



A Palestinian firefighting truck arrives to the site of an Israeli air raid in Gaza city Monday. An Israeli air raid on a vehicle in Gaza City killed a local commander and a militant of the Islamic Jihad group, medics and the militant group said.

# 13 militants killed in wave of Israeli raids

AFP, Gaza City

Israel killed the head of Islamic Jihad's armed wing in Gaza and 12 other gunmen in a wave of raids yesterday, dealing a blow to the group behind much of the rocket fire aimed at the Jewish state.

Majed al-Harazin, the 38-year-old chief of the Al-Quds Brigades, was driving in a car in northern Gaza City when a missile fired by an Israeli warplane hit the vehicle, killing him and one of his aides, medics and the group said.

He became the most senior Palestinian militant leader that Israel had killed in months.

The operation was hailed inside Israel as an effective response to

near daily rocket and mortar fire from Gaza, while Islamic Jihad vowed to avenge it with scores of suicide attacks.

The raid targeting Harazin was the first of four Israel has carried out in Gaza in less than 24 hours, killing 12 militants, all but one of them from Islamic Jihad. A commando operation in the occupied West Bank also left an Islamic Jihad gunman dead.

An Israeli army spokeswoman confirmed that Harazin had been specifically targeted, saying he was suspected of "supervising commandos responsible for firing rockets at southern Israel."

In the second of the series of air strikes that began overnight, four

ihad militants were killed in southern Gaza, with an army spokeswoman saying the men "were preparing to fire rockets into southern Israel."

A third air strike killed three militants in a car near the northern town of Beit Lahiya, while two Hamas gunmen were killed in a later air strike near the southern town of Rafah, medics said.

In the occupied West Bank, a local commander of the Al-Quds Brigades was killed by Israeli commandos as he drove in a car in the northern West Bank town of Jenin, medics said.

"We vow that the assassination will unleash a wave of martyr operations," Jihad said in a statement, referring to suicide attacks.

"All appropriate means will be used to hit the enemy in Gaza, in the West Bank and inside the 1948 borders," group spokesman Abu Ahmed told AFP.

Brother gets life for killing Pramod Mahajan

AFP, Mumbai

The younger brother of a man once touted as a future leader of India's main opposition Hindu nationalist party was sentenced to life in prison on Tuesday for his murder.

The sentencing came a day after Judge SP Davar found Pravin Mahajan guilty of murdering his elder brother Pramod in April 2006 in a case that India's media likened to the biblical tale of Cain and Abel.

Pravin stormed into the apartment of his brother, a general secretary of the main opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and former telecommunications minister, and pumped three bullets into him in a fit of rage over money, the court was told in India's commercial hub Mumbai.

## Musharraf has more to do for fair polls: US

AFP, Washington

The United States on Monday welcomed Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf's decision to end emergency rule, but said he had to do to ensure that elections set for January 8 are free and fair.

"It was good to see President Musharraf follow through on his pledge to lift that state of emergency," spokeswoman Dana Perino said, as Musharraf's critics said the six-week crackdown had effectively rigged the vote against them.

"Now that they move forward, towards the election season, it's very important that the opposition parties, and everybody, have access to a free media so that they can have a free and fair election," Perino told reporters.

Under unrelenting pressure

from the United States and other countries, Musharraf lifted the state of emergency on Saturday, after fulfilling other promises such as resigning as army chief and announcing an election date.

The United States argues that Islamabad's return to the path of democratic and constitutional rule will be the best defence against the Islamist extremism threatening Pakistan, a key Muslim ally in the US-led war on terrorism.

But Ali Dayan Hasan of US-based Human Rights Watch said "Musharraf's so-called return to constitutional rule provides legal cover to laws that muzzle the media and lawyers and gives the army a licence to abuse."

He added: "A genuine restoration of Pakistan's constitution would require Musharraf to return to the constitution and judiciary that existed before November 3."

On Sunday, US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice urged Musharraf to make "a very robust and concerted effort" to ensure that campaigning ahead of the parliamentary elections went freely and fairly.

"And that means that the opposition has to be able to gather and mobilise and has to have access to the press," she told journalists while flying to Paris for a Palestinian donors' conference.

Pakistan's election campaign began in earnest on Sunday, a day after Musharraf lifted emergency rule.

