## INTERNATIONAL

### Three killed as Israel strikes Gaza

AFP, Gaza City

An Israeli air strike on Saturday killed three Islamic Jihad militants readying to fire rockets from Gaza, medics and the radical Palestinian group said, while a fourth Palestinian died from tank shelling.

The deaths came a day before US Vice President Dick Cheney begins a regional tour.

Three more Islamic Jihad militants were wounded earlier the same day east of Gaza City, two of them seriously, as they readied missiles, medics said. The deadly strike took place to the north of the

An Israeli army spokeswoman confirmed the reports, adding that Gaza militants had fired four rockets at Israel, three of which had struck without causing casualties.

Amid the tit-for-tat shooting. the armed wing of Hamas said it could strike Israeli helicopters with weapons which the Palestinian Authority abandoned when its forces were driven out of Gazalast June.

The statement came after Israeli television said an army helicopter was hit by Palestinian fire on Friday during a Gaza overflight, the first incident of its kind in several years.

### Mideast negotiators likely to meet this week

AFP, Jerusalem

Israeli and Palestinian negotiators are set to meet this week, an Israeli official said yesterday, in what would be their first meeting since peace talks came to a halt after a deadly Gaza blitz.

"They are supposed to resume talks this week," an Israeli official told AFP on condition of anonymity, referring to negotiating teams led by Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni and top Palestinian negotiator Ahmed Qorei.

But a senior Palestinian negotiator said nothing has yet been scheduled.

The two teams have not met since Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas cut off contacts with Israel two weeks ago following a massive Israeli operation in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip that killed over 130 Palestinians.

During a subsequent visit to the region, US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said the two sides had agreed to resume negotiations, but new Israeli settlement projects in the occupied West Bank have heightened tensions.

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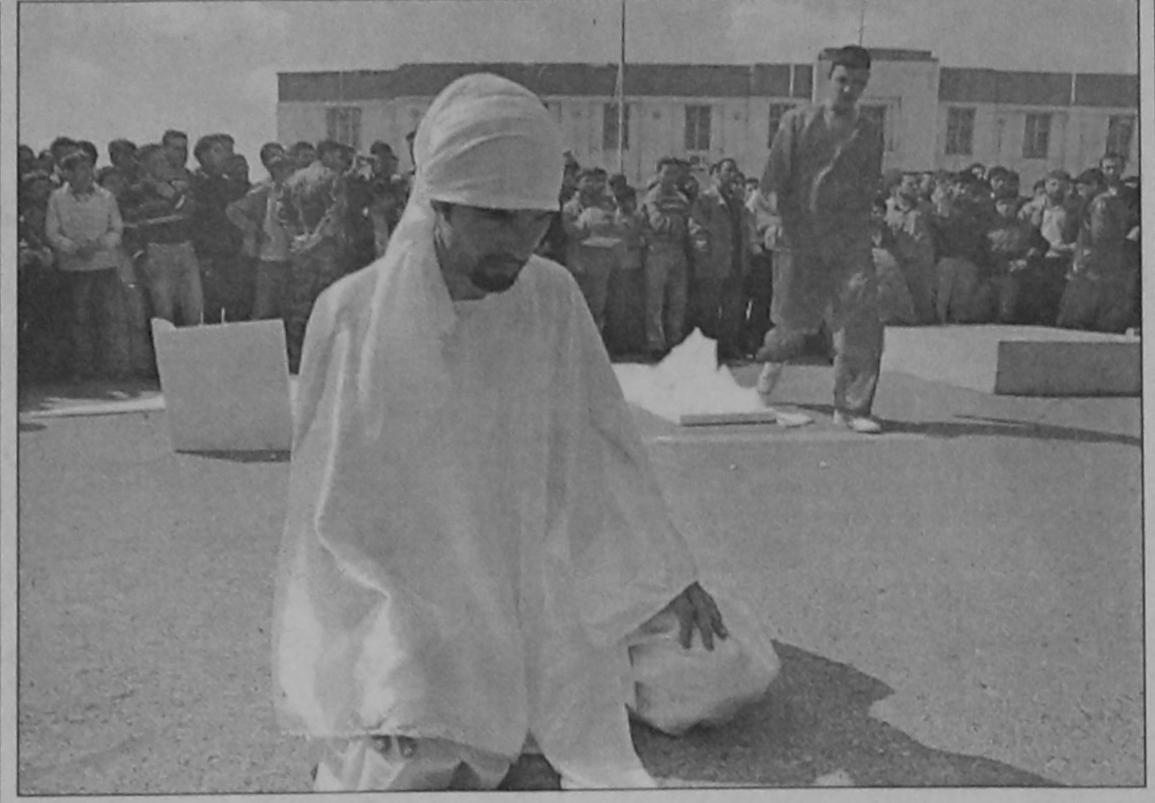
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Iraqi Kurds perform a play in the northern city of Arbil yesterday in remembrance of the victims of Halabja. Iraqi Kurds yesterday mourned the anniversary of the deaths of around 5,000 villagers from Halabja who were massacred 20 years ago in chemical attacks blamed on Saddam Hussein's forces during the Iran-Iraq war.

