INTERNATIONAL

Fighting kills 13 in Lanka

AFP, Colombo

At least nine Tamil Tiger rebels and four government soldiers have died in the latest clashes across Sri Lanka's embattled north, the defence ministry said yesterday.

Six Tiger rebels and six soldiers were also wounded in Saturday's fighting that took place in Jaffna, Vavuniya, Mannar and Weli Oya, the ministry said in a statement.

The deaths bring the number of LTTE cadres killed by government troops to 3,989 since January, while 333 security forces personnel have died in combat over the same period, according to defence ministry figures.

There was no immediate comment from the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), and casualty claims cannot be verified as the ministry bars journalists, rights groups and aid workers from travelling to frontline areas.

Violence has escalated since January, after Colombo pulled out of the six-year truce with the LTTE put in place by Norway.

Qaeda claims attack on Yemen refinery

AFP, Sanaa

al-Qaeda's wing in Yemen has claimed responsibility for an attack it said targeted a refinery in the southern city of Aden, according to an Internet statement posted

yesterday. The Jund al-Yemen Brigades on Friday fired three rockets at the Aden refinery "used by the tyrant (regime of President Ali Abdullah Saleh) to supply fuel to the crusaders in their war on Islam," said the statement posted on an Islamist

militant website. The authenticity of the statement could not be independently verified, but the group calling itself Jund al-Yemen Brigades has taken credit for other recent attacks against oil targets and Westerners in Yemen, ancestral homeland of al-Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden.

Somali president escapes mortar attack

AP, Mogadishu

Somali officials say Islamic insurgents fired mortars at Mogadishu airport as a plane carrying President Abdullahi Yusuf was about to take off.

Yusuf was unharmed although two people were slightly injured, they say.

Presidential spokesman Hussein Mohamed Mohamud says yesterday's attack was not an assassination attempt. The insurgents "tried to disrupt the president's departure to Djibouti but they failed."

The UN Security Council is set to meet Yusuf in neighboring Djibouti today as part of its six-nation trip to promote peace in Africa.



An army truck carrying the blindfolded and handcuffed Palestinians to an army base near Israeli border with Gaza Strip. The Palestinians were arrested in Gaza during an Israeli military operation yesterday.

Nepal govt auditing assets in palace

AFP, Kathmandu

Nepal's government has already started auditing property in the now nationalised palace, where the royal banner has been replaced by Nepal's flag.

lives at the Narayanhiti palace in Kathmandu, was late Wednesday given 15 days to evict -- with the palace in Kathmandu scheduled to be turned into a museum.

yesterday took a tour of the seat of the country's ousted monarchy and inaugurated a new republican sign outside the complex, a party official said.

Maoist chief Prachanda, who

Wednesday's abolition of the 240year-old Shah dynasty, unveiled the new sign at Gorkha, west of the capital

"Our party chairman Prachanda on the main gate of Gorkha palace," Maoist official Barsha Man Pun told AFP. "The board, reading 'Federal

Democratic Republic Nepal,' was The leader of Nepal's Maoists unveiled to mark the establishment of a republic," he said from Gorkha, 80 kilometres west of the capital.

The palace of Gorkha is the place from which ousted king Gyanendra's ancestors success-

decade-long civil war and into a Nepal more than two centuries ago, peace deal that led to last a time when the Himalayan nation was fragmented into small fiefdoms.

Gyanendra ascended the throne in 2001 after most of the royal family were slain by a drugged and Nepal's deposed monarch, who inaugurated the republican board a drunk prince, but he failed to win the support of the public, many of whom believed rumours linking him to the killings.

His unpopularity deepened when he dismissed the government in a royal coup in early 2005. Mass protests led to a landmark peace agreement in 2006 that saw him increasingly sidelined.

