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French President Nicolas Sarkozy (L) talks with Indian Prime minister Manmohan Singh during an agreement signing ceremony in New Delhi yesterday. Sarkozy starts a two-day visit to India. India and France agreed to strengthen military cooperation and move beyond a "buyer-seller relationship," Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said.

Annan pushes for talks to end political turmoil in Kenya

15 killed in fresh clashes

AFP, Nairobi

Fresh clashes killed 15 people in Kenya, police said yesterday, while former UN chief Kofi Annan pushed for dialogue to end political and ethnic turmoil sparked by last month's disputed presidential poll.

Violent attacks, exacerbated by latent tribal tensions and land disputes, have increased in the Rift Valley in recent days and spread to Nakuru, where eight people were towns of Molo and Nakuru. killed in clashes yesterday.

Annan orchestrated a symbolic Nakuru," a police commander told nearby slum.

first meeting between President Mwai Kibaki and opposition leader Raila Odinga on Thursday, but both sides later accused each other of trying to

undermine the mediation effort. The meeting followed weeks of violence set off by the December 27 election, mainly in Nairobi slums and the country's west, that have killed close to 800 people and displaced around 260,000 others.

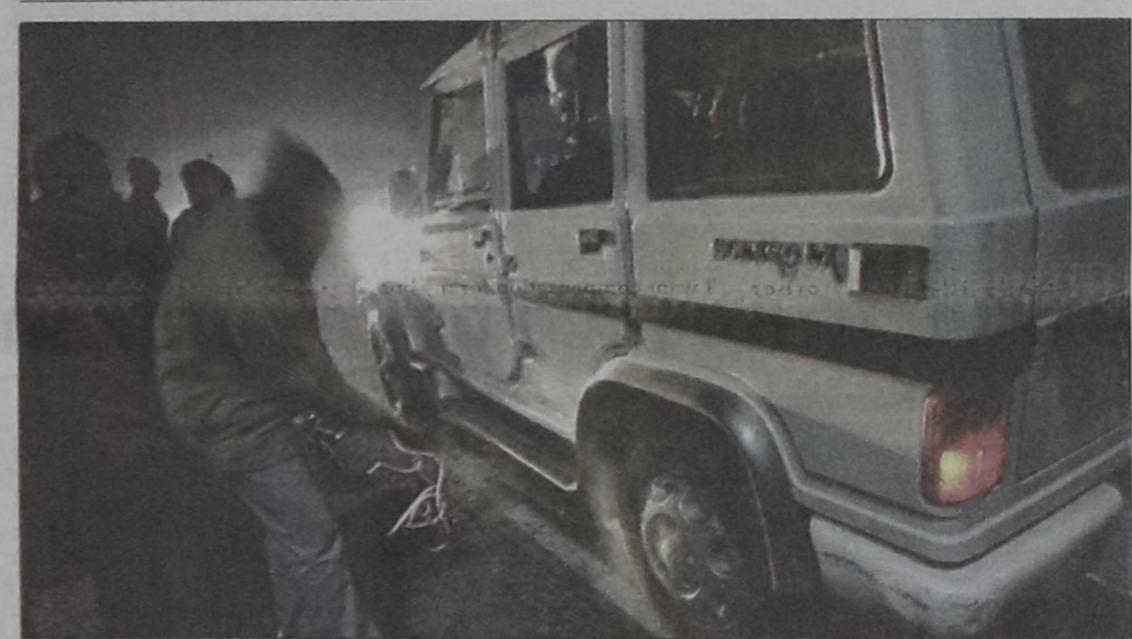
The latest fatalities were hacked the province's main town of or shot to death in the Rift Valley

AFP yesterday.

"Five people have been hacked to death in Molo and Nakuru (where) six others were slashed and wounded, including a police officer," he said earlier, adding that two others had been shot dead in Molo.

Arsonists razed scores of houses overnight in Nakuru and used piles of large stones and overturned carts to form roadblocks on some streets, witnesses said,

The town centre was locked down and shots were heard yester-"Eight more have been killed in day, while some residents fled a



An Indian health worker sprays disinfectant on the tyres of cars coming from a bird flu affected area as they cross the district border close to Kolkata yesterday.

