

Terrorism still a threat in Pakistan: US

THE DAWN, Washington

The White House urged Pakistan on Monday not to allow terrorists to maintain 'safe havens' on its soil as a car bombing outside the Danish embassy in Islamabad killed eight people and wounded many others.

"It does serve as a reminder to the government of Pakistan and to all governments that terrorism is real, that it cannot be allowed to have safe havens, they must be dealt with and confronted," said White House press secretary Dana Perino. Meanwhile, Admiral Mullen, chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, is also expected to urge Pakistani leaders to expedite their efforts to uproot terrorism from their soil when he meets them in Islamabad later this week.

Before leaving for Islamabad, he told reporters in Singapore that the situation in Pakistan 'concerns' the United States.

Pakistani Taliban likely behind embassy blast

AFP, Islamabad, Copenhagen

Pakistani Taliban militants likely carried out a suicide attack on the Danish embassy in Islamabad in revenge for controversial cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed (SM), officials said yesterday.

But the car bombing on Monday, which killed at least six people, was believed to be a one-off and would not scupper peace talks between the Islamist rebels and Pakistan's new government, a senior government official said.

Security officials said a stolen car with fake diplomatic plates was used in the bombing and that the explosives were of a type used in previous attacks attributed to Taliban militants in a tribal region bordering Afghanistan.

"This attack was not born out of the events in the country or the region, rather it was part of global outrage in the Islamic world against publishing blasphemous cartoons," the government official told AFP.

One Danish citizen of Pakistani origin and two Pakistani employees were among the dead in the blast that badly damaged the embassy and the offices of UN-backed aid agency, officials in Copenhagen said.

The Danish embassy, located outside Islamabad's secure diplomatic enclave, was recently downgraded and embassy staff were relocated.

A joint team of investigators has been set up, including of police, the special investigation unit of the Federal Intelligence Agency and Pakistani intelligence services, to probe the blast, the government official said.

A senior security official said the bomb contained at least 25 kilograms of the same type of explosive used in a massive suicide bombing at FIA's offices in the eastern city of Lahore in March.

US President George W. Bush condemned the bombing and offered his condolences to the victims.

The UN Security Council unanimously condemned the bombing in a non-binding statement.

Meanwhile Denmark's foreign minister led a sombre memorial in Copenhagen yesterday to victims of a deadly suicide attack that rocked the Danish embassy in Pakistan.

Under a Danish red-and-white flag flying at half mast, Per Stig Møller and other Foreign Ministry staff observed a minute of silence at noon (1000 GMT) in memory of the at least six people killed in Monday's attack.



A visitor (R) takes a rest as a police van (L) patrols on Tiananmen Square yesterday ahead of the 19th anniversary of the 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy protests that left hundreds, possibly thousands, dead.

Three Indians die in UAE roof collapse

AFP, Dubai

Three Indian labourers have been killed and three are missing and feared dead after the collapse of a hotel ceiling being constructed in the United Arab Emirates, the local press reported yesterday.

The incident took place on Monday while workers were pouring concrete into the ceiling of the basement of a hotel being constructed on the coast of Ajman, one of the seven emirates forming the UAE federation.

The supervising engineer said a leakage was reported and he ordered some workers to go down and check. "Within minutes the whole thing went down," he was quoted by the Gulf News as saying.

Three bodies were found by Tuesday morning, the paper said, adding that the hardened concrete made the rescue operations very difficult. It said all six workers involved in the accident were Indian.

Pictures printed in the press showed that most of the ceiling had caved in, while mound of concretes were piled up in the basement under protruding iron rods.

Ajman's civil defence chief Saleh al-Matroushi told Al-Emarat Al-Yom that there was little hope any of the missing workers could survive.

Work accidents are frequent on building sites in the UAE, mainly in the emirate of Dubai, which is going through a construction frenzy.

In November, seven construction workers were killed when part of a bridge being built collapsed. Two labourers were killed and 57 others injured in January last year when a fire broke out in a tower being built in Dubai.

Similar accidents have prompted the police to impose strict safety regulations on construction sites.

The working conditions of hundreds of thousands of mostly Asian expatriate labourers in the oil-rich UAE have often been criticised by international human rights groups and prompted several protests by the workers themselves.

Mt Everest sees record number of summits

AFP, Kathmandu

The short spring season for climbing Mount Everest has produced a record number of successful summits from the southern approach through Nepal, officials said yesterday.

"So far we have confirmed summits by 258 climbers and some of our liaison officers are still in the field," Ramesh Khatri Chhetri from the mountaineering department of Nepal's tourism ministry told AFP.

"Once their reports come in the total will be more than 300," said the official.

