

Saudi king calls for 'constructive dialogue' to end disputes between major religions

AFP, Madrid

Saudi King Abdullah appealed for "constructive dialogue" to end disputes between the world's major religions as he opened an inter-faith conference in Madrid yesterday.

"We all believe in one God... we are meeting here today to say that religions should be a means to iron out differences and not to lead to disputes," he said in an inaugural speech to the three-day World Conference on Dialogue.

He called for a "constructive dialogue to open a new page to reconciliation after so many disputes."

Around 200 participants are attending the conference in the Pardo Palace on the outskirts of Madrid, including representatives of the world's major religions.

Among them are the secretary general of the World Jewish Congress, Michael Schneider, and Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, who is responsible for dialogue between the Vatican and Muslims.

The conference is organised by the Muslim World League from an initiative by King Abdullah, whose country hosts Islam's two holiest shrines in Mecca and Medina.

"Most of the dialogue (between religions) has ended in failure..." King Abdullah said in the speech, delivered in Arabic. "To succeed we must emphasize the common link between us which is a belief in God."

He said religion could combat many of the problems of modern society.

"Terrorism... the breakdown of families, drugs, exploitation of the weak -- all these are the consequences of a spiritual void."

After Wednesday's inaugural session, four closed-door round tables will be held before a final communiqué is released on Friday. The secretary general of the Mecca-based Muslim World League, Abdullah al-Turki, said "the aim of this inter-faith conference is for us to get to know each other and to look for ways to cooperate."

He said "common issues between religions such as ethics, family, the environment" would be raised, but not religion or politics.



Bhutan's Prime Minister Lyonchen Jigmi Y Thinley (C) hugs Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh during a welcome ceremony at Presidential Palace in New Delhi yesterday. Thinley is in India on a four-day state visit.

Nato forces abandon Afghan outpost after deadly attack

AFP, Kabul

Nato said yesterday it had abandoned an Afghan outpost days after it was stormed by militants who killed nine US soldiers.

The soldiers pulled out of the outpost in Wanat village in northeastern Kunar province on Tuesday, Afghan officials said.

"We are confirming that we have vacated our combat outpost at Wanat," NATO spokesman in Afghanistan, Mark Laity, told AFP.

"All these kinds of outposts are temporary. They serve a purpose and when we consider appropriate we will move them," he said.

The area has since been taken over by Taliban militants, an Afghan official said.

Fifteen US and four Afghan soldiers were wounded in Sunday's fighting, in which militants breached the outpost. The attack was one of the

deadliest involving international forces, who arrived in Afghanistan after a US-led invasion that drove the Al-Qaeda-linked Taliban from government in late 2001.

NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) sent troop reinforcements and war planes to the area to repel the attack. The defence ministry said 40 rebels were killed in the fighting, while another seven were slain in subsequent clashes.

Laity said ISAF would "be maintaining a strong presence in that area through patrolling and other means" after leaving the outpost.

He could not confirm claims by a government official that the withdrawal had caused Afghan police to lose control over the adjoining Wanaat-Waygal district in Nuristan province.

"When ISAF withdrew yesterday, we couldn't stand up

against the Taliban," said Omar Sami Taza, secretary for the Nuristan governor.

"We pulled back and the district fell into the Taliban's hand. We will send more troops from the centre to recapture it."

The Taliban, waging an insurgency against the government of President Hamid Karzai, claimed to have control of the area.

The district police chief, Hazarat Ali, who was not in the area, could not say if the district had fallen to the Taliban.

Ali and the district chief were briefly detained on suspicion of assisting the rebels attack on Sunday.

Taliban-linked militants regularly try to capture remote districts in their bid to overthrow the government. They are said to control a few areas in the volatile south.

Top US envoy to meet Iran's nuclear negotiator

Major shift in Washington's policy

AFP, Washington

The United States is to send a top ranking diplomat to attend international nuclear talks with Iran on Saturday, marking a major shift in Washington's policy on negotiations with Tehran.

Undersecretary of State William Burns will attend the weekend meeting in Geneva between EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana and Tehran's nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili, a US State Department official said Tuesday.

The United States has no diplomatic relations with Iran and until now has refused to even participate in preliminary discussions with Iranian officials unless Tehran first

suspends its nuclear enrichment activities.

Burns, the United States' third-ranking diplomat, would be in Geneva "to receive the Iranian response" to the latest package of incentives for suspension offered by the five permanent members of the UN Security Council plus Germany.

The decision came after Washington insisted for months that it was ready to talk to Iran only if it abandons its enrichment activities, which the West believes is aimed at developing nuclear weapons.

"This is a big break from past policies," David Gergen, a former adviser to US presidents Bill Clinton and Ronald Reagan, told

CNN television.

Saying Iran had signaled it might be willing to strike a deal, Gergen said the US administration may sense an opening. "I think they're probably probing that," he said.

Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei insisted yesterday that Tehran would not be coerced into doing anything against its will.

"Iran has decided to take part in negotiations but it will not accept any threat," state television quoted Khamenei as saying.

"Iran's red lines are very clear," he added.

