13 killed in Mosul bomb attack

AFP, Mosul

The death toll from a suicide car bomb attack against the main police headquarters in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul rose to 13 on yesterday, police said.

Four more people succumbed to their injuries following the Monday night bombing in the centre of Mosul, Iraq's third largest city, police Colonel Saad al-Juburi

following the bombing which was the worst in the northern province of Nineveh since security forces began a crackdown against insurgents on May 14.

Interior ministry spokesman Major General Abdul Kareem Khalaf said security forces were pursuing their operations against Al-Qaeda operatives in the region and sought public support to smoke out the insurgents from their hideouts.

Mosul, the capital of the Nineveh province, which shares a border with Syria, is regarded by US commanders as the jihadists' last urban bastion.

S Korea won't import old beef from US

AFP, Seoul

President Lee Myung-Bak announced yesterday that South Korea will not accept imports of US beef from cattle more than 30 months old as he negotiates his biggest test yet since taking office 100 days ago.

After protests that have brought thousands of people onto the streets over fears of mad cow disease, the government imposed the limit as a condition for resuming beef imports, which have been intermittently banned for years.

The move risks a stand-off with Washington, but may ease public anger which has seen Lee's popularity ratings tumble by half since he took power pledging to reactivate the sluggish economy.

"It is natural for the government not to import US beef from cattle older than 30 months, if the people are concerned and the majority of the people do not want it," Lee was quoted as saying by a spokesman.

"The people's trust in the government has weakened seriously because of this issue," he told a meeting of cabinet ministers.

South Korea lifted its intermittent ban on US beef imports last week as it struggles to ratify a sweeping free trade agreement with the world's biggest economy.

It had imported some 850 mil lion dollars worth of US beef a year before the ban was imposed for the first time in 2003.

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Obama eyes history as final primaries loom

Bill Clinton terms Obama's press coverage as "the most biased in history"

AFP, Washington

Democrat Barack Obama stood on the brink of history yesterday, He said 45 people were injured | within reach of becoming America's first black presidential nominee after a twisting, emotional and divisive battle with September. Hillary Clinton.

As voters in the last two states, Montana and South Dakota, wrapped up the gruelling coast-tocoast Democratic nominating marathon, Hillary faced the demise of her own historic quest to be the on Tuesday night. first woman president.

The only questions remaining in the Democratic race were whether Obama would reach the mathematical winning post of 2,118 delegates by late Tuesday and whether Clinton would formally fold her campaign and endorse her fierce rival.

Obama, 46, planned to train his full fire on potential general election rival John McCain, with a daring foray into the same Minnesota sports arena where Republicans

back to her home state in New York, prompting speculation she would abandon her campaign, which has garnered nearly 17 million votes, at a "celebration" event in Manhattan

perhaps foreshadowed his departure from this campaign trail, after two White House terms and his wife's gruelling campaign, with a valedictory tone in South Dakota.

"I thought I was out of politics, till Hillary decided to run. But it has been

Regardless, Illinois Senator one of the greatest honors of my life to 4.5 superdelegate votes on Monday be able to go around and campaign to Clinton's two, while James forherforpresident," headded.

however, saying his wife's campaign had been subject to "the will crown their nominee in most biased press coverage in Post website.

> Clinton played down reports that she would exit the race later on Tuesday, even as other signs pointed to a conference between New York home.

"Tomorrow is the last day of the Wednesday. primaries and the beginning of a Obama said he felt "that new phase in the campaign," Washington Post.

The Illinois senator picked up win the nomination."

Clyburn, a hugely influential He issued one last parting shot African-American leader and major force in Congress, was due to follow on Tuesday.

Obama was just 42.5 delegates history," according to recorded short of the 2,118 now needed to Hillary was meanwhile headed remarks posted on the Huffington capture the nomination, after a contentious deal was thrashed out But aides traveling with Hillary on Saturday over the renegade primaries in Florida and Michigan. A total of 31 delegates was avail-

able in Tuesday's contests. Rumors circulated that other Former president Bill Clinton Clinton and top advisors at her superdelegates would endorse him en masse on Tuesday or early

between Tuesday and Wednesday, Hillary said, according to the that we've got a good chance of getting the number that we need to



PHOTO: AFP

Argentina's President Cristina Kirchner waves to photographers as she arrives at the three-day summit on food security at UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in Rome yesterday.

