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US denies Iraq policy shift

BBC ONLINE, Washington

The resignation of the commander of US forces in Iraq and Afghanistan does not signal a policy change on Iran, US Defence Secretary Robert Gates says.

Admiral William Fallon said on Tuesday he was stepping down because of public perceptions of a rift with Mr Bush.

A recent article said Adm Fallon opposed military strikes against

The Pentagon also denied claims by leading Democrats that the resignation was a sign of White our policy", and was quoted by the House attempts to stifle dissent.

The affair centres on an article in the April edition of Esquire maga-

between the Bush administration story" and a war with Iran".

significant differences between the views of Adm Fallon and the Bush administration's policy on Iran.

He said the idea, suggested in the article, that Adm Fallon's departure would indicate that the US was planning to go to war with Iran was "ridiculous"

Adm Fallon said he did not believe there had "ever been any differences about the objectives of Washington Post as describing the

article as "poison-pen stuff". But Esquire's editor-in-chief,

zine which described the admiral as David Granger, said the magazine "the strongest man standing stood "four-square behind the

He said Adm Fallon's resignation But Gates said there were no and its aftermath bore out the magazine's "reporting on the critical issue of tensions between US Central Command and the White House over Iran policy".

> Leading Democrats expressed fears of attempts by the White House to quash dissent.

> "I am concerned that the resignation of Admiral William J Fallon .. is yet another example that independence and the frank, open airing of experts' views are not welcomed in this administration," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said. But defence department press

secretary Geoff Morrell said "people should not misconstrue this as the price to be paid for speaking out within the Pentagon".

He said the issue had been "a perception problem that dogged Admiral Fallon - this perception that he was in a different place than the president and the administration when it came to Iran".

Adm Fallon became head of the US Central Command - which covers an area from the Horn of Africa into central Asia and includes responsibility for US operations in Iraq and Afghanistan

The admiral released a statement through Central Command's Florida headquarters on Tuesday.

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17 die in Iraq clashes

AFP, Kut

At least 17 people have been killed, including five children, in fierce clashes between militants and Iraqi and US forces in the Shiite city of Kut, a local medic told AFP yes-

"Seventeen people have been killed, including five children and a female college student. Others are young men," Mamoon Ajil, registrar at Kut's Al-Zahra hospital said.

On Tuesday, Iraqi police said at least 10 people were killed in the clashes which broke out during a raid in three neighbourhoods of the city to arrest wanted Shiite militiamen.

The districts -- Al-Ezza, Al-Jihad and Anwar Sadr -- are known strongholds of Mahdi Army militia members loyal to radical Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, the officer said.

Bomb kills US soldier in Iraq

AFP, Baghdad

A roadside bomb has killed an American soldier and wounded two others in central south Iraq, the US command in the country said yesterday.

The device exploded during a combat patrol on Tuesday not far from the city of Diwaniyah, about 180 kilometres south of Baghdad, a statement said without giving details.

The latest death brings the US military's death toll since the March 2003 invasion of Iraq to 3,984, according to an AFP tally based on independent website

www.icasualties.org. Eight US soldiers were killed in separate attacks in Iraq on Monday in one of the deadliest days for the Gaza in June 2007. US military in seven months



An Iraqi soldier secures the site of an explosion in the town of Duluiyah, north of Baghdad yesterday. Eight people were killed when a suicide bomber rammed his explosives-laden car into a checkpoint manned by Iraqi soldiers and members of a local group fighting Al-Qaeda in Iraq in Duluiyah, 70 kms from the capital in Salaheddin province, police said.

Israel has to take steps for Gaza truce: Hamas

AFP, Gaza City

Senior Hamas leader Ismail Haniya said yesterday that Israel had to take the next step in regard to a possible truce in and around the Islamists' Gaza Strip stronghold.

"The ball is in Israel's court," said Ismail Haniya, the prime minister in the Hamas-led government that Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas fired after the Islamists violently seized control of

"We are not running after a "There is no truce." truce," Haniya said.

with Hamas and warned Israel action if rocket attacks continued from Gaza.

against the rocket fire from the hensive deal to end the violence in

"We are expecting other opera-Meanwhile Israeli Defence tions in the near future and the Minister Ehud Barak insisted pursuit of our fight against Gaza yetserday that there was no truce risks provoking an escalation on other fronts," Barak said during a would not refrain from taking visit to troops stationed near the Gaza border.

Egypt has been hosting talks in "We are continuing our fight an attempt to mediate a compre-Gaza Strip and we will bring it to an and around the Gaza Strip and to end, but that will not be done in a end the isolation of the increasday," he told Israeli public radio. ingly impoverished territory.

Human rights abuses in Asia come under US fire

AFP, Washington

The United States ranked North Korea and Myanmar Tuesday among the world's worst violators of human rights and took other Asian countries to task for alleged abuses.

But the State Department's 2007 Human Rights Report dropped China from the category of worst violators -- even while denouncing its poor record -- and noted progress in Thailand's return to democracyfollowing its 2006 coup.

And it hailed multiparty democracies like India and Indonesia for generally respecting citizens' rights, while still pointing out major problems.

