

Pakistan blasts rock Qaeda policies

AP, Lahore
Pakistan's crisis deepened after two suicide bombings killed 27 people and wounded more than 200 in this normally peaceful city Tuesday...

the "savage" bombings. But some enraged Lahore residents blamed Musharraf. They gathered in small groups Tuesday on the city's main Mall Road...

attacks within two months. On Jan. 10, a militant walked into a crowd of police guarding a courthouse and blew himself up, killing 24. A double suicide attack in Lahore killed four people at a navy training college last week.

Pak bomb victims buried

AFP, Lahore
Mourners offered funeral prayers yesterday for 27 people killed in two suicide blasts in Pakistan, which have piled pressure on the incoming government to tackle Islamic militancy.

Court dismisses another charge against Zardari

AP, Islamabad
A Pakistani court yesterday quashed another graft charge against Asif Ali Zardari, the widower of assassinated former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto...

Fahim sends notice to PML-N leader

THE DAILY TIMES, Islamabad
Pakistan People's Party's (PPP) senior vice-chairman Makhdoom Amin Fahim sent a legal notice on Tuesday to PML-N's MNA-elect Khwaja Mohammad Asif demanding a "complete retraction and withdrawal" of a "defamatory statement" about his alleged contacts with President Pervez Musharraf.

28 more Tigers killed in Sri Lanka

AFP, Colombo
At least another 28 Tamil Tiger rebels have been killed by security forces in fresh fighting across Sri Lanka's embattled north, the defence ministry said yesterday.



South African former President Nelson Mandela enjoys a joke made by Archbishop Desmond Tutu at the Nelson Mandela Foundation in Johannesburg yesterday at the opening of an exhibition called Parenting a Nation: Walter and Albertina Sisulu. Archbishop Desmond Tutu made the address. This exhibition is part of celebration to mark Mandela's 90th birthday later this year.

Vacancy Announcement

A reputed multinational company working in Bangladesh intends to recruit following professionals for power plant operation and maintenance. Maintenance and Logistics Manager (based in Chhatak); Candidates should have degree in Mechanical/Power/Marine Engineering...

Goa police make progress in Brit teen case

AFP, Panaji
Indian police investigating the murder of British teenager Scarlett Keeling in the resort of Goa said yesterday they were close to solving the case.

Copernicus first edition up for sale

AFP, Tokyo
A bookseller is offering a rare first edition of Nicolaus Copernicus' revolutionary book on the solar system at a Tokyo fair.

Kosovo must stay under UN rule

AFP, Belgrade
Serbia's foreign minister on Tuesday warned against any transfer of authority from the UN mission in Kosovo to a European Union body as he again urged the world not to recognize Kosovo's secession.

Oasis in concrete jungle



This City of Chicago Department of Environment handout shows a rooftop garden in Chicago, Illinois. Nestled atop Chicago's neoclassical city hall lies a secret garden hidden to all but those peering out of the widows of neighboring office towers.

Penang minister unveils multiracial line-up

AFP, Kuala Lumpur
The new ethnic Chinese chief minister of Malaysia's Penang state on yesterday picked a Malay and an Indian as his deputies, underlining the opposition's multiracial image.

University of Malaysia, described his appointment as "an historic moment." There has never been an ethnic Indian deputy chief minister before and the appointment shows the DAP is living up to its electoral promise to represent all races.

ment-friendly media has changed its tone after shock election gains by the opposition, aiming to win back readers alienated by biased coverage, industry sources yesterday.

Iran makes final push for votes in low-key polls

AFP, Tehran
Iranian political factions yesterday made a final effort to win votes on the last full day of a brief and muted campaign for an election expected to consolidate hardliners' grip on parliament.

have shown they are not prepared to accept Iran's dignity and power," said President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's senior adviser Mojtaba Samareh Hashemi.

posters slapped onto billboards next to Tehran's traffic-clogged roads and thousands of pamphlets of the various factions handed to passers-by.

Four die in Afghan fighting

AFP, Kabul
Two Afghan women and two children were killed when NATO soldiers were attacked by insurgents in southern Afghanistan and returned fire, the alliance force said yesterday.

Thaksin pleads not guilty in Thai court

AP, Bangkok
Ousted Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra pleaded not guilty yesterday before the Supreme Court in one of two criminal corruption cases against him.

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