"If there are real efforts that are made to make sure that the opposition can act on its own behalf, then this can be an election that can move Pakistan forward on the democratic road," Rice said.

## Abbas backs French call for int'l force

Donors pledge \$7.4 billion for Palestinians

AFP, AP, Paris

Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas said yesterday he supports a French proposal for an international force to reinforce the work of the Palestinian security services.

"We are in favour of President (Nicolas) Sarkozy's idea and we are going to strive for it to become an international position," Abbas said, asked about the proposal made at Monday's international donor conference.

"We accept it," Abbas said, while recalling that the Palestinian Authority had already accepted the principle of such a force in the past.

Sarkozy called Monday for an international force to deploy in the Palestinian territories, "when the time comes and when the conditions are right" to "lend its support to the Palestinian security services."

Earlier led by Europe, international donors on Monday pledged

\$7.4 billion over three years to help Palestinians as new peace talks begin with Israel, yet old Middle East fights over disputed land and freedom of movement shadowed the largest show of support for the Palestinians in more than a decade.

World leaders at the conference urged Israel to ease limits on Palestinian movement in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, following up on a warning from the World Bank that without an easing of the sweeping physical and administrative restrictions donors may be wasting their money.

Israel has been reluctant to lift scores of roadblocks in the West Bank, many of them put there by the Israeli military amid the street violence and suicide bombings by Palestinian militants that followed collapse of the last peace talks seven years ago.

## Tigers claim smashing Lankan army outpost

AFP, Colombo

Tamil Tiger rebels overran a military outpost in northern Sri Lanka yesterday, killing at least five government soldiers, the rebels said.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) mounted the offensive at Weerapuram in the district of Vavuniya just outside their de facto mini-state, the LTTE's Rasiah Ilanthiriyam said in a statement.

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Meanwhile, Sri Lanka Monday summoned the head of Unicef operations here and expressed Colombo's "concern" over his visit to rebel-held territory in the island's north, the foreign ministry said.

There was no immediate reaction from the military, which has claimed killing at least 327 rebels since December 1. The government says only a handful of its troops have died this month.

Independent verification of

casualty claims are rarely possible and journalists are not allowed to visit rebel-held areas in the north.

Tens of thousands of people have died on both sides in one of Asia's longest-running civil wars, which erupted in 1972 when the LTTE launched its campaign for a Tamil homeland in the majority Sinhalese nation.

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Philippe Duamelle of the United Nations Children's Fund was told that his visit to the Tiger guerrilla political capital of Kilinochchi was unacceptable to the government, the ministry said.

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## Mullah Omar vows to keep up fighting

15 troops, several Taliban killed

AFP, Herat

Fifteen Afghan security guards were killed in a Taliban ambush in western Afghanistan Tuesday, police said, as two police and several other guards were injured in the ambush on a civilian supply convoy headed to a Western military base in the region, Khan said.

"We have evacuated the wounded to the hospital," he said.

Taliban supreme leader Mullah Mohammad Omar meanwhile vowed to keep fighting through the winter and attack Afghan and international troops who drove his fighters from a southern town last week.

The guards working for a private US firm identified as USPI were killed when Taliban fighters ambushed them in Bala Buluk district of the western province of

Farah early Tuesday, police official Colonel Saydo Khan told AFP.

Nine other guards were injured in the ambush on a civilian supply convoy headed to a Western military base in the region, Khan said.

"We have evacuated the wounded to the hospital," he said.

Provincial governor Mohaiuddin Baluch confirmed the incident but had no details about the casualties.

The insurgents regularly attack

convoy

that supply military bases in the region and have also targeted food aid convoys from the World Food Programme.

Farah neighbours southern

Helmand province -- the Taliban's biggest stronghold -- and has seen

growing unrest in the past year, with the militants able to briefly capture several districts in recent months.

In a new offensive, dozens of rebels stormed the Kha-i-Safed district overnight but were pushed back by police, Baluch said. The rebels lost three fighters, he said.

The Islamic rebels briefly captured Kha-i-Safed and adjoining Gulistan districts late last month but were ejected after Afghan and Nato troops moved in.

The rebels, in government from 1996 to 2001, have seized remote districts from time to time, mainly in southern Afghanistan, but have usually not been able to hold them for long.

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