Iran blames west for surge in food prices AFP, Rome

Iranian President Mahmoud damage" from the "artificial Ahmadinejad accused western regime" of Israel, on his arrival in countries yesterday of acting to Rome for a UN food agency sumdevalue the dollar, fueling a surge in mit. oil and food prices.

ble hands are working to control and today the weight of this artifiprices to achieve their political and cial regime, both political and economic aims," he said in a speech economic, is on Europe's shoulto a food crisis summit in Rome.

Separately he called for the food Telenews agency. crisis to be tackled outside of the Security Council.

powers impose their decisions on pearance. the Security Council, using it as an

including the presidents of Brazil, France, Argentina, Egypt and Iran at talks with "world leaders" on the the Rome conference at the head- sidelines of the Food and quarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Agriculture Organization.

The Iranian president also not specify which ones.

slammed Israel. Ahmadinejad said Europeans suffered the "biggest

"Europeans have suffered the "It is clear that visible and invisi- biggest damage from the Zionists ders," he said, according to

Italian activists, leftist politi-UN system, accusing western pow- cians and Jewish groups have ers of imposing their will on the UN already protested against his presence at the summit, saying it was a "How can UN mechanisms disgrace to host someone who has improve the situation when certain repeatedly predicted Israel's disap-

The Iranian president predicted instrument," he told summit par- on Monday that Muslims would ticipants including some 50 world uproot "satanic powers" and repeated his controversial belief Ahmadinejad joined leaders that Israel will soon disappear.

He said he would be holding summit on food security, but did

Khamenei warns of 'Western plot'

honorary doctorate of the University of Leipzig. Angela Merkel studied AFP, Tehran

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Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei yesterday warned Iranian youths that the nation's Western enemies were seeking to weaken them with plots aimed at spreading sexual depravity and drug addiction.

"Today, combating organised plots pushing the Iranian youth towards carnal desires, drugs or sexuality is a prime duty of the Iranian people and especially the young," Khamenei said in a speech broadcast on state television.

Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Tuesday vehemently rejected charges Tehran was seeking a nuclear weapon, amid mounting concern from the UN atomic agency about the Iranian atomic drive.

Meanwhile Khameni has vehemently rejected charges that Iran is

seeking a nuclear bomb. "The Iranian nation is not seeking a nuclear weapon," Khamenei said in the live broadcast to mark the anniversary of the death in 1989 of revolutionary leader Ayatollah

Ruhollah Khomeini.

"We are seeking nuclear energy for peaceful purposes for daily use and we will continue this path to the envy of our enemies. We will mightily achieve this aim," he added. Khamenei warned that Iran's

youth needed to be hard-working and innovative in order for the country achieve progress and its enemies were plotting to distract them through sex and drugs. Iranian officials openly admit

there is a serious drug abuse problem in the country, which is situated along one of the main trafficking routes for cannabis, heroin, opium and morphine produced in Afghanistan.

Out of 2,500 tonnes of narcotics that enter Iran from neighbouring Afghanistan annually, some 700 tonnes are consumed in the country, officials say.

Designer drugs have also found their way into the Iranian market in recent years.

Khamenei described the fight against drugs in Iran as a "great jihad and a fundamental task in the progress of the Iranian nation."

Syria blasts Israel, US over nuclear claims

AFP, Damascus

Syria's official press lashed out at the United States and Israel yetserday over claims it was building a secret nuclear reactor, and said the Jewish state's own atomic facilities should be subject to international inspection.

Mohamed ElBaradei said on Monday that his inspectors would this month visit the site of the suspected reactor that was bombed by Israeli warplanes in September last year.

The site at Al-Kibar was attacked North Korea's help. after Israeli and US intelligence concluded it was a partly constructed nuclear reactor, but the Syrians have denied the allegations.

"The American and Israeli claims are false. Instead, Israel should be called on to submit its own nuclear installations to international inspection so at least we know how many nuclear weapons it possesses," Syria's official Ath-

Thawra newspaper said in an editorial.

Israel is widely believed to be the only nuclear armed power in the Middle East but has a policy of neither confirming nor denying its arsenal and is not a signatory to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

On Monday, ElBaradei criticised UN nuclear watchdog chief Israel for attacking the site before the International Atomic Energy Agency had a chance to inspect it, and the United States for waiting until April to pass on intelligence alleging that the reactor had a military purpose and was built with

He said his inspectors will visit the site in northeastern Syria from June 22 to 24, adding: "I look forward to Syria's full cooperation in this matter."

US intelligence on Al-Kibar included photographs taken inside the reactor showing construction of the shield for the reactor core, and control rods and refueling ports on top of the reactor.