"Countries in which power was concentrated in the hands of unaccountable rulers remained the world's most systematic human rights violators," the report said, singling out Myanmar and North Korea for this category -- which also included Zimbabwe, Iran and Cuba.

The North Korean regime of Kim Jong-Il "continued to control almost all aspects of citizens' lives, denying freedom of speech, press, assembly, and association, and restricting freedom of movement and workers' rights," it said.

It cited reports of extrajudicial

killings, disappearances and arbi-

trary detention.

It said Myanmar's "abysmal human rights record" only worsened in the past year.

The military junta "continued to commit extrajudicial killings and was responsible for disappearances, arbitrary and indefinite detentions, rape, and torture."

It shone a spotlight on the crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators in September when it said security forces killed at least 30 demonstrators and detained over 3,000 others.

The report said human rights in Pakistan worsened last year despite President Pervez Musharraf's repeated pledges to foster democracy in the key US ally. It highlighted a period of emergency rule late last year. In Sri Lanka, it said, "the govern-

ment's respect for human rights

continued to decline due in part to the escalation of the armed conflict," with the ethnic Tamil minority the "overwhelming majority of victims" of abuses. A multiparty democracy that outshone its neighbors, India "gen-

by a number of problems, it said. It cited major problems like extrajudicial killings of persons in

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citizens," but its record was marred

Human rights abuses in Asia Highlights of the US State Department@human rights report for 2007, released on Tuesday Main issues: Extrajudicial killings

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Guantanamo Bay

► Corruption in held without charge in Iraq, Afghanistan,

democracy protesters

in September 2007

Failure to hold senior

judicial system

► Killings by

Harsh prison

security forces

► Arbitrary detentions

officials accountable

torture and rape by police and other security forces. The report said the Malaysian government "generally respected the human rights of its citizens.

custody, disappearances, and

In Australia, the report mentioned "domestic violence against women and children, particularly in Aboriginal communities, and societal discrimination against Aboriginal people."

বিআরটিএ'র বিজ্ঞপ্তি মোটর্যান মালিকদের জন্য জ্ঞাতব্য

লক্ষ্য করা যাচ্ছে যে, মোটরযানের মালিক কর্তৃক সংশ্লিষ্ট রেজিস্ট্রেশন কর্তৃপক্ষ, বিআরটিএ- এর পূর্বানুমতি ব্যতিরেকে মোটররযানের ইঞ্জিন পরিবর্তন করা হচ্ছে । মোটরযান অধ্যাদেশ -১৯৮৩ এর ৪২নং ধারা মোতাবেক ইঞ্জিন পরিবর্তন সহ মোটরয়ানের যে কোনো পরিবর্তন/পরিবর্ধনের জন্য বিআরটিএ'র পূর্বানুমতি নেয়া বাধ্যতামূলক। আরো লক্ষ্য করা যাচেছ যে, মোটরযান মেরামতকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান(ওয়ার্কসপ) কর্তৃক পরিবর্তিত ইঞ্জিনের গায়ে পুরাতন ইঞ্জিনের নাম্বার স্থানীয়ভাবে খোদাই করা হচ্ছে, যা সম্পূর্ণভাবে বে-আইনী।

এমতাবস্থায়, রেজিস্ট্রেশন কর্তৃপক্ষ, বিআরটিএ- এর পূর্বানুমোদন গ্রহণ সাপেক্ষে ইঞ্জিন ক্রয়ের পর প্রয়োজনীয় কাগজপত্রাদি (মূল ক্যাশ মেমো, আমদানী সংক্রান্ত কাগজপত্রের মূল/ফটোকপি যা আমদানীকারক/বিক্রেতা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত, অঙ্গীকারনামা ইত্যাদি) ও গাড়ী সহ সংশ্লিষ্ট বিআরটিএ অফিসে যোগাযোগ করে তা রেকর্ডভূক্ত করার জন্য মোটরযানের মালিকগণকে অনুরোধ করা যাচছে।

নতুন ইঞ্জিন ক্রয়ের পূর্বে নিম্মে-বর্ণিত বিষয়াদী অনুসরন করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে ঃ

নির্ভরযোগ্য প্রতিষ্ঠান থেকে প্রয়োজনীয় কাগজপত্র সহ ইঞ্জিন ক্রয় করা ।

ইঞ্জিনের প্রস্তুতকারক ও স্পেসিফিকেশন (সিসি,অশ্বশক্তি,জ্বালানী, ওজন ইত্যাদি) পরিবর্তন

ইঞ্জিনের মাউন্টিং-এ কোন রকম পরিবর্তন/পরিবর্ধন না করা ।

বিঃ দ্রঃ সকল মোটর্যান মেরামতকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান (ওয়ার্কসপ) কে ইঞ্জিন পরিবর্তনের ক্ষেত্রে উপরোজ निय्रभावनी अनुসর्ग कर्त्राठ अनुद्राधं कर्त्रा याटक ।

