

Bush, Manmohan agree to forge ahead on nuclear pact

AFP, Washington
US President George W Bush telephoned Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Thursday to discuss joint efforts to forge ahead on their countries' controversial nuclear deal, the White House said.

government to strengthen the United States India strategic relationship," Johndroe said, adding that they had also discussed stalled World Trade Organisation talks.

fought confidence vote in parliament sparked by left-wing and communist opposition to the pact. Government officials told AFP that senior cabinet ministers and foreign ministry officials had left New Delhi to solicit the support of members of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG).

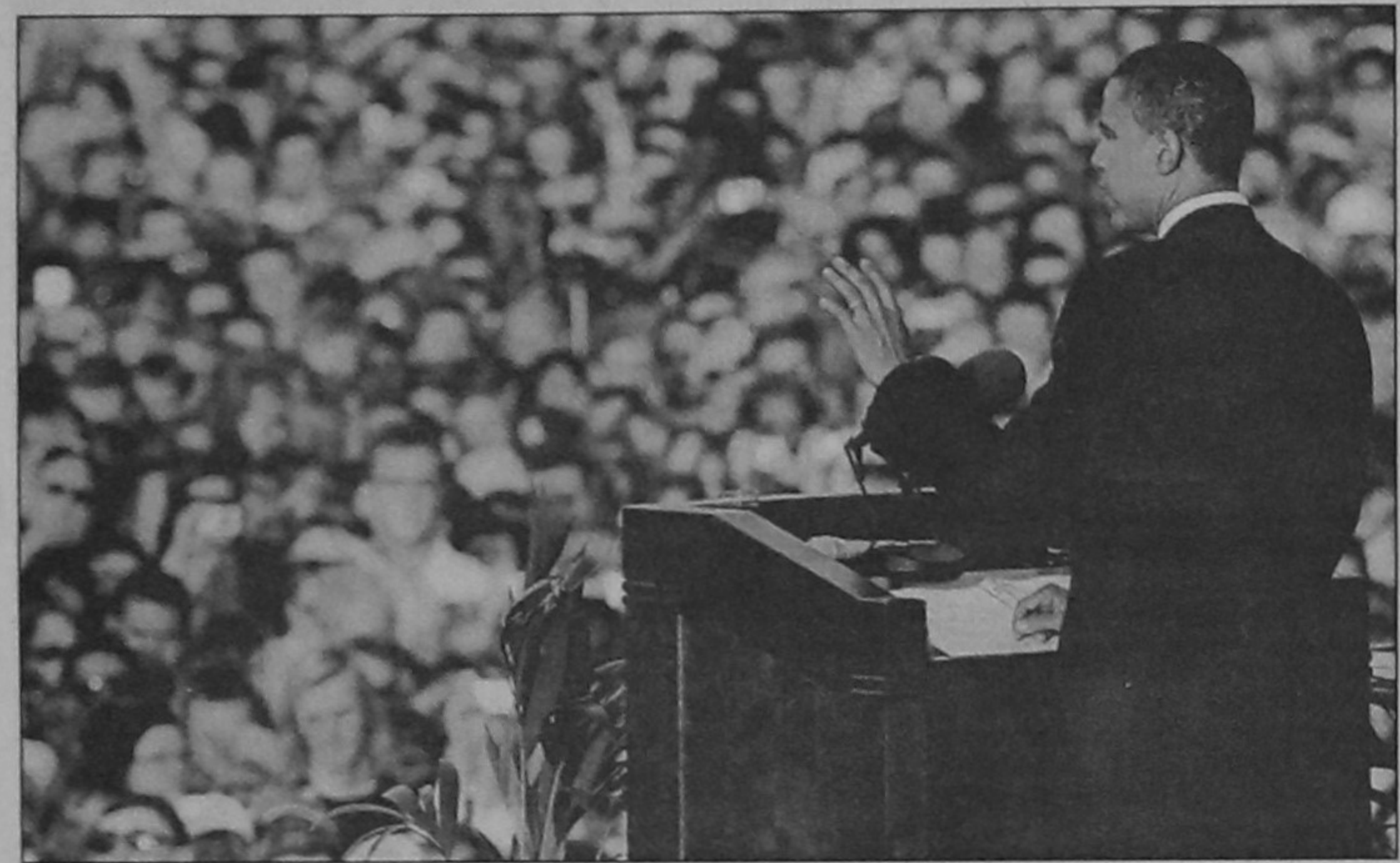
Qantas jumbo lands with 'gaping hole' in fuselage