भा**उ**शात शीं काम्भानी व्यव वाश्नादिम निः POWER GRID COMPANY OF BANGLADESH LTD. (An Enterprise of Bangladesh Power Development Board)

Institution of Engineers (IEB) New Bhaban (4th floor) Ramna, Dhaka-1000 Memo No.:01/PGCB/Sec/2008/1994(1)

Date: June 01, 2008

INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR THE

DESIGN, SUPPLY, DELIVERY & INSTALLATION OF POWER TRANSFORMER AND CURRENT TRANSFORMER FOR 132KV GRID SYSTEM

Contract No. PGCB/ GRID/08/01

- The Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd. ("the Employer") invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for design, supply, delivery, installation, testing & commissioning of 9 (nine) nos of 50/75MVA, 132/33kV power transformers and 27(twenty seven) nos. of 132kV & 27(twenty seven) nos. of 33kV current transformers at 132kV Grid System as defined in the bidding document (hereinafter referred to as "the Works"). The Works include:
 - (i) Design, supply, delivery and testing & commissioning of nine (9) nos. of 50/75 MVA 132/33 kV Power transformers at Ullon, Tangail, Comilla (North), Barisal and Kushtia 132/33kV substations.
 - (ii) Design, supply, delivery and testing & commissioning of 27(twenty seven) nos. of 132kV & 27(twenty seven) nos. of 33kV current transformers.

Details of the scope of work are specified in the bidding document.

The Bidder must meet the following criteria:

The Bidder has experience that he has completed supply, delivery, installation and testing & commissioning at least one 15/20MVA & 110kV or higher capacity and higher voltage power transformer over the last 10 (ten) years.

The Bidder (who is the manufacturer of power transformer) has the experience to manufacture 50/75MVA, 110kV or higher capacity & higher voltage power transformer within the last 10 (ten) years.

ii. In case of Joint Venture, the partner in charge must have any of the above two criteria.

- The materials and goods under the Contract shall be procured from an ISO9001/ISO9002 or equivalent certified manufacturer who has designed, manufactured, type tested and supplied respective equipment of similar or higher specifications required by this bid for the last ten (10) years. The said equipment shall be in satisfactory service for a minimum of three (3) years as on the date of bid opening.
- The minimum Liquid Assets & Annual Turnover for the Bidder (or Joint Venture) shall not be less than the following:

(i) Liquid Assets (average of last 3 years): US\$ 1.5 million

(ii) Annual Turnover (average of last 3 years): US\$ 8.0 million

The partner in charge in case of Joint Venture shall meet not less than 50% of the minimum criteria given above.

- 5. The Works under this contract shall be completed within 20 (twenty) months from the signing of the Contract.
- 6. Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect and acquire the bidding documents at the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd. (PGCB), The Institution of Engineers Bangladesh Bhaban (4th floor), IEB, Ramna, Dhaka-1000.
- A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested eligible bidders on submission of a written application to the Company Secretary, PGCB at the above address and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of USD 100.00 (United States Dollar one hundred only) or Tk. 7,000.00 (Taka seven thousand only) in the form of Pay Order/ Demand Draft in favour of the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd.
- 8. A single-stage: two-envelope bidding procedure will be adopted. Bidders are to submit simultaneously two sealed envelopes, one containing the technical bid and one containing the price bid. Initially only the technical bids will be opened. The price bids will remain un-opened and will be kept in the custody of the Employer until the time of bid opening of the price bids.
- 9. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of US\$ 200,000 (United states dollar two hundred thousands only) or BDT 140,00,000 (Bangladesh Taka fourteen million only) and must be delivered to the Company Secretary, Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd., The Institution of Engineers Bangladesh Bhaban (4th floor), IEB, Ramna, Dhaka-1000 at or before 11:00am Bangladesh Standard Time on August 04, 2008. The bid
- security must be included with the technical bid. 10. A pre-bid meeting will take place on Date: June 29, 2008 at 11:00 am at the office of the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd., The Institution of Engineers Bangladesh
- Bhaban (4th floor), IEB, Ramna, Dhaka-1000. 11. The technical proposals will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- 12. In the comparison of bids, the Employer will grant a margin of preference to eligible goods manufactured in the Employer's country in accordance with the procedures outlined in the bidding documents.
- 13. PGCB will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids including costs and expenses related to visits to the sites of installation of the Works.

(Mohammed Salim) Company Secretary



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Javier Solana de Madariaga, Secretary General of the Council of the

European Union and the EU's High Representative for the Common Foreign

and Security Police gives a speech yesterday in Leipzig, eastern Germany,

where German Chancellor Angela Merkel (not in picture) was awarded an

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