

Israeli army withdraws after Gaza raid kills 7

Gaza fears power cuts after closure of fuel terminal

AFP, Gaza City

Israeli forces withdrew from the Gaza Strip yesterday, the army said, after a raid that left seven people dead, including a 10-year-old boy.

Palestinian medics said the toll from the operation rose to seven overnight when a militant from the armed wing of the Hamas movement died of his wounds. Another 27 people were wounded, with four in a serious condition.

Palestinians reported seeing several Israeli tanks rolling out of the territory before dawn, and the army confirmed that the operation had ended at 4:00 am local time (0100 GMT).

Israeli tanks and armoured bulldozers, backed by assault helicopters, had advanced one kilometre (about half a mile) into central Gaza early on Friday near the Bureij refugee camp in the south, drawing heavy fire from militants.

Israel has vowed to "settle the score" with the Islamist Hamas movement for a border attack that killed two Israeli civilians on Wednesday, ending a month of relative calm in and around Gaza.

Three smaller armed groups claimed responsibility for the attack, but Israel blames Hamas because it controls Gaza, where it ousted forces loyal to moderate Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas in June.

At least 387 people have been killed since Israel and the Palestinians formally relaunched peace talks at a US conference in November, the vast majority of them Gaza militants, according to an AFP tally.

Since the outbreak of the latest Palestinian uprising in 2000 at least 6,350 people have been killed, the vast majority of them Palestinians.

Meanwhile the Gaza Strip's sole power plant could shut down again if it does not receive fresh supplies of fuel, officials said Saturday, days after Palestinian militants attacked Gaza's main fuel terminal.

Israel temporarily closed the Nahal Oz crossing and fuel terminal on Wednesday after Palestinian gunmen stormed it in a deadly cross-border raid that killed two Israeli civilians working there.

"The station will stop completely in the next few days leading to power failures in all sectors if Israel does not supply us with fuel," Rafik Maliha, the director of Gaza's sole power plant told AFP.

He did not specify how much longer the plant could run on existing reserves, but in January the plant shut down for three days after Israel closed all crossings leading into Gaza following a spike in violence.



Palestinian mourners carry the body of a Hamas militant during his funeral in the Nusairat refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip yesterday. He was among seven other Palestinians killed Friday when Israeli tanks and helicopters opened fire inside the Gaza Strip after Israel vowed to retaliate for a border attack earlier this week.

Indian activists slam 'distorted' UN rights review

AFP, Geneva

Indian activists on Friday became the latest to denounce the UN Human Rights Council's new country review method, slamming a "distorted" process that left civil society on the sidelines.

The Council launched its much-awaited Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of UN member states' rights records this week but the sessions so far have been fiercely criticised by NGOs for failing to subject countries to effective scrutiny.

"While official delegations are free to indulge in back-room parleys and bargaining, civil society activists are left on the sidelines," said Vrinder Grover of the People's Forum on UPR coalition.

"There is a real apprehension that a process that so completely excludes civil society actors will lose legitimacy in the eyes of the global human rights community," she added.

Italians mull vote ahead of elections that promise little change

AFP, Rome

Italian voters yesterday mulled over their choice on the eve of an election that offers little hope for significant change as the country faces an economic slowdown and continued political instability.

While voter surveys have predicted a return to the premiership for a third time by centre-right leader Silvio Berlusconi, his two-digit lead over challenger Walter Veltroni has narrowed at the approach of the Sunday-Monday vote.

In a flurry of television appearances late Friday, Berlusconi sharpened his attacks against Veltroni, accusing him of lying 43 times in a single interview, while the former Rome mayor said a new Berlusconi cabinet would be "a deja vu... like bringing back" has-been football players for a new season.



Supporters of the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) celebrate early results of the elections in Kathmandu yesterday. Nepal's former Maoist rebels are ahead in early results from crucial polls that will decide the country's political future and most likely abolish the monarchy.

Lankan president calls for national unity

10 more deaths reported in war zone

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapakse called for national unity Saturday in his traditional New Year message as 10 more deaths were reported in the conflict-racked nation.

"It is my conviction that we would be strengthened by engaging in New Year traditions and customs as one nation," Rajapakse said in a message marking the New Year, which is celebrated by both the Sinhalese-majority and the Tamil minority.

The president's message came as the defence ministry said it had killed at least nine Tamil rebels fighting in the north.

