militias" to restore "the integrity and sovereignty of Iraq."

Al-Sadr issued the order after his fighters were suspected of a role in this week's gunfights during a religious festival in Karbala that killed up to 51 people.

The order appeared to have had a calming effect in Baghdad, where police on Thursday found only five bodies of bullet-riddled victims of

sectarian death squads.

In Sadr City, the Shia slum in northeast Baghdad, residents said there was no sign of Mahdi militiamen, who normally cruise the streets in cars and converge on al-Sadr's office in the evening.

The Mahdi Army has been accused by Sunni Arab politicians of massacring thousands of Sunni Arabs. The US military believes Iranian-backed splinter groups from the organization have been responsible for most of the recent attacks in the Baghdad area that have caused American casualties.



## Merkel most powerful woman: Forbes

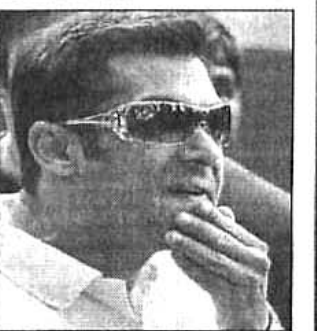
AP, Berlin

Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel tops Forbes magazine's list of the world's 100 most powerful women for the second year in a row, while Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice slipped to fourth from second last year.

Merkel "continued to impress the world with her cool leadership at two back-to-back summits," Forbes said.

The magazine cited her work getting leaders at the Group of Eight summit to agree to goals for cutting greenhouse gas emissions and persuading European Union leaders to get moving on a treaty to replace their failed constitution.

China's vice premier Wu Yi was No. 2, and Ho Ching of Singapore, chief executive of Temasek Holdings, was third ahead of Rice.



## Bollywood star Salman Khan gets bail

AFP, Jodhpur

An Indian court yesterday granted bail to top Bollywood actor Salman Khan pending his appeal against a conviction for poaching protected wildlife, paving the way for his release from prison.

The 41-year-old star was sent to jail last week after a court threw out an appeal by the actor against his conviction, under which he has to serve a five-year prison term.

"The court has accepted his bail plea," Khan's lawyer told reporters in western Jodhpur city.

The high court will now take up Khan's case on October 24.

**বাংলাদেশ ক্ষুদ্র ও কুটির শিল্প কর্পোরেশন (বিসিক)**  
১৩৭-১৩৮ মতিঝিল বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, ঢাকা - ১০০০।

**শিল্প পার্ক, বাড়বকুন্ড, চট্টগ্রামে (সাবেক চট্টগ্রাম কেমিক্যাল কমপ্লেক্স এর অব্যবহৃত জায়গা) পুট বরাদ্দের পুনঃবিজ্ঞপ্তি**

এতদ্বারা শিল্পোদ্যোক্তাগণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, বিসিক শিল্প পার্ক, বাড়বকুন্ড, চট্টগ্রামে (সাবেক চট্টগ্রাম কেমিক্যাল কমপ্লেক্স এর অব্যবহৃত জায়গা) শিল্প পুট বরাদ্দের লক্ষ্যে আগ্রহী শিল্পোদ্যোক্তাদের নিকট হতে পুনরায় দরখাস্ত আহবান করা যাচ্ছে। উক্ত পুট সমূহ স্বচ্ছল আগ্রহী শিল্পোদ্যোক্তাদের অনুকূলে বিদ্যমান শিল্প নীতির আলোকে বিধি মোতাবেক শিল্প স্থাপনের লক্ষ্যে বরাদ্দ দেয়া হবে। পুট বরাদ্দের আবেদনপত্র ২০০/- (দুই শত) টাকা মূল্য পরিশোধ সাপেক্ষে বিসিক প্রধান কার্যালয়ের হিসাব শাখা অথবা চট্টগ্রামস্থ বিসিক আঞ্চলিক কার্যালয় ও বিসিক জেলা শিল্প সহায়ক কেন্দ্র, ১৭, আগ্রাবাদ বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, চট্টগ্রাম হতে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। আবেদনপত্রের সাথে নিম্নবর্ণিত কাগজপত্রাদির প্রতিটি ৩ কপি সংযোজন করতে হবেঃ

১. প্রকল্প প্রতিবেদন;
২. প্রকল্প বাস্তবায়ন তফসিল;
৩. বিল্ডিং লে-আউট প্লান (খসড়া);
৪. মেশিন লে-আউট প্লান (খসড়া);
৫. উদ্যোক্তার পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি;
৬. ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সনদপত্র;
৭. প্রকল্প ব্যাংক ঋণের সহায়তায় স্থাপনের প্রস্তাব করা হলে সংশ্লিষ্ট ব্যাংক থেকে সম্মতিপত্র;
৮. প্রকল্প নিজস্ব অর্থায়নে স্থাপনের প্রস্তাব করা হলে নিজস্ব অর্থের সংগতির প্রমাণ স্বরূপ অব্যবহিত ৬ (ছয়) মাসের ব্যাংক লেন-দেনের প্রতিবেদন;
৯. পুট বরাদ্দ পেলে পরিবেশ অধিদপ্তর ও ফায়ার সার্ভিস বিভাগের হাউজপত্র গ্রহণপূর্বক শিল্প স্থাপন করা হবে মর্মে ১৫০/- টাকার নন-জুডিশিয়াল স্ট্যাম্প অংগীকারনামা;
১০. লিমিটেড কোম্পানীর ক্ষেত্রে মেমোরেন্ডাম এন্ড আর্টিক্যালস অব এসোসিয়েশন এবং অংশীদারিত্বের ক্ষেত্রে পার্টনারশীপ ডিড - এর কপি।

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# 10 killed in attack on Afghan base

AFP, Asadabad

At least 10 civilians were killed yesterday when rockets fired by the Taliban at a US-led military base in eastern Afghanistan fell short and landed on their homes, officials said.