"It is going to be the highest number of summits in a single season from the southern (or Nepal) side," he said.

The previous southern approach spring summit record of 257 was set last year.

Indonesia under pressure to act against extremists

AFP, Jakarta

The Indonesian government was under strong pressure to act against Islamist extremists yesterday after fanatics threatened war against a minority sect and attacked a rally for religious tolerance.

Police have failed to make a single arrest after Sunday's violence, when hundreds of stick-wielding Islamists stormed the peaceful rally in central Jakarta and severely beat dozens of people.

Victims of the attack joined with rights activists, politicians and the media Tuesday in condemning the government for allowing a tiny minority of extremists to threaten basic rights in the world's most

populous Muslim state.

The US embassy also urged the government to "continue to uphold freedom of religion for all its citizens as enshrined in the Indonesian constitution."

"This type of violent behaviour has serious repercussions for freedom of religion and association in Indonesia, and raises security concerns," the embassy said in a statement.

A little-known extremist group affiliated to the hardline Islamic Defenders Front (FPI) has claimed responsibility for the attack, saying they were "defending Islam" by beating women and unarmed men at the rally.

The rally had been called to express support for constitutionally enshrined religious freedoms amid a debate over the minority Ahmadiyah Islamic sect, which the government is considering banning over its "deviant" beliefs.

President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono has condemned Sunday's attack and told ministers to examine options for banning the FPI.

But senior police officer Bambang Danuri said police were being careful not to provoke further violence and would wait for the suspects to hand themselves in.

"The president has condemned the actions of FPI but there is no action in the field -- it is only lip service," said Ahmad Sudaedi, the director of a liberal Islamic think-tank who was badly beaten in Sunday's attack.

UN aid copters to enter Myanmar this week

AFP, Bangkok

Nine UN helicopters able to ferry aid to remote cyclone victims should enter Myanmar this week, officials said yesterday, but it was unclear when they will be allowed to fly to the worst-hit areas.

The UN's World Food Programme received permission about two weeks ago to take 10 helicopters into the country, where more than one million people who lived through Cyclone Nargis remain without foreign relief supplies.

One chopper entered the country on May 22, but was only able to leave Yangon on Monday to make its way down to the Irrawaddy Delta region, which bore the brunt of the storm, said WFP's Asia

spokesman Paul Risley.

"It has been ready for use for the past eight days with pilots, with ground crew, at Yangon airport," Risley told AFP.

"Yesterday, we were able to receive permission and the helicopter flew from Yangon to Labutta (in the delta) and returned."

Five helicopters are now ready to go to Bangkok's Don Mueang Airport, with four more set to fly up from a southern Thai Navy base tomorrow.

Although two of the Puma helicopters were ready to fly into Myanmar last Friday, Risley said they will not travel into the country until the end of this week. The cause for this delay was unclear.