## McCain brushes up own image as Democrats campaign on

AFP, Washington

US Republican presidential hopeful John McCain surfaced in Iraq yesterday as he moved to burnish his foreign policy credentials while Democrat Barack Obama gained more convention delegate votes.

The Illinois senator also earned 25 new delegates in Iowa county conventions Saturday while Hillary Clinton earned 14, according to the Obama campaign.

McCain plans to visit Europe Washington Post reported. and other countries in the Middle East this week to burnish his statesman credentials as Democrats fight it out back home.

While McCain begins his diplo-soldiers to Iraq, the Post said. matic trips, Democrat Barack Obama was under fire on two fronts, over controversial remarks his pastor made about the battlingfortheWhiteHouse. September 11 attacks and his ties to

All this as McCain, who touts his foreign affairs experience over Obama and Democratic rival Hillary Clinton, leads a congressional delegation from Tuesday to meet the leaders of Jordan, Israel, Britain and France, his office said.

But off the official schedule is this weekend trip to Iraq, where he will see firsthand the effects of the troop "surge" which he has fervently advocated even as US public support for the war slumped, the

The delegation will meet with US military officials and Iraq's leaders to assess the success of the surge strategy that deployed more home on the world stage.

Observers said the trip will give several heads of state a closer look at one of the three candidates

"The people he's going to meet a businessman facing corruption with are going to try to find out Washington Post. from him what he would do as

president," Jim Steinberg, a dean of public affairs at the University of Texas, told the daily.

McCain stressed that the overseas trip is not political but part of his role as the top Republican in the Democrat-led Senate Armed of "no surrender" to US foes

Services Committee. Yet there were political elements that were hard to ignore.

McCain's campaign will likely use the meetings with Jordan's King Abdullah, Israel's Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and French President Nicolas Sarkozy to convey that the senator is at his Chicago pastor as he sought to

"He will not talk about the presidential race. But to the degree that there are pictures of John McCain standing on the world stage next to leaders, he will wear that well," a Republican Party strategist told the back scheme aimed at extorting

"Does that resonate well with business with the state.

people back home? Sure it does."

The former Vietnam prisoner of war recently likened himself to Britain's wartime prime minister Winston Churchill in a new ad laying out a hawkish foreign policy including Islamic extremists.

While McCain travels, Democrats are struggling to choose between Obama and Clinton, with party leaders concerned that their mud-slinging could detract from the party's goal of ousting the Republicans from the White House.

Obama repudiated remarks by quell an uproar over Reverend Jeremiah Wright. The Illinois senator has also been dogged by his ties to Chicago businessman Tony Rezko, who is accused of using his political clout to carry out a kick-

# free, or fair: EU

AFP, Tehran, Brussels

Iran's conservatives were yesterday set to win two-thirds of the seats in parliament after dominating legislative elections, despite a respectable showing by reformists who suffered heavy pre-vote

counted, the European Union expressed concern yesterday at the conduct of general elections in Iran, saying the vote was neither free nor fair.

concern that election procedures in the Islamic Republic of Iran have fallen below the international standards and that the electoral process did not allow for truly competitive elections," a statement said.

"In this regard it expresses its deep regret and disappointment that over a third of prospective candidates were prevented from standing in this year's parliamentary elections," the EU's Slovenian presidency said.

