

Fresh UN sanctions would be illegal: Iran

Vote on new resolution tomorrow

Iran yesterday branded as illegal a new Security Council resolution likely to be adopted imposing a third set of United Nations sanctions against Tehran because of its nuclear defiance.

enrichment and reprocessing activities could give Iran the capability to make nuclear weapons, a charge vehemently denied by Tehran.

The country's first Russian-built atomic power plant is yet to go online. "Enmity exists but our nation is not afraid of this and will not trade its independence at any price," Elham said, reaffirming Iran's defiance.

Elham said. The UN vote was delayed until Monday so sponsors "can get as broad support as possible," diplomats said as Britain, France and Germany engaged in last-minute talks to try to win over four non-permanent members of the Security Council.

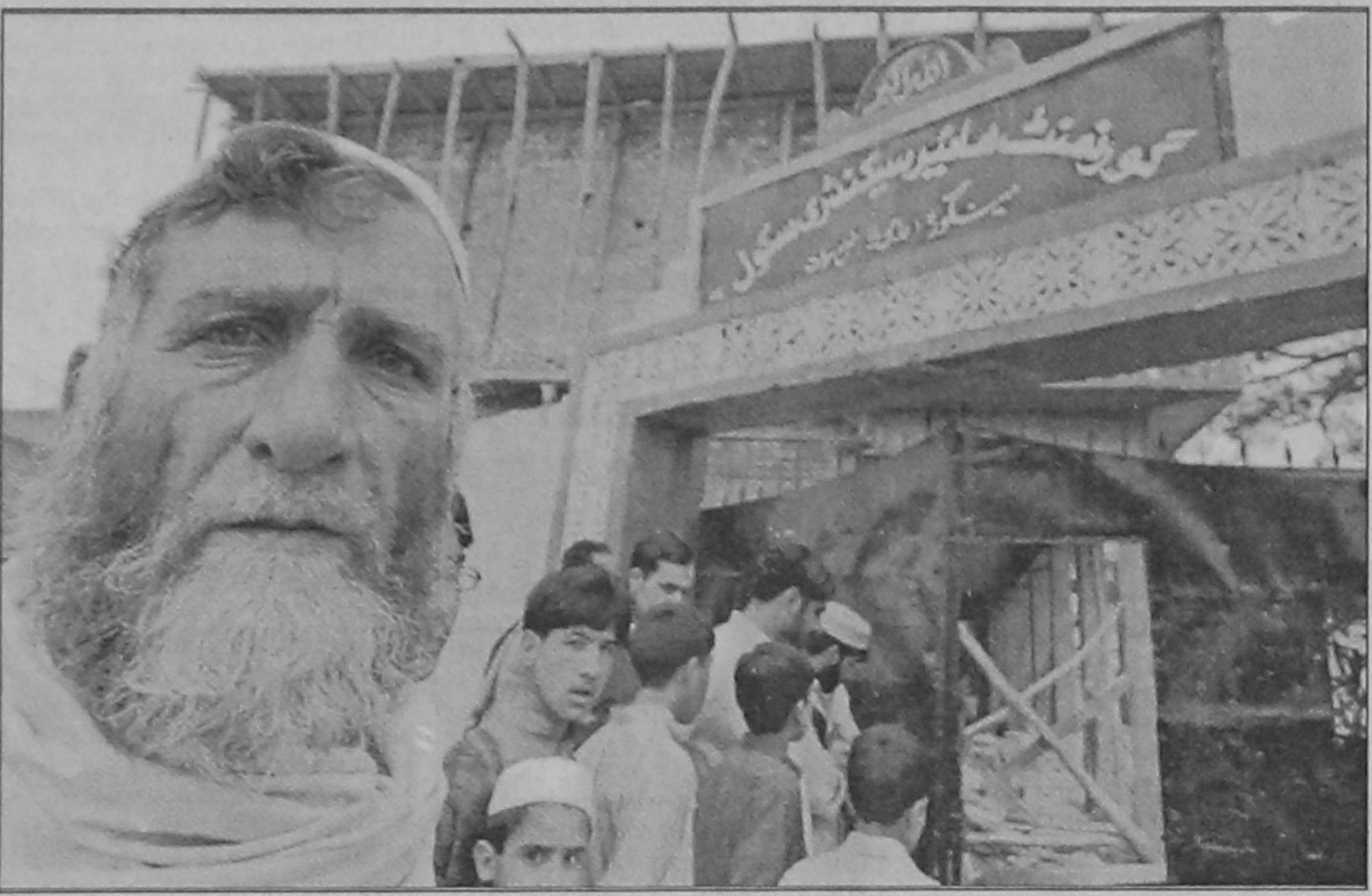
BENAZIR KILLING Top Taliban commander charged