Iran has repeatedly refused to heed UN demands to suspend uranium enrichment, insisting that its operations are exclusively

aimed at energy production.

"No power can deprive Iran of nuclear technology," Khamenei said.

A State Department official told the Washington Post that Burns would not negotiate directly or hold separate meetings with the Iranians.

"This is a one-time deal," the official told the Post.

Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said on Monday that Jalili and Solana were to discuss a "timetable" for future negotiations.

He also hinted at US-Iran discussions without explanation. "It is possible that in the near future talks in different fields will take place with the United States."

3 killed, 4 hurt in Kashmir violence

AFP, Srinagar

A policeman and two suspected Islamic militants were killed in clashes in revolt-hit Indian Kashmir that lasted almost 20 hours, police said yesterday.

A police spokesman said 14 security force personnel were also injured in the fighting, which ended when the two suspected militants were killed.

"The fighting erupted last (Tuesday) evening when police and army soldiers ringed a hide-out on a tip-off," the spokesman said.

He said the "fierce fighting" raged through most of Wednesday near the town of Sopore, about 55 kilometres (35 miles) north of the Kashmiri summer capital Srinagar.

A lieutenant colonel from the Indian army and two police officers were among the 14 injured, he said.

Violence has decreased in Indian Kashmir since New Delhi and Islamabad launched a peace process in 2004 to resolve all the pending disputes including Kashmir -- the scenic region which they both hold in part but claim in full.



Lebanese Hezbollah fighters ride horses holding Hezbollah's yellow flag during a military parade in honour of a prisoner swap with Israel at Naqura border in southern Lebanon yesterday.

Lanka troops capture key rebel base

AP, Colombo

Sri Lankan soldiers captured a key naval base used by the Tamil Tiger rebels in the northern part of the country yesterday, the government said, a day after fighting in the region reportedly killed 51 rebels and a soldier.

A defense ministry statement said government troops overran the rebel-held coastal town of Vidattaltivu yesterday morning, taking control of an important base used by the Sea Tiger naval force.

However, military spokesman Brig. Udaya Nanayakkara said that while soldiers had entered the base, fighting still continued

as of yesterday afternoon.

Military analysts said the capture of the base in the Mannar district would mark an important victory for the government but said the Sea Tigers have other bases where they can offload their vast array of smuggled weapons and goods.

Rebel spokesman Rasiah Ilanthirayan could not be immediately reached for comment.

Fighting in the 25-year civil war has escalated in recent months after the government vowed to destroy the rebel group by the end of the year.

Gunbattles, airstrikes and artillery attacks on rebel positions Tuesday killed 30 Tamil rebels in the Mannar area,

Nanayakkara said. Elsewhere, 14 rebels and a soldier were killed in fighting in Vavuniya, while seven more rebels died in Jaffna and Welioya fronts, Nanayakkara said.

It is not possible to independently verify the military reports because journalists are banned from the conflict zone.

Both sides often exaggerate the losses inflicted on their enemy and underreport their own.

Tamil Tiger rebels have fought since 1983 to create an independent homeland for ethnic minority Tamils, who have faced marginalization by successive governments controlled by majority ethnic Sinhalese.

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Robert Gates cites 'militarisation' of US foreign policy

AFP, Washington

Defense Secretary Robert Gates called Tuesday for greater funding for US diplomacy and foreign development aid, acknowledging concerns about a "creeping militarisation" of US foreign policy.

"Broadly speaking, when it comes to America's engagement with the rest of the world, it is important that the military is -- and is clearly seen to be -- in a supporting role to civilian agencies," he said.

"Our diplomatic leaders -- be they in ambassadors' suites or on the State Department's seventh floor -- must have the resources and political support needed to fully exercise their statutory responsibilities in leading American foreign policy," he said.

He said he sensed bipartisan support in Congress for strengthening the civilian foreign affairs budget.

"It has become clear that America's civilian institutions of diplomacy and development have been chronically undermanned and underfunded for far too long -- relative to what we traditionally spend on the military, and more importantly, relative to the responsibilities and challenges our nation has around the world."

Gates' speech was prepared for delivery to the US Global Leadership Campaign, a group that brings together representatives of private humanitarian relief organizations and corporations.

It comes amid debate over how aggressively the US military should take on nation building tasks that have traditionally fallen to diplomats and civilian aid experts.

Gates said he believes future security threats are more likely to emanate from poor or failing states than from rising powers.

US military thinking likewise has shifted from focusing on direct military action to shaping the security environment to prevent the need for military intervention, he said.

"Overall, even outside Iraq and Afghanistan, the US military has become more involved in a range of activities that in the past were perceived to be the exclusive province of civilian agencies and organizations," he said.

"This has led to concern among many organizations -- including probably many represented here tonight -- about what's seen as a creeping 'militarization' of some aspects of America's foreign policy," he said.

"This is not an entirely unreasonable sentiment."



A Cambodian soldier (F) stands next to Thai troops near a temple in Preah Vihear province, some 543-km north of Phnom Penh yesterday. More than 200 Thai troops have assembled on the Cambodian border amid escalating tensions over the ancient temple at the centre of a territorial dispute, a Cambodian official said.

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