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## 175 terror groups active in Indian states

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Mumbai

Manipur has the highest number of terror outfits, followed by Assam and Jammu and Kashmir, according to a list prepared by the Union Home Ministry in consultation with state governments and intelligence agencies.

The Home Ministry is closely monitoring the activities of nearly 175 terror organisations spread across India and attempting to ascertain their links both within and outside the country.

of, or indulging in terrorist, insurgent, extremist or fanatical activities. The majority of the outfits are centred in and active in the northeast, according to intelligence sources.

Manipur tops the list with a whopping 39 organisations, fol-

lowed by Assam with 36 organisa- port from across the border, mostly the state and central intelligence and China.

The next is the sensitive border state of Jammu and Kashmir with 32 such groups active, semi-active or dormant. In addition to these, there are at least four other independent groups that are not based in Kashmir but are coordinating or supporting terror groups in the state from across the border.

The surprise inclusion here is northeast, including those border-Dukhtaran-e-Millat, an all-women ing China. The list includes those suspected organisation that exerts community pressures to further social norms terrorism in the 1980s, has at least 12 dictated by Islamic fundamental active or potentially dangerous

> Most of the groups named in the activities, mostly armed and violent, either independently or with sup-

tions that are under the scanner of in regions neighbouring Pakistan

A matter of concern for lawenforcing authorities is that the list is not exhaustive and keeps growing, the sources said.

Thirty groups belong to Tripura, followed by four in Meghalaya, three in Nagaland, two in Mizoram and one in Arunachal Pradesh. This makes a total of 115 groups

Punjab, which witnessed heavy

in seven states in the sensitive

terror groups in the state. Mumbai Anti-Terrorist Squad chief list are engaged in secessionist Hemant Karkare said there are around 8-10 frontline terror groups on which they keep tabs on a regular basis, but he

declined to identify them.

"In addition, there are more than a couple of hundred other such groups of which we have knowledge. At times, new ones suddenly crop up, like the Hindu Garjana, which attacked communist party workers in Pune last fortnight. Then we do the needful investigations," Karkare told reporters, but did not elaborate.

In addition to these state-level groups, the agencies are keeping tabs on the activities of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), Tamil Nadu Liberation Army, Tamil National Retrieval Troops, Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI - banned since September 2001), Deendar Anjuman, Asif Reza Commando Force, Kamatapur Liberation Organisation and the Ranvir Sena.



Tibetan monks in exile take part in a march in New Delhi yesterday. A group of Tibetans in exile marched against the alleged Chinese crackdown on unrest in their homeland.

China nets 9 monks for bombing in Tibet

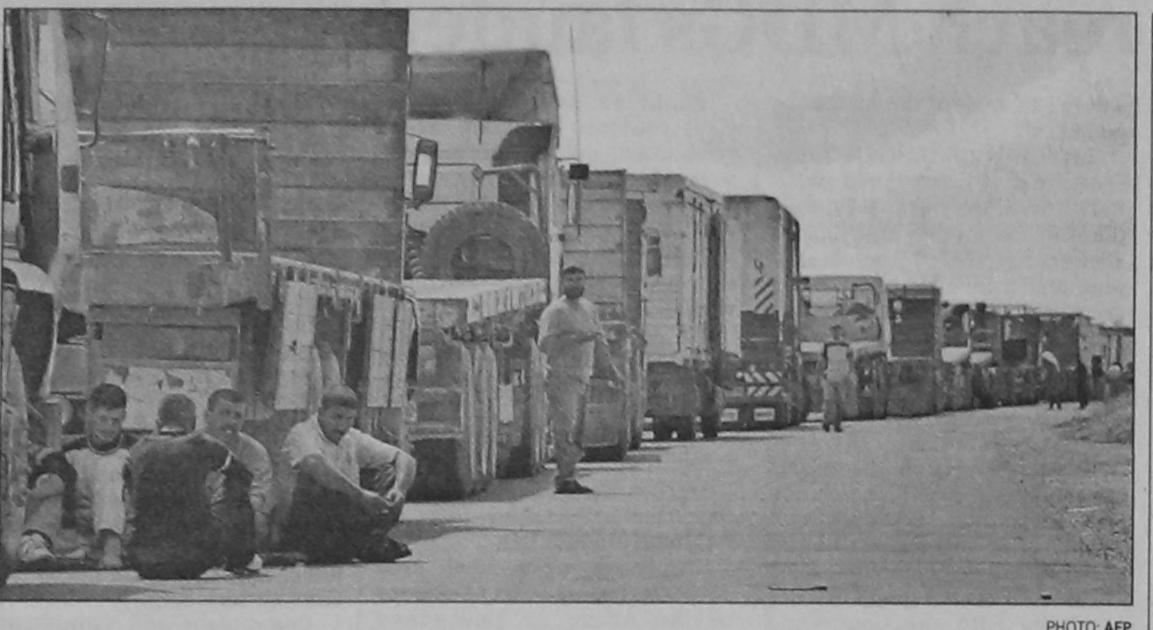
AP, Beijing

China has detained nine Buddhist monks and accused them of planting a homemade bomb last month in a government office building in eastern Tibet, an official said

There were no known deaths or damage from the first reported bombing since anti-government protests by monks began March 10 in the Tibetan capital Lhasa.

