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# 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.

"Both leaders expressed their desire to see the US-India civil nuclear issue move forward as expeditiously as possible," US National Security Council spokesman Gordon Johndroe said in a statement.

The allies have ramped up a diplomatic campaign to secure the international clearances needed for their civilian nuclear cooperation agreement, inked in 2005, which both sides say is key to broadening US-India relations.

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

Bush and Singh "discussed the importance of all leading WTO Members making contributions to a breakthrough that will put the Doha Round negotiations on a path to conclude an ambitious agreement before the end of the year," he said.

The telephone conversation came ahead of Bush's White House talks on Monday with Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani of Pakistan, India's neighbour and nuclear rival.

India said Thursday it was sending out envoys to lobby for the final international clearances, a diplo-Bush told Singh "he looks for- matic offensive coming after the signed the nuclear Nonward to continuing to work with his ruling coalition survived a hard- Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

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).

Science Minister Kapil Sibal is travelling to IAEA headquarters in Vienna while foreign secretary Shiv Shankar Menon is in Germany to persuade Berlin, a member of the influential NSG that regulates nuclear commerce, to back the pact.

The NSG groups 45 countries that export nuclear fuel and technology whose rules ban trade with states, like India, that have not

# 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.

There were no injuries, but some of the 350 passengers vomited after disembarking, said Manila International Airport Authority deputy manager for operations Octavio Lina.

In a statement from Sydney, Qantas confirmed the hole in its fuselage and said it was being inspected by engineers. Lina said the cabin's floor gave

way, exposing some of the cargo beneath and part of the ceiling said. collapsed. There is a big hole on the right side near the wing," he said, adding

it was 2.5 to 3 yards in diameter.

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 Scaffidi, 39, from Melbourne, told The Associated Press by phone from Manila airport. "There was wind swirling around the plane and some condensation." She said the hole extended from the

cargo hold into the passenger cabin. "The plane kept going down not too fast, but it was descending," Scaffidi said, adding the jetliner was over the South China Sea when the

diverting to Manila. "No one was very hysterical," she

The passengers will be given hotel accommodation while the aircraft is being repaired, said Alfonso Cusi, the airport's general Passengers who talked to the manager.



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. Passengers on a Qantas jumbo jet bound for Melbourne told how the plane plunged 6,000 metres and debris flew through the cabin in an "absolutely terrifying" mid-flight ordeal on Friday.

### 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 chiefhas warned.

Holmes urged the country's secretive regime to cooperate more fully with the international community, while acknowledging there had been progress since the storm

hit Irrawaddy Delta area this week, as well."

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 In an interview with AFP, John 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.

"We still have a long way to go yet, and there are other problems Holmes, who visited the worst- we would like to tackle in the future

## 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.

The comments, from Iran's chief delegate to the IAEA, were apparently meant to dispel concerns that Tehran was reducing contacts with the Vienna-based agency tasked with probing the Islamic Republic's nuclear activities.

Instead of cutting back on cooperation, Tehran wants to increase it, chief delegate Ali Ashgar Soltanieh told The Associated Press. To that end, a meeting between Iranian Vice

President Gholam Reza Aghazadeh

on Thursday focused on "the promotion of cooperation with the IAEA," he said.

and IAEA head Mohamed ElBaradei

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.

Investigating such allegations "is outside the domain of the agency," he said after meeting with ElBaradei. Any further queries on the issue "will be dealt with in another way," he said, without

Soltanieh, however, said that did not mean that his country was reducing its IAEA ties, saying, "we will continue our cooperation with

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." Such a probe was "beyond the domain of the IAEA," he said

"The agency is not a UN watchdog," said Soltanieh, suggesting it should concentrate on technical

In its last Iran report in May, the IAEA said Iran might be withholding information on whether it tried to make nuclear arms. It also noted that Tehran continued to expand its uranium enrichment programme, despite three sets of retaliatory UN Security Council

# Still time for ME peace deal under Bush: Rice

AFP, Perth

There is still time for Israel and the by the end of 2008. Palestinians to reach a peace agreement before US President George W. Bush leaves office, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said yester-

troops and funding to defeat the Taliban and al-Qaeda.