The rebels were killed on Friday

as government troops traded fire with guerrilla forces and smashed rebel bunkers in the northern region, the defence ministry said.

There was no immediate comment from the Tamil Tiger rebels, who said that unidentified assailants shot dead a Tamil carpenter in the northern town of Jaffna on Friday.

Fighting is concentrated largely around the island's north after government troops ejected the rebels from their eastern stronghold last year.

In his New Year message, Rajapakse said he was pleased to "see the people of the East, who were oppressed by terrorism for over two decades, enjoying the New Year."

At least 2,758 Tamil Tiger rebels have been killed by government troops since the start of the year, while 158 soldiers have lost their lives during the same period, according to defence ministry figures.

The guerrillas have disputed defence ministry figures but given no tally of their own.

Verification of the casualty claims is impossible as Colombo prevents journalists and aid workers from travelling to embattled areas.

Tens of thousands of people have died since 1972 when the Tamil Tigers launched an armed struggle to carve out an independent homeland in the island's north and east for Tamils.

Spain's Zapatero sworn in as premier

AFP, Madrid

Socialist Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero took the oath of office in front of King Juan Carlos Saturday, beginning his second term as prime minister with a flagging economy and Basque separatism as his chief concerns.

After the brief ceremony at the royal Zarzuela Palace, Zapatero, who was re-elected on March 9, is to announce his government.

Key members of the outgoing cabinet, such as Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos, Economy Minister Pedro Solbes, Interior Minister Alfredo Perez Rubalcaba and Deputy Prime Minister Maria Teresa Fernandez de la Vega, are expected to remain in their posts.

Afghan clashes claim 24 Taliban, 2 Indians

AFP, AP, Kabul

Afghan and foreign troops clashed with and killed 24 Taliban on militants in southern Afghanistan, leaving 24 dead and eight wounded, an official said Saturday.

The fighting was in two separate mountainous areas of Zabul province late Friday, said provincial deputy governor Ghulam Shah Ali Khail.

The operation in Zabul -- one of the most Taliban-troubled regions -- was designed to secure a key highway to the capital Kabul, Zabul told AFP.

"We had an operation against Taliban last night. During the

operation, in which foreign military's air force was used, 24 Taliban were killed and eight others were injured," he added.

He said the clashes began late Friday and continued into Saturday.

Zabul, which borders Pakistan, sees regular Taliban attacks. On Tuesday, 17 civilian roadworkers were killed in an attack on their convoy near the main town of Qalat.

Three Taliban militants were killed in a subsequent operation against the attackers by Afghan and foreign security forces.

Meanwhile, two Indian engi-

neers and an Afghan policeman died in a Taliban suicide attack in the southwestern province of Nimroz, authorities said.

Two bombers simultaneously struck a convoy carrying Indian and Afghan road construction workers. Officials said a third suspected attacker was captured with an explosive-filled jacket after the blasts, in which he was injured.

There was a suicide attack carried out by two suicide bombers against Indian roadworkers who were working on a bridge in the province's Khash Rod district, provincial governor Ghulam Dastgir Azad told AFP.

Pak troops take control of Swat valley

PTI, Islamabad

Pakistani security forces have taken control of a militant stronghold in the restive northwestern Swat valley following an increase in activities by pro-Taliban rebels who had been lying low for several months.

The army, paramilitary Frontier Corps and local police on Thursday established a joint check post at Imamdheri, the former base of radical cleric Maulana Fazlullah who is currently on the run. The troops also arrested three militants in the town.

The check post was established after large numbers of armed militants began conducting

marches in the area and making announcements over loudspeakers, asking people to attend Friday prayers to be led by commanders and radical clerics.

The security forces have intensified checking in Imamdheri, where Fazlullah had built a sprawling seminary and mosque that served as his headquarters. A curfew-like situation currently prevails in the town.

A security forces spokesman said the government wanted peace in Swat and will not allow anyone to disrupt law and order. He said the militants were "bent on sabotaging the dialogue" initiated by the government and this was why Imamdheri was taken over by the troops.

Nepali Maoists should be struck off US terror list, says Carter

AFP, Kathmandu

Former US president Jimmy Carter on Saturday urged that Nepal's Maoists be struck off the US terror list after the former rebels took an early lead in election results.