AP, Manila
A Qantas flight en route to Australia from London made an emergency stop in Manila on Friday after a loud bang punched a hole in the Boeing 747-400's fuselage, officials and passengers said.

media at the airport described hearing an explosion and then oxygen masks were released. "One hour into the flight there was a big bang then the plane started going down," passenger Marina Scalfidi, 39, from Melbourne, told The Associated Press by phone from Manila airport.



Workers and security personnel stand next to the hole of a Melbourne bound Qantas Airways Boeing 747 after it made an emergency landing at the international airport in Manila yesterday.



US Democratic presidential hopeful Barack Obama makes a speech in front of the Victory Column in Berlin on Thursday. Obama warned America could not quell violence in Afghanistan alone, and called on Europe for more troops and funding to defeat the Taliban and al-Qaeda.

UN aid chief warns still much to be done in Myanmar

AFP, Yangon
Survivors of Myanmar's devastating cyclone will be dependent on aid for at least another six months, the United Nations humanitarian chief has warned.

said he had told Myanmar's prime minister Thein Sein that greater collaboration was essential to help rebuild the country. "We were discussing how much progress we have made in the last two months. What I was arguing was that we needed to go on with this kind of spirit of working together... on the humanitarian side, in a non-political way," Holmes said.

Iran to increase coop with IAEA

AP, Vienna
A senior envoy said yesterday that Iran wants to expand its cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency, but said the IAEA should not be cast as a "UN watchdog" looking for signs of secret nuclear weapons programmes.

and IAEA head Mohamed ElBaradei on Thursday focused on "the promotion of cooperation with the IAEA," he said. On Thursday, Aghazadeh appeared to signal that his country was no longer prepared to entertain further questions from the IAEA about allegations that Tehran conducted secret research and experiments into nuclear weapons.

the agency in accordance with our legal obligations." But he questioned the right of the IAEA to push Iran for answers on the weapons allegations, which he described as "fabricated and forged... by the United States."

Still time for ME peace deal under Bush: Rice

AFP, Perth
There is still time for Israel and the Palestinians to reach a peace agreement before US President George W. Bush leaves office, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said yesterday.

tations aiming at concluding a comprehensive peace agreement by the end of 2008. "The Israelis and the Palestinians have their first serious peace process in seven years and they are discussing very sensitive and difficult issues," Rice said.

Rice said. "Since this president came into office, the notion of two states living side by side in peace and security has just become kind of common wisdom. We all say it. "Well, in fact, in 2001, that was not the position either of the Likud Government of Ariel Sharon or of much of the international community."



In this Sept. 3, 2006 file photo a spectator watches the aurora borealis rise above the Alaska Range in Denali National Park, Alaska.

Scientists expose mystery behind northern lights

AP, Cape Canaveral
Scientists have exposed some of the mystery behind the northern lights. On Thursday, NASA released findings that indicate magnetic explosions about one-third of the way to the moon cause the northern lights, or aurora borealis, to burst in spectacular shapes and colours, and dance across the sky.

geomagnetic storms that can knock out satellites, harm astronauts in orbit and disrupt power and communications on Earth, scientists said. A fleet of five small satellites, called THEMIS, observed the beginning of a geomagnetic storm in February, while ground observatories in Canada and Alaska recorded the brightening of the northern lights. The southern lights aurora australis also brightened and darted across the sky at the same time.

47 dead, 100 missing in Congo boat accident

AP, Kinshasa
At least 47 people died when a motorized boat sank on a river in Congo, and more than 100 people are missing, a district official said yesterday.

central African country. The boat was carrying at least 182 passengers, mostly merchants but also women and children, Bella said. It sank Tuesday night after it left the Congo town of Mobayi Bongo, 700 miles northeast of Congo's capital, Kinshasa. It was navigating the Ubangi river, headed for the Central African Republic, which

shares a border with Congo. Bella said 47 bodies had been recovered. "The rest of the passengers, more than 100, have disappeared," Bella said. "We do not know what happened to them."

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