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(অধুনালুপ্ত বিআইটি খুলনা)

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দরপত্র "দি পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট রেগুলেশন-২০০৩" এর আইন ও ধারা অনুযায়ী হবে।

নির্বাচিত দরদাতাগণকে চুক্তিপত্র সম্পাদনের পূর্বে ১০% হারে Performance Security বিভি/পে-অর্ডার এর মাধ্যমে খলনা প্রকৌশল ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের অনুকূলে জমা দিতে হবে, নিরাপত্তা জামানতের অর্থ পারফরমেন্স সিকিউরিটি এর সাথে সমন্বয় করা হবে।

টেভার সংক্রান্ত যাবতীয় তথ্য অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে এবং বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ওয়েব সাইট www.kuet.ac.bd থেকে জানা ও দেখা যাবে।

দরপত্র খোলার সময় দরদাতা/তার প্রতিনিধি উপস্থিত থাকতে পার্যেন।

কর্তপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। বিশেষ কোন কারণে উল্লেখিত দরপত্র জমা ও খোলার দিন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় বন্ধ থাকলে পরবর্তী ১ম কার্য দিবসে পূর্ব লিখিত

সময়ে দরপত্র জমা ও খোলা হবে।

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Pak troops kill 30 militants

AFP, Peshawar

Pakistani troops battled Islamic militants during a search for several hijacked trucks full of ammunition yesterday, with up to 30 rebels and two soldiers killed, the army said.

Helicopter gunships were also statement added. involved in the clashes in Dara Adam Khel, a lawless area of North West Frontier Province near the city of Peshawar where the lorries were seized by rebels a day earlier, officials and residents said.

Unrest is spreading along Pakistan's border with Afghanistan, with troops separately engaged in a major operation in the tribal stronghold of an al-Qaeda-linked militant blamed for the assassination of Benazir Bhutto.

The instability prompted US Defence Secretary Robert Gates to Adam Khel had recently become a conduct joint combat operations in the troubled region if Islamabad Qaeda.

increasingly concerned about the situation in the nuclear-armed Islamic republic since Benazir's killing last month, with President Pervez Musharraf under pressure to keep a lid on the violence.

In the latest flare-up, Pakistani troops launched a "search and cordon" operation in Dara Adam Khel -- the site of a major tribal

weapons bazaar -- to find four trucks containing munitions and supplies, the army said.

"Reportedly, 25-30 miscreants have been killed... Two Frontier Corps personnel embraced shahadat (martyrdom) and 10 others were injured," an army

Chief military spokesman Major General Athar Abbas said skirmishes were continuing in the region including near a landmark Japanese-built tunnel leading from Peshawar to the northwestern city of Kohat.

Residents said all markets were closed and gunship helicopters were pounding militant bunkers in the hills around the arms bazaar and the tunnel. The main road was also closed, they said.

Security officials said Dara

Separately, troops yesterday Pakistan's Western allies are continued to comb mountains in the tribal region of South Waziristan around the hideout of Islamist warlord Baitullah Mehsud, officials said.

> Mehsud is accused by Pakistani officials and the US Central Intelligence Agency of orchestrating Bhutto's killing in a gun and suicide bomb attack at a political rally on December 27.

Afghans protest killing of cops by US-led troops

AFP, Kabul

More than 300 demonstrators marched through a southern Afghan town for the second day yesterday in protest against the alleged killing of nine policemen and a woman in a US military peaceful. operation, locals said.

The US-led coalition said it was investigating Thursday's deaths during a raid aimed at a Taliban commander, but added that its soldiers had only opened fire on men who were shooting at them and believed they were insurgents.

The protesters took to the streets suicide bombings. after the burial of some of the policemen killed in the operation in the small town of Ghazni, about 100 kilometres south of Kabul.

"They are chanting, 'Death of America', 'Death to (President Hamid) Karzai' and of the governor," said one of the organisers of the protest, Malim Hayat.

About 300 people took part in the demonstration, which ended at the provincial government headquarters, he said.

The deputy provincial police chief, Mohammad Zaman, confirmed the protest but said it was

It follows a similar demonstration Thursday, hours after news of the killings emerged.

Afghan police and government officials said US-led coalition soldiers had opened fire on a group of policemen who had arrived at the scene of an operation against a Taliban commander linked to

Helicopters called into the fight fired at several buildings, residents The coalition conceded Friday

that four Afghan police were wounded and had been taken to a military facility. But it was not clear who had wounded them, a spokesman said.



British Prime Minister Gordon Brown talks with Queen Rania of Jordan during the session "Corporate Global Citizenship in the 21st Century" at the World Economic Forum in Davos yesterday. The annual Davos gathering of the world's political and business elite opened January 23.

"I only spent an hour there

because the Egyptians told us that

the frontier would be closed," said

Um Nidal as she returned to Gaza

after visiting her son in El-Arish

who she had not seen for years.

offer on Thursday that the United States is "ready, willing and able" to conduct joint combat operations of the banned Sunni Muslim extremist group Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, which has links to alfor Gaza closure

return home.

Egypt set a deadline yesterday for the border with Gaza to be resealed and began herding Palestinians back into the territory, stemming the uncontrolled flood of people of the past three days.

Egyptian security forces announced by loudspeaker in towns near the border with the Gaza Strip that the frontier would be closed from 1300 GMT, witnesses said, with an unknown number of Palestinians still in Egypt.

At the main crossing point in the divided border town of Rafah, Egyptian security forces used electric batons to push back those trying to get into Egypt and to corral others back into the Gaza Strip, witnesses said.