AFP, Islamabad

A top Pakistani Taliban commander has been formally charged with plotting the murder of former premier Benazir Bhutto and declared an absconder yesterday, police said.



Pakistani policemen escort the vehicle of Shahbaz Sharif, brother of former premier Nawaz Sharif after his appearance in an anti-terrorist court in Lahore yesterday.



Pakistanis residents gather at a suicide attack site in the town of Mingora in the Swat Valley yesterday. At least 44 people were killed and 50 wounded by a suicide bomber at a funeral in northwest Pakistan on Friday for a police official killed earlier in the day.

Frightened Pakistani mourners bury suicide blast victims

AFP, Peshawar

Mourners in northwestern Pakistan buried relatives yesterday after a suicide bomber killed at least 44 people and injured up to 90, residents and officials said.

western Lakki Marwat district in a bomb blast along with three others. "At least 41 people are confirmed dead and some 90 injured were brought to hospital," Haider Ali, a health official told AFP.

Moment of truth looms in White House battle

Hillary, Obama in Cold War-style ad blitz

AFP, San Antonio

Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama fought Saturday over who would keep America safe and prosperous, waging a furious political row, as a moment of truth loomed in their White House battle.

In the poignant Hillary Clinton ad, a telephone rings insistently over dreamy shots of young children sleeping soundly in their beds.

upon people's fears and try to scare our votes," the 46-year-old senator told a rally in Texas.

US plans to pull more troops from Iraq

Iraq death toll surges 33pct in Feb

AFP, Washington/Baghdad

The United States will likely pull more US troops out of Iraq before President George W. Bush leaves office, despite a pause announced by the administration last month, The Washington Post reported Saturday.

ministerial figures obtained by AFP showed on Saturday. The combined figures obtained from the interior, defence and health ministries showed that the total number of Iraqis killed in February was 721, including 636 civilians, compared with 541 dead in January, the data showed.

Taliban blow up Afghan phone tower

AP, Kandahar

Taliban militants blew up a telecommunications tower Friday in southern Afghanistan following a warning to phone companies to shut down the towers at night or face attack.



Chairperson of the All India Congress Committee Sonia Gandhi waves to the crowd, dressed in the traditional Naga "Ao Mekhela" and ornaments, during the state assembly election campaign for Congress Party candidates in five constituencies at the Dimapur District Sports Council stadium yesterday.

Advertisement for 'Adhunik Basha Institute' (আধুনিক ভাষা ইনস্টিটিউট) with details about courses and contact information.

Advertisement for 'Dak Haidar and Injiniyaring Oyakars' (ডকইয়ার্ড এন্ড ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং ওয়ার্কস) with details about services and contact information.

Advertisement for 'Raul takes small steps on human rights in Cuba' (Raul takes small steps on human rights in Cuba) with details about the article.

Large advertisement for 'Bangladesh Bessamarik Biman Chalachal Karpuk' (বাংলাদেশ বেসামরিক বিমান চলাচল কর্তৃপক্ষ) regarding recruitment and exam details.