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সংশিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জনা নির্দেশক্রমে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, আগামী ১৬-৩-২০০৮ বৃহস্পতিবার থেকে ২০০৭-২০০৮ শিক্ষাবর্ষে ১ম বর্ষ সাতক (সম্মান) শ্রেণীতে ভর্তিকৃত ছাত্র-ছাত্রীদের ক্লাস শুরু হবে। এদিন ভর্তিকৃত ছাত্র-ছাত্রীদেরকে স্ব স্ব বিভাগে রিপোর্ট করতে হবে। ভর্তিকৃত কোনো ছাত্র-ছাত্রী বিভাগীয় সভাপতির পূর্বানুমোদন বাতীত ক্লাস শুরুর তারিখ হতে একাদিক্রমে ১০ দিন (১০ কর্মদিবস) ক্লাসে অনুপশ্হিত থাকলে অথবা ক্লাসে তার

উপস্থিতি সম্ভোষজনক না হলে বিভাগীয় সভাপতির রিপোর্টের ভিত্তিতে সংশ্লিষ্ট ছাত্র-ছাত্রীর ভর্তি বাতিল করা হবে। ১ম বর্ষে ভর্তিকৃত ছাত্র-ছাত্রীদেরকে এই মুহুর্তে হলে সীট বরাদ্দ করা সম্ভব হবেনা। আপাততঃ তাদেরকে বিভিন্ন হলে সংযুক্ত করা হবে। পরবর্তীতে হলে আসন শুনা হওয়ার পর স্ব স্ব হল প্রভোস্ট পর্যায়ক্রমে তাদের জন্য হলে সীট বরাদ্দের ব্যবস্হা

ছাত্র-ছাত্রীদেরকে এই মুহুর্তে হলে সীট বরাদ্দ করা সম্ভব হবে না বিধায় ঢাকা থেকে এসে তাদের ক্লাস করার সুবিধার্থে নিমোবর্ণিত রুটে শুধুমাত্র ২০০৭-২০০৮ শিক্ষাবর্ষের ছাত্র-ছাত্রীদের জন্য বাসের ব্যবস্হা থাকরে।

সোজা বাসরুট ঃ

সকাল ৮-০০ টায় ঃ সরকারী কর্মচারী হাসপাতালের পশ্চিম পার্র, বঙ্গবাজার (ফজলুল হক হল, ঢাবি এর পাশ) থেকে ছেড়ে-মৎসাভবন-শাহবাগ-কটোবন-সাইস্সলাবি-কলাবাগান-৩২ নং-আসাদ গেট-কলেজ গেট- শামেলি কল্যাণপুর-ট্রকনিক্যাল সাভার বাজার বাস স্ট্রান্ড, কেন্দ্রীয় মসজিদ গেট, রসায়ন-ট্রোরাঙ্গী হয়ে পরিবহণ পর্যন্ত। বিকেল ২-০০ টায় একই রুট্টে সকল বাস ক্যাম্পাস থেকে ঢাকায় ফিরে যাবে। উত্তরা বাসরুট ঃ

সকাল ৮ টায় ঃ জিয়া বিমান বন্দর-জসিমউদ্দিন রোড-রাজলফী-আজমপুর-হাউস বিশ্ডিং- আন্দুল্লাহপুর-সুইচ েটি-কানারপাড়া-আশুলিয়া-জিরাবো-পুকুর পাড়-কাঠগড়া বাজার-বিশমাইল হয়ে কাম্পাস। বিকেল ২-০০ টায় একই স্বাক্ষর/-আবু বকর সিদ্দিক রুটে বাস ক্যাম্পাস থেকে ঢাকায় ফিরে যাবে। এডিশনাল রেজিম্টার ও

সচিব বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় ভর্তি কমিটি

Israel kills Palestinian in W Bank

AFP, Nablus

A Palestinian militant from the radical Islamic Jihad group was killed early yesterday by the Israeli army in the north of the occupied West Bank, witnesses and security

sources said. Saleh Karkur, 22, was killed in exchanges of gunfire with Israeli troops who had surrounded a house where he was in the village of Seida, near the town of Tulkarem,

An army spokesman said that troops were operating in the village, but declined to provide

Since the Israelis and Palestinians revived their peace talks in late November after a seven-year freeze, at least 347 people have died in violence between the two sides, most of them Gaza militants, according to an AFP tally.

Wednesday's death brings to 6,310 the number of people killed since the start of the second Palestinian uprising in September 2000, the vast majority of them Palestinians, according to a separate AFP count.

Cypriot leaders to meet on March 21

AFP, Nico

New Cypriot President Demetris Christofias is to meet Turkish-Cypriot leader Mehmet Ali Talat for talks on March 21 on the future of the divided island, the United Nations said yesterday.

The UN spokesman Jose Diaz said: "The two leaders will meet at the UN compound in Nicosia at 10 am on Friday, 21 March in the presence of the chief of mission Michael Moller."

The meeting will be the first between the two sides since communist party leader Christofias was elected president of the Mediterranean island last month.

His victory, in replacing hard line Tassos Papadopolous, raised hopes of a new drive to end Cyprus's 34-year-old division. which has also been an obstacle to Turkey's efforts to gain member-

Papadopoulos had led Greek Cypriots in rejecting a UN reunifi-

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