Asked whether the nine helicopters had permission to fly sup-

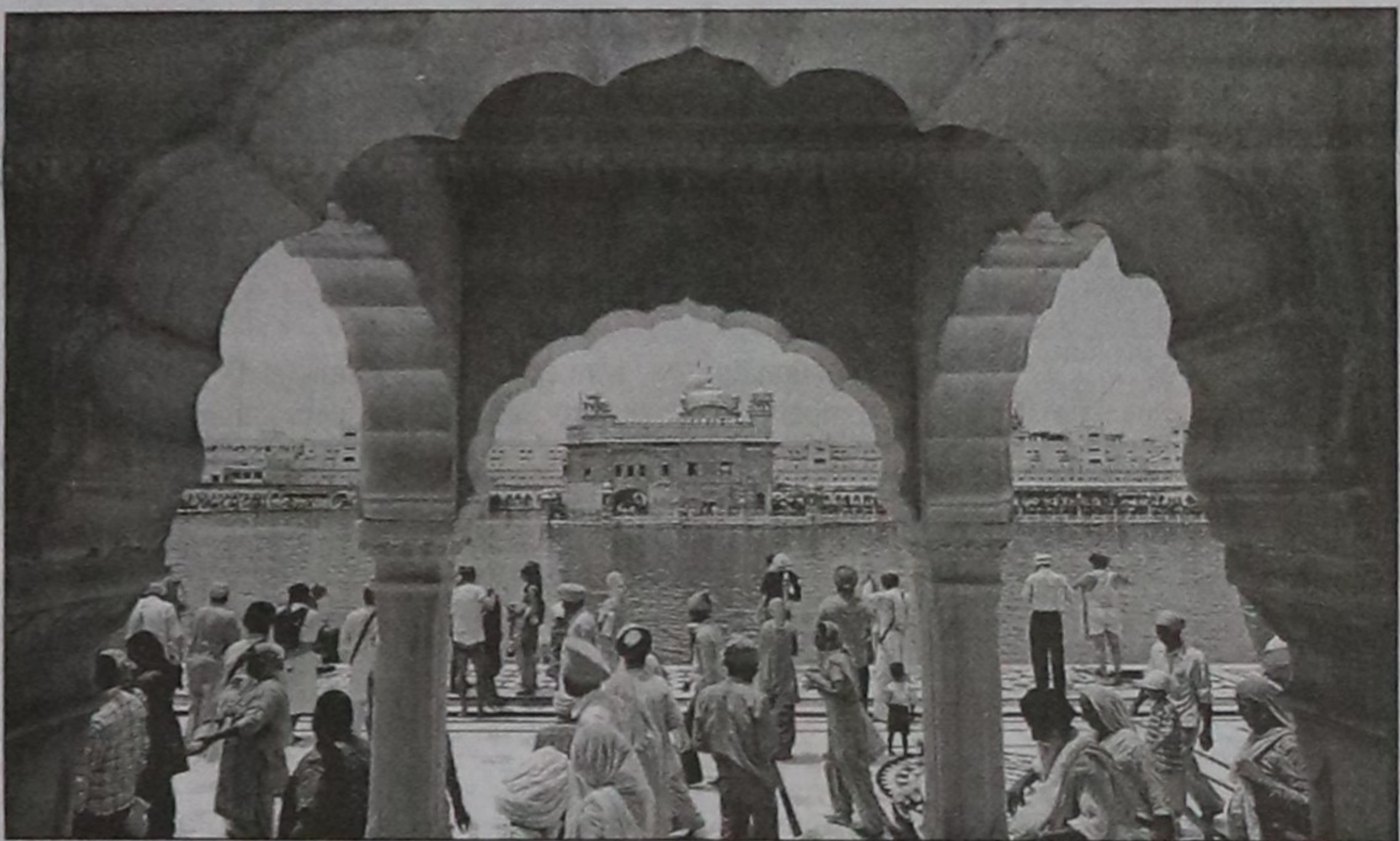
plies to the delta region, Risley replied: "That's the next step."

"Every step of the relief assistance process requires approval, permission and authority granted by the government," he said.

"But clearly there is still very much a need for the use of these helicopters in delivering the last leg of this food assistance."

Myanmar's ruling military junta outraged the world by blocking foreign relief supplies after Cyclone Nargis hit one month ago, leaving 133,000 people dead or missing and 2.4 million people in need of food, shelter and medicine.

After a UN-led diplomatic effort, the junta agreed on May 23 to allow foreign aid workers access to the delta, but progress has been slow.



Indian Sikh devotees pay homage at the world's famous Sikh shrine, the Golden Temple in Amritsar, India yesterday on the occasion of Amavasya.

Quake rocks Indonesia's Sumatra

AFP, Jakarta

A moderate 5.2-magnitude earthquake struck off Indonesia's Sumatra island yesterday, the US Geological Survey said.

The quake hit at 5:15 pm (1015 GMT), 185 kilometres (115 miles) southwest of the city of Sibolga in North Sumatra province, the USGS said. It was 35 kilometres deep.

There were no immediate reports of damage and the Indonesian meteorology and geophysics agency had not issued a tsunami warning.

The agency clocked the quake at 5.5 on the Richter Scale.

Indonesia was the nation worst hit by the quake-triggered Asian tsunami in December 2004 that killed 168,000 people in the country's Aceh province.

The Indonesian archipelago sits on the so-called Pacific Ring of Fire, where continental plates meet and cause frequent seismic and volcanic activity.

Mystery disease hits N Korea

AFP, Seoul

A mystery epidemic spreading along some North Korean border towns with China has claimed the lives of dozens of children, a Seoul-based humanitarian group said yesterday.

The highly contagious disease has sparked a health alert with an estimated five or six children dying every day since April 27 in the northeast city of Hoeryong, the Good Friends group said.

North Korean health authorities have been unable to stop the spread of the epidemic or to come up with an exact diagnosis or cure, it added.

Doctors in the North suspect it may have been caused by avian influenza or hand-foot-mouth disease. "Bird flu is spreading," the group quoted one doctor as saying. Good Friends, which operates in the communist North, quoted another doctor as saying hand-foot-mouth disease could be spreading from China, where it has killed several dozen children.

The outbreak is spreading mainly among state-run child daycare centers and kindergartens and no cases of adult infections have been reported, the doctor said.

Good Friends said the epidemic had spread to other towns along the border, with patients showing flu-like symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat and loss of appetite.

Impoverished North Korea launched an all-out campaign to prevent bird flu after avian influenza spread widely in South Korea this year.

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