The official Xinhua News Agency said the monks from the Tongxia monastery fled after a bomb exploded in Gyanbe township on March 23. They later confessed to planting the explosive, Xinhua said.

Xinhua did not explain why the alleged incident was not reported earlier.



Palestinian truck drivers stage a rally against Israel's siege on the Gaza Strip yesterday near the Sufa crossing between Israeli and the southern Gaza Strip.

## Summit delivers no quick fix to Zimbabwe deadlock

AFP, Lusaka

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Southern African leaders issued criticising the Zimbabwean govyesterday a guarded response to impasse, calling only for the result of the March 29 poll to be delivered as soon as possible.

And hopes for a quick fix to the crisis that has enveloped the country since elections 15 days ago were dashed by the announcement that the statement said. all the votes in 23 of the country's recounted next Saturday.

President Robert Mugabe when they are announced." decided not to attend the 14-nation

ing long into the night.

The bloc stopped well short of ernment or Mugabe, who was not "The summit urged the elec-

toral authorities in Zimbabwe that verification and release of results are expeditiously done in accordance with the due process of law,"

Zimbabwe to accept the results policy of "quiet diplomacy".

SADC did insist, however, that if Southern African Development the result of the presidential elec-Community (SADC) summit in the tion proved neither Mugabe nor Zambian capital Lusaka, but that opposition leader Morgan did not stop regional leaders talk- Tsvangirai had won outright that a Lusaka.

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second ballot was conducted fairly.

Tsvangirai attended the summit and his deputy was broadly happy with the outcome, although he Zimbabwe's presidential election even mentioned in a four-page expressed reservations at a call for the continued involvement of Thabo Mbeki, the president of regional power South Africa.

Mbeki was chief mediator between the governing ZANU-PF party and Tsvangirai's Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) in "Summit also urged all the the build-up to the election, but 210 constituencies would be parties in the electoral process in has since come under fire for his

Mbeki must show "more vigour, more openness and a complete abandonment of the policy of quiet diplomacy," Tsvangirai's number two Tendai Biti told journalists in

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# end violence: Kouchner

AFP, Kandahar

French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner said Sunday that Taliban violence in Afghanistan could only be stopped with the aid of Pakistan, where rebels operate in lawless border areas.

Kouchner made his comments during a joint visit to the NATO air base in southern Kandahar with his Canadian counterpart Maxime Bernier, Both countries have troops deployed in the volatile area to help Kabul fight Taliban rebels.

"Further military means are needed in order for the process of securing Afghanistan to proceed... but there must also be a regional view, particularly with regards to neighbouring Pakistan," Kouchner

He said he had on Saturday discussed with Afghan President Hamid Karzai efforts to step up security along the common border, which is 2,500 kilometres (1,550 miles) long, runs through difficult terrain and is difficult to patrol.

Ties between Kabul and Islamabad have been fragile, with each accusing the other of not doing enough to tackle Islamic extremists behind a wave of deadly suicide blasts and other bombings on both sides of the porous border.

"This is an Afghan-Pakistan problem, but this incredible looseness which allows all sorts of trafficking cannot be allowed to continue," Kouchner said.

## Talks with Chinese leader help ease tension

Says Taiwan VP

AFP, Taipei

Taiwan's outgoing Vice President Annette Lu yesterday hailed her successor's historic meeting with Chinese President Hu Jintao, which she said would reduce animosity between the two rivals.

The rare positive remarks from Lu, an outspoken critic of Beijing's human rights record, came after Vincent Siew met Hu on Saturday between the two sides.

Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) was trounced by Ma Yingjeou and running mate Siew's Kuomintang (KMT) party in the March presidential vote.

