

# UN nuclear team in Iran for new talks

Tehran protests over 'US nuclear spying'

AFP, Tehran

A delegation from the UN nuclear watchdog arrived in Tehran on Sunday for a new round of talks on the controversial Iranian nuclear programme, the official IRNA news agency reported.

The talks will broach a new subject in the continuing discussions between the two sides, namely uranium particle contamination at a university in Tehran, the state-run agency said.

"An IAEA technical delegation arrived in Tehran on Sunday for

talks over the source of contamination in a technical college. The talks with the Iranian side will start on Monday," it said.

Iran has in recent months had several rounds of talks with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) focusing on outstanding questions over its nuclear programme.

The two sides have already held discussions about Iran's past experiments with plutonium and its use of uranium-enriching P1 and P2 centrifuges. The source of contamination represents the

latest chapter to be opened.

Meanwhile, Iran has issued a formal protest over the use of espionage by the United States to produce a key intelligence report on its controversial nuclear programme, Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said on Saturday.

Mottaki said that Tehran had issued a protest to the Swiss embassy -- which looks after US interests in the absence of an American mission -- over a National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) published on Monday.

# US intelligence under fire for CIA tapes, Iran report

AFP, Washington

The US intelligence community came under fire over the weekend on two fronts, as conservatives criticized a recent CIA report on Iran's nuclear program and the Justice Department announced a probe into the agency's destruction of videotapes showing interrogations of terror suspects.

The intelligence services are still trying to restore their credibility following the debacle over alleged weapons of mass destruction in Saddam Hussein's Iraq, the main justification for the US-led 2003 invasion.

After months of increasingly bellicose rhetoric from President George W. Bush and Vice President

Dick Cheney over the threat of Iran's nuclear program, the US intelligence agencies on Monday declared with "high confidence" that Iran halted a secret nuclear weapons program in 2003 in response to international pressure.

The assessment of the National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) overturned long-held US policy assumptions that Iran is bent on obtaining nuclear weapons, regardless of international demands or sanctions.

Democrats in Congress, who said the Bush administration was overstating the Iranian threat, now took a back seat to conservative Republican critics, who said the report understated the Iranian threat.

# EU, African leaders sign plan to forge new relationship

AFP, Lisbon

The second ever EU-Africa summit approved on Sunday an agreement aimed at forging a new relationship of equals between the two continents, a European source said.

The 67 leaders signed the "Africa-EU Strategic Partnership" agreement to take their relationship to a "new, strategic level."

The two continents will "forge a new and stronger partnership that

builds on their new identities and renewed institutions, capitalises on the lessons of the past and provides a solid framework for long-term systematic and well-integrated cooperation," the joint declaration said.

"The partnership should strive to bridge the development divide between Africa and Europe through the strengthening of economic cooperation and the promotion of sustainable development in both continents..."

# Russia launches military satellite

AFP, Baikonur

Russia successfully launched a military satellite yesterday from the Baikonur cosmodrome, part of a drive to modernise the armed forces' space infrastructure, Russian news agencies reported.

The Kosmos satellite was launched aboard a Proton-M rocket and was successfully released into the correct orbit, ITAR-TASS quoted a spokesman for the military's space division, Alexei Zolotukhin, as saying.

"We have established stable communications with the satellite. The Kosmos 2434 satellite is functioning normally," he said.



Talk show host Oprah Winfrey (L) listens as Democratic presidential hopeful Sen Barack Obama (D-IL) addresses a crowd gathered for a campaign rally Saturday in Des Moines, Iowa.

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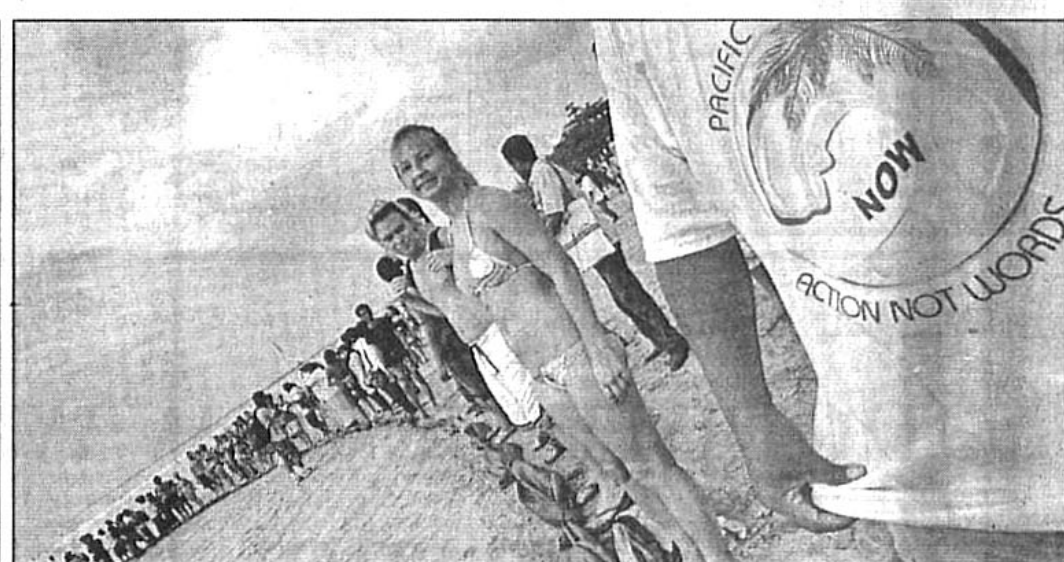
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Environmental activists and supporters form a human chain to create a world map during a demonstration as part of an ongoing campaign during the UN Climate Change Conference 2007 at Kuta beach in Denpasar in Bali yesterday. Climate change campaigners called for greater effort in the fight against global warming, saying the world was waiting for a crunch UN conference in Bali to produce a breakthrough.

# Global climate game of villains & victims

THE STRAITS TIMES, Nusa Dua

The ongoing climate talks in Bali have turned into a game of villains and victims.

On the one side are developing countries, many of whom came to the table with some idea of what they are willing to do to save the planet.

One of them, China, was patted on the back for a "clear national climate change strategy", which

will kick in "whether there is an international agreement or not", said United Nations climate chief Yvo de Boer.

On the other side are the developed nations, who stress the need for developing countries to have binding carbon dioxide emission targets while continuing to pump it into the atmosphere at record rates themselves. They include Australia, Canada and Japan. Worst of all is the world's biggest offender, the

United States. Yesterday (Dec 8), it said it will reject demands to commit to internationally binding cuts in global warming gases but will come up with its own plan by mid-2008.

"We're not ready to do that here," said Harlan Watson, the chief US climate negotiator. "We're working on that, what our domestic contribution would be, and again we expect that sometime before the end of the Major Economies process."

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