Egyptian armoured vehicles arrived with coils of barbed wire in readiness to reseal the numerous other border breaches through which Palestinians continued to cross into Egypt unimpeded. However, for the first time in

more than 48 hours, the flow of people back into Gaza was greater, many of them carrying boxes of foodstuffs, consumer goods and jerry cans of petrol.

Egyptian security forces also barred trucks of goods carrying everything from blankets to motorbikes from crossing the Suez Canal on their way from Cairo to replenish Rafah's depleted stocks, an AFP correspondent reported.

A security source said the deadline was intended to give the hundreds of thousands of Gazans who have crossed over since militants blew holes in the border fence on Tuesday night sufficient time to

countries

AFP, Washington

President George W Bush will travel to five African nations next month --Benin, Tanzania, Rwanda, Ghana, and Liberia -- on a trip expected to address issues including economic development and AIDS, the White House announced yesterday.



This military handout picture yesterday shows a Pakistani medium-range ballistic missile, Shaheen-1 (Hatf IV), being fired during a test at an undisclosed location. Pakistan's army said it successfully fired the missile capable of carrying nuclear warheads during a military exercise. The locally developed Shaheen-1 (Hatf IV) missile has a range of 700 kilometres (440 miles) and was launched at the end of a training session by the army's strategic force command.

CELEBRATING TEN YEARS

Indian PM hopes nuke talks with IAEA will conclude soon

AFP, New Delhi

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh yesterday said talks with the UN's nuclear watchdog on a pact allowing New Delhi to buy nuclear power plants and technology will be soon completed.

Indian negotiators have held several rounds of talks at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) since last month.

The IAEA negotiations follow India and the United States signing a pact in 2006 reversing India's status as a nuclear pariah after three decades of international sanctions. "One must recognise that inter-

national negotiations do take

time," Singh told reporters in New

Delhi at a joint press conference

with visiting French President

International Atomic Energy Agency are moving forward. It is our sincere hope that they can be said concluded successfully without further delay." India, which has not signed the

Non-Proliferation Treaty, needs to

clear hurdles with the IAEA and the

"Our discussions in the

45-member Nuclear Suppliers Group as part of the landmark United States. The civilian nuclear energy deal -- regarded as Singh's main foreign policy achievement -- is however

facing domestic pressure from the

government's Communist allies

strategic programme. Sarkozy said he understood India's need to for nuclear power, and pushed France's position as a

"If we do not let India accede to civilian nuclear energy it will have to go to more polluting means," he French nuclear technology was

the safest in the world, Sarkozy said, adding France would help India get the IAEA waiver. The French nuclear energy group Areva estimates that India,

currently the fourth biggest emitter nuclear cooperation deal with the of greenhouse gases, will need 25 to 30 nuclear reactors. As well as the United States and

France, Russia is also eyeing fuelhungry India as a major atomic energy market.

In an e-mail interview with who say the pact comprises India's the Hindustan Times newspaper published Friday, Sarkozy said India and France were "on the verge" of an agreement to engage in civil nuclear energy cooperation.

potential technology supplier. US not interested in permanent

Iraq bases, says Gates

"I think the way to think about tive agreement. I think we just

the framework agreement is an don't know," he said.

AFP, Washington

Nicolas Sarkozy.

The United States has no interest in setting up permanent bases in Iraq, US Defence Secretary Robert Gates said on Thursday, playing down concerns raised by negotiations on the future US military presence in

Democratic critics have expressed fears that a planned "Status of Forces Agreement" (Sofa) with Iraq will tie the hands of future US presidents by committing the United States to a longterm military presence.

But Gates said, "I think it is the Congress on this," Gates said. pretty clear that such an agreement would not talk about force levels. It idea of what the form of an agreewould not involve -- we have no ment is going to be right now, I interest in permanent bases," he think it's premature to talk about

approach to normalizing the relationship between the United States and Iraq," he added.

Foreign Relations Committee, have demanded that any agreement be sent to the US Congress for

the SOFA have barely begun and it is not yet clear what form it will "I do know that there's a strong

commitment inside the administration to consult very closely with countries in the world," Casey said. "But, you know, without any

congressional agreement or execu-

State Department spokesman Tom Casey earlier said negotiations on a status of forces agree-Some Democrats, including ment with Iraq aimed to keep Senator Joe Biden, chairman of the security options open beyond 2008 when the UN mandate for US forces ends. For example, he added, it would

give US forces the option of contin-Gates insisted discussions on uing to hunt members of Al-Qaeda and train Iraqi troops. Such an agreement "is very

much the model that we use for regular bilateral relations between the United States and most other

When asked if the agreement would include any reference to permanent bases, he replied: "We're not seeking permanent bases in Iraq. That's been a clear matter of policy for some time. No, the agreement is not a basing



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