

Fahim quits as ARD chairman

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Makhdoom Amin Fahim, senior vice chairman of the PPP, stepped down as the Alliance for the Restoration of Democracy (ARD) chairman on Monday.

New Pak govt to review terror policy, says Sharif

Kabul looks for anti-terror unity

Pakistan's new government will review the country's role in the US-led "war on terror," former Pakistani premier Nawaz Sharif said yesterday after holding talks with a top American envoy.

review Musharraf's policy in the last six years, he said. Sharif said that a parliamentary committee would be set up "which will examine this and international concern and then keeping in view national aspirations will give recommendations."

corner of the world and we want to see peace in Pakistan also. We do not want that in order to give peace to others we turn our own country into a murderhouse," he said.

ter in Pakistan would lead to closer cooperation in efforts to fight extremism plaguing both countries. President Hamid Karzai issued a statement congratulating Yousuf Raza Gilani who was sworn in by President Pervez Musharraf Tuesday.



Pakistani former premier Nawaz Sharif (R) speaks with US Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte (C) and Assistant Secretary of State Richard Boucher (L) during a meeting in Islamabad yesterday.



Iraqi Sadrist youths carry a poster of radical Shia cleric Moqtada Al-Sadr as they take part in a rally in Baghdad's Al-Amil neighbourhood yesterday.

Sadr threatens civil revolt after deadly Iraqi clashes

AFP, Najaf

Iraq's radical Shia cleric Moqtada al-Sadr yesterday threatened a countrywide campaign of civil revolt as security forces battled his militia in the southern city of Basra.

would launch protests and a nationwide strike if attacks against members of his movement are not halted. "If the government does not respect these demands, the second step will be general civil disobedience in Baghdad and the Iraqi provinces."

Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki was in Basra to personally oversee the major security force sweep in Iraq's second largest city, but that British troops were not taking part.

Lankan planes strike LTTE arms dump

13 rebels killed in fresh fighting

AFP, Colombo

At least 13 Tamil Tiger rebels were killed in fresh fighting in northern Sri Lanka as government warplanes bombed a suspected rebel arms dump, the defence ministry said Tuesday.

Fighting across the embattled northern frontlines on Monday left at least 13 rebels dead, the military said, adding that seven soldiers had been injured.

Royalists win Bhutan polls

THE NATION/ANN, Bangkok

The first parliamentary election in the history of the last independent Himalayan kingdom, Bhutan, produced a landslide with voters decisively rejecting the party led by the king's uncle.

ment. The only other party allowed to contest the election, the People's Democratic party, was trounced. Its leader, Sangay Ngedup, is the brother of the four sisters married to the former king, who stepped down in favour of his son.

ise" Bhutan, exhorting people to vote. In the end turnout topped 70 per cent, although yesterday (March 24) many voters admitted they preferred monarchy to democracy.

Govt to weigh trial demand

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Reception programme at the National Parade Square in the capital.

The reception was organised for the members of Freedom Fighters' Contingent who are to participate in the National Independence Day parade today.

could not achieve economic independence. Now it is the duty of all to bring economic independence," said the army chief.



Tibetan activists in exile offer condolence prayers to Tibetans who died during an alleged crackdown by Chinese troops in Tibet at the West Bengal-Sikkim interstate border in Rangpo yesterday after police denied them entry into Sikkim on their way towards the Indo-Chinese border at Nathu-La.

Threat to millions as food aid scheme runs out of money

THE INDEPENDENT, London

Faced with the dramatically spiralling costs of wheat, rice and corn, the World Food Programme has made an unprecedented appeal for at least \$500m (£250m) to help it continue supplying food aid to 73 million needy people this year.

WFP had appealed for funds, not because of a crisis caused by famine or war but because of market conditions. And she warned that if extra resources were not received before the beginning of May, food rations would have to be cut.

in food prices keep pricing our operations out of our reach." The WFP estimates that food prices rose by 55 per cent between June and the end of February, meaning it needed an extra \$500m on top of the \$2.9bn it had already budgeted for.

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