

# Pak court asks govt to let Sharif return

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan's top judge yesterday ordered the government to allow saying its deportation of the former prime minister in September violated an earlier court ruling.

Hundreds of Sharif's supporters clapped and shouted slogans against military ruler President Pervez Musharraf outside the Supreme Court after the move by chief justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry.

The judge also accused current premier Shaukat Aziz of disobeying the Supreme Court's orders when Sharif was put onto a plane to Saudi Arabia on September 10, hours after ending his seven-year exile.

Chaudhry, a thorn in the gov-

ernment's side since Musharraf tried to sack him earlier this year, had ruled on August 23 that Sharif had an "inalienable right" to come home and told authorities not to hinder him.

"The judgment passed by this court is very much intact... and is required to be implemented in letter and spirit," Chaudhry told the court as he adjourned a hearing on appeals against the deportation until November 8.

"There was a clear-cut violation of our judgment."

Sharif's party said earlier this month that he would make a fresh attempt to come home in November, following the return from exile on October 18 of his political rival and fellow former PM Benazir Bhutto.

Chaudhry told the government attorney general, Malik

Muhammad Qayyum, to tell him "whom should the court summon for prosecution" over the apparent contempt of court caused by Sharif's deportation.

The attorney general said that he needed time to discuss the matter "at the highest level." Asked by the judge if that meant Aziz, he replied: "Even at a higher level than him."

Musharraf has been at loggerheads with the increasingly independent court since his botched attempt in March to sack Chaudhry, a move that sparked mass protests and turned the chief justice into a democracy icon.

Sharif was the man ousted by Musharraf in October 1999. He has lived in exile in Saudi Arabia and London ever since.

## Gujarat riot: 8 get life term for massacre

PTI, Ahmedabad

Eight persons were sentenced to life while three others were awarded three years imprisonment by a Godhra sessions court in the 2002 Eral massacre case that left seven people dead in the aftermath of the Godhra riots.

However, 29 people were acquitted in the case.

Additional Sessions Judge HM Dholakia awarded life sentence to eight people. Three of them were also convicted for having gangraped two minor girls.

Three others were convicted on charges of looting and violence and were sentenced to three years imprisonment.

The police had filed three chargesheets in the case on the complaint of Madinabibi Sheikh, who was also the key witness.



Pakistani investigators gather evidence at the site of a suicide attack in Rawalpindi yesterday. A suicide bomber blew himself up near Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf's army headquarters in the garrison city of Rawalpindi on October 30 killing seven people, officials said.

# Thousands flee Pak tribal belt despite truce

AFP, Mingora

Thousands of people have fled a scenic valley in northwest Pakistan despite a tense ceasefire between government forces and supporters of a firebrand Taliban-style cleric, residents said yesterday.

Men and women, some holding small children, have been wading through the freezing cold water of the Swat river to reach safer places since the truce came into force on Monday morning, an AFP correspondent witnessed.

The Swat Valley tourist area was wracked by four days of fighting that claimed the lives of several troops and more than 60 militants loyal to Maulana Fazlullah, a religious leader campaigning for Islamic law.

"As the authorities opened roads our tribal elders held a meet-

Sirajuddin told AFP by telephone. There was no immediate official reaction.

"The civilian population has become sandwiched between the rival fighters. We don't know who is right and who is wrong," labourer Mohammad Ibrahim said.

"People are scared of the shelling and they want to move to safer places. They are not bothering to carry their belongings."

Abdul Ghaffar, 45, a cab driver said he saw roads full of hundreds of people "using all sorts of transport, buses, trucks and cars even tractors."

Pakistan moved 2,500 troops into Swat on Wednesday to counter Fazlullah, who is also known as "Mullah Radio" for his fiery speeches on his private radio station in which he calls for a holy war on the authorities.

# Taliban overrun Afghan district, several dead

AFP, Heart Kabul

Taliban rebels overran a western Afghan district, sparking a fierce battle yesterday that left seven civilians and a policeman dead and 20 militants killed or wounded, officials said.