Lu said the 20-minute meeting be needed in the future."

on the sidelines of the Boao Forum in China's Hainan Island "helped eased the cross-Strait tensions over the past few months caused by the

between the two sides can go on amid such harmonious atmosphere," Lu told reporters, though she warned that "still caution will

### referendum on the United Nations." The controversial referendum on UN membership was initiated by the DPP and failed to muster enough support when held alongside the presidential vote. It called for the island to join the UN under the name of Taiwan, a in the highest-level contact ever move strongly opposed by Beijing on the Gaza Strip," spokesman Fawzi to cut off fuel shipments temporarily. communities near the border. as it was seen as a significant step Lu's pro-independence towards independence. "Hopefully future exchanges

checks his certificate at a polling station in Bologna yesterday. Italians began voting in general elections likely to usher conservative Silvio Berlusconi into the prime minister's office for a third time at the expense of new centre-left flagbearer Walter Veltroni.

THE DAILY TIMES, Lahore

all (its) eggs in the Musharraf basket" was a result of miscalculation, Democratic presidential frontrunner Barrack Obama said on taken and can make a series of Saturday.

"There is a sizable middle class

against terrorism in the region." He said the US foreign policy should not focus only on ties with the rulers of underdeveloped countries. "In a country like Pakistan, if we are not thinking about that

fields, or the young man who is a day labourer in Karachi, [if] we think educated Pakistani in Parliament somehow gives us an insight into the country, we can be really mismisjudgements."

He said he noticed problems of corruption and unemployment in Pakistan during his trip to the country in the early 1980s, and "saw modernity standing side by side with ways of life and economies that have

"The people of Pakistan (should) broadly believe that America isn't seeing them simply as a tool to carry out our foreign policy and meet our self interest, but rather [seeing their] aspirations as legitimate ... and part of a broader set of aspirations in Pakistan and opening up opportunity to people, the more likely we are to get cooperation when it comes to dealing with terrorists, and the more likely we are to have legitimacy when

# Pakistan must help Kabul Maoists maintain strong lead in Nepal polls

AFP, Kathmandu

Nepal's Maoists yesterday extended a stunning early lead in historic polls on the country's political future, election officials said as vote counting continued.

The trend has put the former rebels on track to become the single biggest bloc in a body that will rewrite Nepal's constitution, and positioned to boot out the impoverished country's unpopular King Gyanendra and abolish the monarchy.

new constitutional assembly, nearly 25 percent have been decided

or were close to being allocated with the former rebels taking or poised to win the lion's share. "Groundswell for Maoists.

People vote for change," headlined the Kathmandu Post newspaper, while according to the Himalayan Times, the Maoists were "poised for landslide win."

who fought a decade-long insurgency to oust the monarchy, had already won 51 seats -- about three times as many as their nearest rivals.

Nepal's election commission's Of the 601 seats up for grabs in a official count had the Maoists winning 37 seats and ahead in 51

The nearest competitors, the Nepali Congress and the centre-left Communist Party of Nepal, were "far behind" with only 12 and 14 seats respectively won so far, said Election Commission spokesman Laxman Bhattarai.

"By the looks of results so far, the Maoists will get a clear simple Local media said the Maoists, majority," said author and commentator Khagendra Sangroula, meaning the ultra-leftists will be the biggest party, but not an absolute majority.

"The whole power balance in Nepali political dynamics will change. Maoists will lead the government'

## Border attack start of push to end Gaza siege: Hamas

AFP, Gaza City

Hamas said on Sunday a deadly attack on the Gaza Strip's main fuel depot last week was the beginning of a new push to break a months-old Israeli blockade of the impoverished

"There has been a decision on the part of the Palestinian people and the Hamas movement and the national unity government to break the siege Barhum told AFP.

"There are options for the resistance to address this issue with the Israeli occupation, and they must continue," he added. "I consider the recent Nahal Oz operation to be the sending hundreds of thousands of beginning of these options."

On Wednesday militants from three smaller armed groups stormed the border and opened fire on the Nahal Oz fuel terminal, killing two

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A day before the attack a senior Hamas leader had threatened a repeat of January's border breach, when militants blasted open the barrier between Gaza and Egypt

people pouring across the frontier. Israel has sealed the territory off from all but vital humanitarian goods since the Islamists seized power there in June, in a bid to halt Israeli employees and leading Israel rocket and mortar attacks on Israeli

# PHOTO: AFP

Italy's outgoing Prime Minister Romano Prodi jokes as an Italian women

## US support to Musharraf 'miscalculated': Obama

The United States' decision "to put that interactions with the Oxford-

(in Pakistan) that believes in rule of law and believes in a government that is accountable to the people," Obama said in an interview with Newsweek. "Our willingness to put all our eggs in the Musharraf basket without understanding this other tradition, and without understanding that our choice in a place like Pakistan is not simply [between] military dictatorship or Islamic rule, led us to make a series of miscalculations that has weakened our fight

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