Another report says as Nepal made an historic leap this week, ousting its Hindu god-king by led the rebels throughout their fully launched a campaign to unify voting to become a republic, many



Tibetan Spiritual Leader The Dalai Lama (R) chats with Leader of Afghan National Liberation Front and former president of Afghanistan Sibghatullah Al-Mojaddedi (L) during an international conference on terrorism in New Delhi yesterday.

US DEFENCE SECRETARY GATES WARNS

More people will die unless Myanmar changes approach

AFP, bangkok

More people will perish in recall four US Navy ships waiting to Myanmar's cyclone disaster zone unless the regime lifts restrictions Secretary Robert Gates warned

Nearly a month after the storm tore through swathes of Myanmar, around 60 percent of the 2.4 million survivors remain without foreign aid, despite some opening-up by the military rulers after an intense refused permission to use them to UN-led diplomatic push.

The junta blocked entry to days after Cyclone Nargis pummelled the impoverished nation on May 2-3, leaving 133,000 people comingin. dead or missing.

Bangkok after a regional security forum in Singapore.

neglect."

Myanmar's initial delays could have cost tens of thousands of lives,

Pak militant

commander

Unidentified attackers yesterday

shot dead a pro-Taliban militant

commander and his guard in res-

tive northwest Pakistan, officials

The commander, Haji Khanan

Khan, and his companions were

travelling in a car when attackers

opened fire on them in the

Darazinda semi-tribal area in the northwestern town of Dera Ismail

bodyguards were killed in the shooting, while three others were

could be identified, he said, adding that Khan had already been the target

Pakistani authorities when they

launched an operation to clear

Uzbek militants from South

Waziristan tribal district bordering

in Afghanistan by a US-led inva-

sion in 2001, are active in Pakistan's

tribal zones on the border, where

campaign against the Islamists in

unprecedented wave of militant

violence since last year. Current

talks with extremists are aimed at

transforming the recent lull in

violence into a permanent peace.

Pakistan has suffered an

the Pakistani army launched a

The Taliban, driven from power

of a few failed assassination bids.

"Khanan Khan and one of his

The attackers fled before they

Khan sided last year with

Khan, a security official told AFP.

injured," the official said.

Afghanistan.

shot dead

AFP, Peshawar

added that the United States would decide within days whether to deliver aid.

He'said it was "becoming pretty on foreign aid, US Defence clear" the junta would not accept military help from the United yesterday, accusing it of "criminal States, which has been a fierce critic of the regime.

The USS Essex and three other ships have been off the coast of Myanmar for more than two weeks with a dozen helicopters, landing craft and Marines, but have been distribute relief.

Supplies are slowly trickling overseas aid workers in the critical through to worst-hit areas, but the generals -- notoriously suspicious of the West -- are wary of what is

"We would warmly welcome "Unless the regime changes its any assistance and aid which are approach, its policy, more people provided with genuine goodwill will die," Gates said en route to from any country or organisation, provided that there are no strings attached, or politicisation "I would describe it as criminal involved," Deputy Defence Minister Aye Myint told the same Gates, who earlier said that forum in Singapore that Gates that many people are still without attended.

He said officials were now con-

the junta estimating the cyclone increased risk of respiratory infeccaused more than 10 billion dollars tions, MSF said in a statement.

interested in rehabilitation and reconstruction, we are ready to accept them in accordance with have arrived long ago. our priorities," he added.

That stance earned Aye Myint "a good old-fashioned ear-bashing" from donor nations represented at four children. the conference, Canadian Defence Minister Peter MacKay told AFP, adding Myanmar appeared to be in "a state of denial."

MacKay said Canada and other AFP. nations have been ready to supply food, water, clothing, shelter and other basics, but "have met with considerable reticence and reluctance to let that relief flow."

are now being allowed into outofreach. Myanmar, they are finding it difficult to gain access to some of the hardest-hit areas -- where villagers say they have received little or no government help either.