Around 400 Taliban from the troubled southern province of Helmand joined forces with Islamist fighters in the neighbour-

ing Gulistan district of Farah province Monday night, provincial police chief Abdul Rehman Sarjang said.

"Police made a tactical retreat, the battle is ongoing now. No one is in control of the district centre at the moment, police are in the outskirts of the district centre fighting Taliban," Sarjang told AFP.

The police chief said local people who supported the police were

killed by Taliban on Tuesday. "The Taliban sprayed seven civilians with bullets in the district today, killing them instantly," Sarjang said. "Up to 20 Taliban have been killed and wounded. One policeman was martyred and three injured so far."

Taliban spokesman Yusuf Ahmadi claimed that the hardline movement's fighters had captured Gulistan.

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		Laser Printer	2			
		Computer	31			
		UPS	31			
C		Multi-media & projector screen	32	1000/-		
		Still Camera (Digital)	1			
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		Public Address system	1			

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# Israel halts plan to cut power supply to Gaza

AP, Jerusalem

Israel's attorney general has temporarily halted the government's plan to cut back on electricity to the Gaza Strip, demanding more work to prevent humanitarian harm.

The Justice Ministry said in a statement late Monday that Mazuz determined that "in the case of electricity cutoff, more staff work needs to be done by the defence establishment to determine the possibility of implementing this measure to comply with the government decision in the matter, which qualified these measures over humanitarian harm to the civilian population."

On Sunday, Israel reduced fuel supplies to Gaza, but government officials said the planned electricity cuts would have to await the outcome of the court case.

## Ex-Golden Triangle drug lord Khun Sa dies

AFP, Bangkok

Former drug lord Khun Sa, one of the world's most wanted men on whom the United States had put a two million-dollar bounty, died at the weekend in Myanmar, a Thai narcotics official said Tuesday.

"Khun Sa has died of various diseases and old age," the senior officer with the Thai Office of Narcotics Control told AFP.

The man who was once Asia's most notorious drugs trafficker, was thought to be 74 years old and was suffering from diabetes and high blood pressure.

# Japan set to end Afghan mission

AFP, Tokyo

Japan's two largest parties failed to agree yesterday on continuing a naval mission in the Indian Ocean, meaning the close US ally will at least temporarily end its support for the "war on terror."

With legislation allowing support for the "anti-terror" mission expiring Thursday, Japan's refueler on Monday of Pakistani destroyer was likely to be the country's last contribution to the military effort for the time being.

They cancelled a parliamentary debate, originally scheduled for Wednesday, and agreed to set up another meeting, likely on Friday, lawmakers said.

The suspension comes amid growing opposition to the "war on



Activists of the Socialist Unity Centre of India (SUCI) scuffle with police as a woman is detained by law enforcers during a demonstration in Kolkata yesterday, in support of a state wide general strike. The strike was called by the SUCI to protest against what was termed as the state government's 'failure' to restore peace at Nandigram, check price hike, and punish corrupt dealers, Press Trust of India said.

# Turkish helicopters attack Kurd rebels

AFP, Ankara

Turkish Cobra attack helicopters blasted suspected Kurdish rebel targets yesterday near the southeastern border with Iraq in a second day of fighting in the area. The prime minister said an escalation of military action was unavoidable.

Three soldiers and six rebels have been killed in fighting, according to local news reports.

As the military pressure continued, the government called a Cabinet meeting for Wednesday to discuss possible economic measures against groups supporting the Kurdish rebels, private CNN-Turk and NTV television reported.

Turkey is reportedly considering a string of economic actions against the self-governing Kurdish administration in Iraq's north, where rebels are based. The region is heavily reliant on Turkish electricity and food imports, as well as Turkish investment in construction.

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan told his party members in Parliament that intensifying military action was "unavoidable," though he suggested he was not

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