There's still time for them to, in accordance with Annapolis, reach agreement by the end of the year that goal," Rice told a news conference in the West Australian capital

At talks in Annapolis outside Washington last November, Israel and the Palestinians revived nego-

tiations aiming at concluding a Ricesaid. comprehensive peace agreement

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

"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.

meeting with Israeli and Palestinian negotiators in Washington next nity." and we'll keep working towards week would not be made public on a day-by-day basis.

> "But the most important thing right now is to take note of how very year a peace process at this time,"

"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 She said details of a trilateral Government of Ariel Sharon or of much of the international commu-

Bush had "laid a firm foundation on which these two parties can

finally end their conflict," she said. Rice was in Perth for a brief visit seriously they are negotiating, to to the hometown of Australian note that there was not even last Foreign Minister Stephen Smith before leaving for New Zealand.



At least 47 people died when a 182 passengers, mostly merchants motorized boat sank on a river in but also women and children, Bella yesterday.

Twenty-seven people are known to have survived, said Mathieu Modeste Bella, district commissioner of North

Central African Republic, which

shares a border with Congo.

"The rest of the passengers,

Because of bad roads, many people in the area prefer to take small boats even if they do not



#### **BGMEA**

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  - c) Firm must have minimum 2 nos. Graduate Architects, 2 nos. Graduate Civil Engineers and 1 no. Electrical Engineer each with minimum 12 years experience under their full time employment.
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- For any clarification regarding preparation and submission of tender the bidder(s) may contact the Addl. Secretary (C&M), BGMEA at 4th floor of BGMEA Complex, 23/1, Panthapath Link Road, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
- BGMEA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reasons whatsoever to the bidders.

Secretary General



Scientists expose mystery

#### behind northern lights geomagnetic storms that can

AP, Cape Canaveral

Scientists have exposed some of nauts in orbit and disrupt power the mystery behind the northern lights. On Thursday, Nasa released findings that indicate magnetic explosions about onethird of the way to the moon cause the northern lights, or dance across the sky.

more powerful but less common across the sky at the same time.

knock out satellites, harm astroand communications on Earth, scientists said.

A fleet of five small satellites, called Themis, observed the beginning of a geomagnetic storm in February, while ground aurora borealis, to burst in spec- observatories in Canada and tacular shapes and colours, and Alaska recorded the brightening of the northern lights. The The findings should help southern lights aurora australis scientists better understand the also brightened and darted



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#### ইংরেজি ডিসিপ্লিন

তারিখঃ ২২/০৭/২০০৮ সাতকোত্তর প্রোগ্রামে ভর্তি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

খুলনা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের কলা ও মানবিক স্কুলের অধীনে ইংরেজি ডিসিপ্লিনে এম এ ইন ইংলিশ ও এম এ ইন ইংলিশ ল্যাংগুয়েজ প্রোগ্রামে নিমুলিখিত শর্ত সাপেক্ষে ছাত্র-ছাত্রী ভর্তির জন্য দরখান্ত আহ্বান করা হচ্ছে। আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণ ও জমা দেয়ার শেষ তারিখ ২৪/০৭/২০০৮ থেকে ১৪/০৮/২০০৮ পর্যন্ত।

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অঘণী ব্যাংক, খুলনা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় শাখা থেকে সঞ্চয়ী হিসাব নং-৪৪৯১তে ৬০০ (ছয়শত) টাকা জমা দিয়ে সরাসরি উক্ত ব্যাংক থেকে ভর্তি ফরম ও ভর্তি পরীক্ষা সংক্রান্ত অন্যান্য তথ্য সংগ্রহ করা যাবে অথবা সভাপতি, সংশ্রিষ্ট ভর্তি কমিটি, ইংরেজি ডিসিপ্রিন-এর অনুক্লে অঘণী ব্যাংক, খুলনা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় শাখার উপর প্রদত্ত ৬০০,০০ (ছয়শত) টাকার ব্যাংক ড্রাফট-এর মাধ্যমে নিমুশ্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তর থেকে ডাকযোগে ভর্তি ফরম ও ভর্তি পরীক্ষা সংক্রান্ত অন্যান্য তথ্য সংগ্রহ করা

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# 47 dead, 100 missing in Congo boat accident

AP, Kinshasa

Congo, and more than 100 people are missing, a district official said

Ubangi province in the far north of the

central African country.

The boat was carrying at least

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

Bella said 47 bodies had been recovered.

more than 100, have disappeared," Bella said. "We do not know what happened to them."

know how to swim.



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