What they are finding instead is clean water and at risk of disease. With the monsoon rains now

centrating on reconstruction, with hitting hard, survivors are at

Residents in the hard-hit "For those groups who are Irrawaddy Delta village of Kanzeik are only now getting the plastic sheets and clean water that should

> "I was so happy once I saw the aid boat entering the village," said Kyaw, a 35-year-old villager with

"I'm so glad that I got what I really need for my family now. At least our family can live safely under the rain for this year," he told

With crucial supplies now arriving, aid groups hope storm victims can think about returning to the fields in this key rice-growing area -- but many others in need of food, While more foreign aid workers shelter and medicine still remain

Aye Win, the UN's spokesman in Yangon, said about 41 percent of survivors, or close to one million people, had received some form of assistance.

"There have been some improvements" in access and visas, he added, "albeit not as much as would like them to be."



PHOTO: AFP

Paris Mayor Bertrand Delanoe and Jerusalem mayor Ouri Loupolyanski unveil a water fountain in downtown Jerusalem yesterday. Delanoe is on an official visit to Israel.

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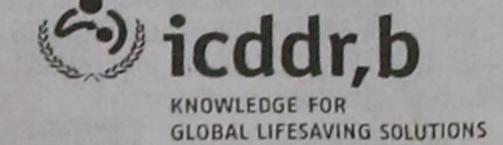
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JOURNALIST HAMID MIR From Pakistan

A Q Khan's links with al Qaeda not proved

Investigations against Dr Abdul listened to his old friend. President Qadeer Khan have been completed by Pakistani authorities and it have nuclear technology to Iran and Lybia not for the lust of money but primarily because of ideological reasons. The main reason behind nuclear proliferation was the disliking of Khan for US policies.

sources have claimed that it was not established during four years of will happen to me after my confesinvestigations that Khan was providing nuclear technology to Iran and Libya just for money. According to a statement given by Khan to the investigators, he thought that if Iran or Libya will become nuclear power then pressure of the West from Pakistan will be diverted. Khan was also of the view that US may destroy nuclear secrets.

Investigators never found big revenge if anything bad will hapamount of money in the bank pentome" accounts of Khan There was a transfer of 4 million rupees in the account of one woman named Sabeeha but Khan declared her a "black mailor".

that Khan was in contact of an al Qaeda leader Khalid Sheikh Muhammad but it was not proved. Pakistani Investigators never found any evidence of his links with al Research Laboratories (KRL) in Qaeda or Taliban. It is learnt that March 2001 because he reached to slowly and gradually Khan will have the age of 65, he added that "I was some more freedom of movement. Khan appeared on Pakistan sycophant." Television in February 2004 and nuclear proliferation.

League Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain been proved that he provided was the one who convinced Khan to confess that he was involved in nuclear proliferation just to save Pakistan and that was a great mis-Khan claimed that it was not only Shujaat but also President Pervez Highly placed government Musharraf who assured me on February 4th 2004 that nothing bad

of pro-Musharraf Pakistan Muslim

move anywhere in Pakistan but unfortunately I was betrayed. Abdul Qadeer Khan accepted that he never faced any torture nor any foreign investigator met him in last four years of his detention. In an exclusive chat with this correspondent on telephone Qadeer Iran or Libya so he tried to help these Khan said that "I am a Pathan and countries by providing them nobody could dare to touch me because all the Pathans will take

sional statement and I will be free to

Responding to a question he clearly said that "I will not answer any question posed by any foreign investigator". He said that he was Initially US authorities claimed not demoralised during the detention; he faced investigation with courage and spent his time with his family, books and his Allah. He said that he was retired from Kahuta retired may be because I was not a He said that he was dragged in

accepted that he was involved in the controversy of nuclear proliferation through a sting operation His old friend Senator S M Zafar against Iran and Lybia. Responding warned him in early 2004 that he to another question he said that "I should not confess anything in the was not asked any questions about name of national interest because my alleged links with al Qaeda establishment will make him a because investigators were aware scapegoat but poor doctor never that it was just propaganda".