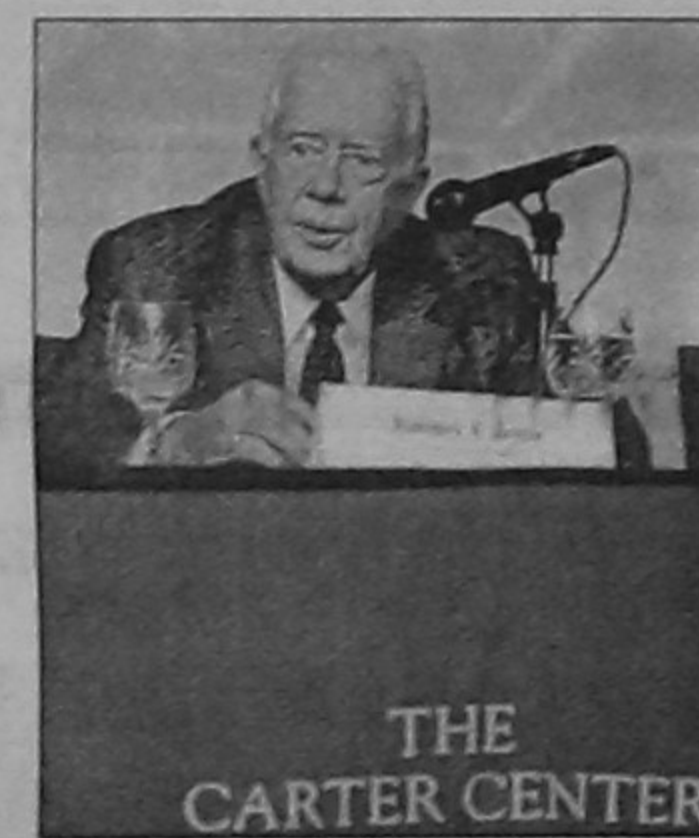
"My hope is and my cautious expectation is that the US will in the future recognise the authenticity and the non-terrorist nature of the commitment of the Maoists," the ex-Democratic president told journalists in Kathmandu.

His comments came after early results showed the Maoists taking an unexpected lead in the land-

mark elections held to elect a body that is expected to abolish Nepal's monarchy as well as write a new constitution.

The Maoists are still classed by Washington as "terrorists" even though they signed a peace deal with mainstream parties in late 2006 ending a 10-year insurgency and joined mainstream politics, declaring they were ready to embrace democracy.

Carter was in Kathmandu where his human rights organisation helped monitor the polls, whose full results will not be known for at least a week.



Former US President Jimmy Carter addresses a press conference in Kathmandu yesterday. Former US president Jimmy Carter urged that Nepal's Maoists be struck off the US terror list after the former rebels took an early lead in election results.

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Memo No. UNO/FUL/2008/98

Dated: 06/04/2008

Invitation for Tenders (Works)

Tender Notice No. 01/2007-2008

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the eligible tenderers as defined in the tender documents for the undermentioned works as per terms & conditions stated below.

1.	Project name		Abashan Project.			
2.	Source of funds		Annual Development Budget, Grant No. 02.			
3.	List of works:					
	SI No.	Package No.	Name of works	Amount of tender security (Tk)	Price of tender documents (Tk)	Time for completion (days)
	1	AB/1001	Construction of Fulsagar Abashan Community Centre (2 Nos)	28000/-	500/-	180 days
	2	AB/1002	Construction of Purbo Dhaniram Abashan Community Centre	14000/-	300/-	180 days
	3	AB/1003	Construction of Jatindronaraun Abashan Community Centre	14000/-	300/-	180 days
4.	Pre-tender meeting		Date: 28/04/2008 Time : 11:00am Place: Office of the undersigned.			
5.	Last date, time & places of selling tender documents		Date: 12/05/2008. Time: During office hours. Places: (a) The Deputy Commissioner, Kurigram. (b) The Upazila Engineer, LGED, Nageswari, Kurigram. (c) Office of the undersigned.			
6.	Last date, time & places of receiving tender documents		Date: 13/05/2008. Time: Up to 1:00pm. Places: (a) The Deputy Commissioner, Kurigram. (b) The Upazila Engineer, LGED, Nageswari, Kurigram. (c) Office of the undersigned.			
7.	Last date, time & places of opening tender documents		Date: 13/05/2008. Time: 3:00pm. Places (a) Office of the undersigned.			

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