"The Iranian people deserve a genuine democratic choice about the future of their country," the EU statement said.

In Iran, it remains to be seen how supportive the new parliament will be of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who have around 40 Mps.

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must seek re-election next year against a background of popular discontent over Iran's high infla-

Interior Minister Mostafa Pour Mohammadi said that based on seats decided so far from Friday's vote, conservatives were set to win 71 percent of the seats in parlia-As the votes continue to be ment with the rest going to independents and reformists.

Initial indications from the race for Tehran -- which sends 30 MPs to parliament -- showed that conservative candidates took the first 14 The EU "expresses its deep seats without recourse to a second

But reformists hailed their performance as "remarkable" under circumstances that saw hundreds of their best candidates, including sitting MPs, disqualified by hardline bodies for insufficient loyalty to the Islamic revolution.

Reformist coalition spokesman Abdollah Nasseri said reformists were set to win around 50 seats outside of Tehran and would also pick up seats in run-off votes next month in the capital.

"Despite all the restrictions we managed to disturb the game of our opponents," he told reporters.

If confirmed, this would mean reformists have actually increased their numbers in the in the 290 seat parliament, where they currently

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### Iran polls were not British PM struggles to change Iraq policy

AFP, London

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown wants to turn a page on Iraq by pulling out troops controversially sent in by his predecessor Tony Blair, but his hands are tied politically, experts say.

Brown has increasingly put the focus on Afghanistan since succeeding Blair last year, repeatedly warning that fighting the Taliban is now the frontline in the US-led "war on terror" triggered by the September 11, 2001 attacks.

In the run-up to Brown taking over from Blair in June last year, anti-war campaigners including those within the governing Labour Party were buoyed by his admission that "mistakes" were made in post-war planning in Iraq.

They were encouraged further when he appointed a number of Iraq war critics to his cabinet inner circle and detected a cooler, more businesslike approach to relations with the United States when he first met President George W. Bush.

But there is disappointment that despite a change at the top, a radical change of direction has not materialised yet.

Brown, who as Blair's finance minister was reportedly unhappy about supporting invasion, was given an early taste of the conflict: a soldier from his own parliamentary constituency was killed in Iraq a day after he took over.

He has since faced similar pressures to his predecessor over mounting British casualties and fatalities, plus concern over supply of equipment, medical care for injured troops and the spiralling cost of operations.

But analysts say any attempt by Brown to change perceptions, including by cutting troop numbers from the current 4,100 to 2,500 in the coming months and switching the focus to Afghanistan, has had little effect on military strategy.

Rosemary Hollis, director of research at the Chatham House foreign affairs think-tank in London, believes Brown has his hands tied.



Paris socialist Mayor Bertrand Delanoe (C) prepares to vote yesterday in the French capital for the final round of the local elections that look set to inflict heavy losses to President Nicolas Sarkozy's right-wing party as the left vies for control of the top four cities. In the first round of voting held last week, the Socialists won re-election in the third city of Lyon and

## Kosovo faces possible

AFP, Pristina

Ethnic Albanians, who make up 90 percent of Kosovo's population of almost two million, proclaimed independence on February 17, fulfilling a long dream to separate from Serbia proper.

But Serbia, backed by its longtime ally Russia, has rejected the move, insisting that "Kosovo is and will always be Serbian." But the refusal could not harm a widespread joy throughout Kosovo.

While calm prevailed in Pristina and most of the landlocked terri-

tory bordering Serbia, Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania, in the northern part, populated mostly by the Serb minority -- some 40,000 of 120,000 still living in Kosovo who also rejected the independence tensions have remained high.

In the ethnically-divided Mitrovica, the main town in the area, hundreds of young Serbs gathered for daily protests on the bridge over the Ibar river, a natural border between the northern Serbpopulated part and the southern,

Kosovo institutions and have vowed to set up their own parliament soon.

## Serb secession

A month after it declared independence, Kosovo has come under a threat of possible secession of its Serb minority amid fears of fresh violence that could compromise the international community's efforts to push the new state on a promising path.

Albanian district. The Serbs here refuse to accept

So far, the newly proclaimed state of Kosovo has been recognized by 27 countries, among them the United States and major European powers.

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