The insurgents launched the rockets towards the base in eastern Kunar province's Chawakai district and the projectiles hit a nearby village, police official Abdul Sabour Allahyar told AFP.

"The Taliban fired several rockets over the base but the rockets fell short and landed on civilian homes," Allahyar said. "Ten civilians were killed and several others injured," he added, updating an earlier toll.

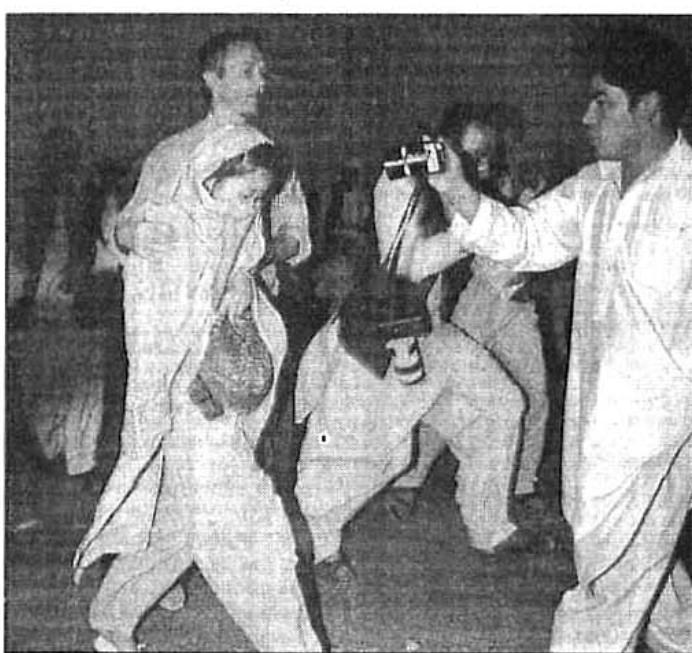
District official Zahir Safi also confirmed the attack and gave the same death toll. Five other villagers were injured in the "intense" attack, Safi said.

The US-led coalition, which has around 12,000 troops mainly in eastern and southern Afghanistan on counter-terrorism duties, confirmed that its base came under attack but could not provide information on casualties.

"There's a base up there (Chawakai) which received 10 rounds in indirect fire. We did not return any fire," coalition spokesman Sergeant Dean Welch told AFP.

Earlier a suicide car bomb exploded outside a Nato military airport in Kabul on Friday, killing one Afghan soldier and wounding several people including five international troops, officials said.

The suicide attacker rammed his bomb-packed car nose-to-nose with a foreign military vehicle that was leaving the compound but it did not explode, an Afghan soldier who saw the blast told AFP.



A South Korean hostage (C) walks with an official from The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) past media representatives after being released by their Taliban captors in Janda, some 100kms south of Ghazni Thursday.

**Bangladesh Film Development Corporation**  
Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208

Tender No. FDC/DP-LP/2006-2007/43/13/ Date: 27/08/2007

**Invitation International Tender for Spare Parts for Import of "SONDOR" Dubbing Equipment (Goods)**

01. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Information, Government of Bangladesh.			
02. Agency	Bangladesh Film Development Corporation, Dhaka.			
03. Procuring entity name	Managing Director, BFDC.			
04. Procuring entity district	Dhaka, Bangladesh.			
05. Invitation for	Spare Parts for "SONDOR" Dubbing Equipment.			
06. Invitation for Ref. No.	FDC/DP-LP/2006-2007/43/13.			
07. Date	27/08/2007.			
08. Procurement method	Open tendering method (OTM).			
09. Budget and source of fund	Revenue.			
10. Tender package No.	1 No.			
11. Tender package name	Spare Parts for "SONDOR" Dubbing Equipment.			
12. Tender publication date	29/08/2007.			
13. Tender last selling date & time	23/10/2007 up to 5.00pm.			
14. Tender closing date and time	24/10/2007 up to 2.00pm.			
15. Tender opening date and time	24/10/2007 at 2.30pm.			
16. Name & address of office(s)				
i) Selling of tender documents	i) Cash Counter of Accounts Section, BFDC, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.			
ii) Receiving of tender document	ii) Deputy Director (Procurement), BFDC, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.			
iii) Opening of tender document	iii) Director (T&E), Bangladesh Film Development Corporation.			
17. Eligibility of tenderer	The tenderer/Local Agent should have: (a) Professional Capability, Technical qualification & Personnel, Reputation, Experience, Equipment, Financial Resources. (b) Agency certificate from the manufacturer to participate in the bid (original). (c) Registration from CCI & E and Bangladesh Bank. (d) Up-to-date trade licence issued by Municipal Corporation/authentic authority of Bangladesh. (e) Up-to-date income tax GIR/TIN certificate & VAT registration (attested).			
18. Brief description of goods	Spare Parts for "SONDOR" Dubbing Equipment.			
19. Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk 700/- (Seven hundred) only.			
Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks/months
20. 1 No.	Spare Parts for "SONDOR" Dubbing Equipment.	BFDC, Tejgaon, Dhaka	Tk. 17,000/- (seventeen thousand) only by Pay-Order/Bank Draft/BG (except Uttara Bank Ltd.)	As per schedule
21. Name of official inviting tender	SM Kaiser Hossain Mallick.			
22. Designation of official inviting tender	Deputy Director (Procurement).			
23. Address of official inviting tender	Bangladesh Film Development Corporation, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.			
24. Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 8120204, Fax: 88029137280			
25. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders:				

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**SM Kaiser Hossain Mallick**  
Deputy Director (Procurement)