#### Spanish police find al-Qaeda manual on net

AFP, Madrid

Spanish police have found an Al-Qaeda manual on the Internet that describes how to operate boobytrapped cars and drones by remote control against international forces in Lebanon and Afghanistan, Spanish radio said yesterday.

The eight-page training manual for Al-Qaeda cells in Europe was put together in June, private radio Cadena Ser said, quoting police

Police and interior ministry spokesmen said they were unable to confirm or deny the report.

Cadena Ser said the manual described how to target the "military command structures of the enemies of Islam" without resorting to suicide attacks.

#### Four die after tornado hits French towns

AFP, Hautmont

A freak tornado ripped through towns in northern France overnight, killing three people and injuring nine as it gutted houses and hurled cars through the air, officials said yesterday.

A fourth person, a man of 76, committed suicide after his house was demolished by the storm.

Packing violent winds and lashing rain, the tornado carved a 10kilometre swathe late Sunday night, destroying some 40 homes in the space of minutes in Hautmont, the worst-hit of the four towns on its path.

Tom metal sheets, ripped electric cabling, roof tiles, gravel and bricks littered the town's two worst-hit streets Monday morning, as 200 rescue workers with sniffer dogs combed the debris for possible vic-

Red Cross volunteers were handing out hot drinks and biscuits, blankets and clothes as shocked residents wandered through the streets, snapping pictures of the devastation with their mobile phones.

Interior Minister Michele Alliot-Marie was to travel to Hautmont to survey the storm damage on Monday afternoon, her office said.



Italian soldiers patrol with Italian Carabinieri the Anagnia metro station in Rome yesterday. Italian authorities deployed 3,000 troops into major cities and sensitive zones in a controversial move to boost security, media reported. The Italian left and police unions have criticised the use of troops, accusing Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's government of seeking to "militarise" city centres.

## Iran tests new missile as EU pursues talks on standoff

EU's Solana holds talks with Iran on nuclear stalemate

AFP, Brussels, Tehran

Iran yesterday successfully test fired an anti-ship missile as EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana spoke with Iran's top nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili on the standoff over Tehran's nuclear programme.

"No enemy vessels would be able to escape it within a 300-kilometre radius from the borders of Iran," the commander of the elite Revolutionary Guards, General Mohammad Ali Jafari, said on state television.

The anti-ship missile, with a range of 300 kilometres, has been developed with homegrown technology so far unused by any other on the conversation or how long the

country, Iranian authorities said.

"The weapon has been developed entirely using domestic technology and according to our information so far no country has used this technology before," Jafari said.

EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana meanwhile spoke by phone with Iran's top nuclear negotiator.

"The conversation took place and Solana will report on it to the representatives of the group of six," powers involved in the talks --Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia and the United States -- a Solana spokesman told AFP.

The spokesman gave no details

two men talked.

The United States had demanded that Iran meet a weekend deadline to respond to an international package of incentives aimed at persuading Tehran to freeze uranium enrichment amid warnings of new sanctions.

But an EU diplomat said on the Gulf. Friday: "If it's in 16 days instead of 14 it's not a problem. We are not obsessed with a date."

In Tehran earlier, new foreign ministry spokesman Hassan Ghashghavi told reporters that Iran would hold talks with Solana on Monday.

In the past Iran has often boasted run out.

of developing new weapons systems only to be met with scepticism from Western defence analysts.

Jafari said that Iran's arsenal meant it could easily close the Strait of Hormuz, the strategic waterway through which much of the world's oil supplies pass on their way out of

Washington has never ruled out a resort to military action over what it charges is Tehran's effort to

develop a nuclear weapon. Iran insists it wants to develop nuclear power for civilian purposes only in the knowledge that its huge oil and gas reserves will eventually

# Florida restored in full

AFP, Washington

Democratic White House hopeful Barack Obama, now safely secure in the party nomination, called Sunday for the renegade states of Michigan and Florida to be restored with full voting power.

His call represents an olive branch to Democratic officials and voters in two states that will be vital players in November's presidential

But it could also open Obama to charges of opportunism after his campaign had fought hard to punish the states and so curtail Hillary Clinton's dogged challenge for the Democratic nomination.

Obama said that despite a hardfought compromise struck in late May, the two states' delegates should enjoy full participation in the late-August Democratic convention for the sake of party unity.

Obama said he had supported the Democratic Party's efforts to Michigan. enforce its primary calendar.

"As we prepare to come together in Denver, however, we must be -and will be -- united in our determination to change the course of our nation," Obama wrote in a letter to the party's credentials committee.

"Accordingly, I ask that the credentials committee... pass a resolution that would entitle each delegate from Florida and Michigan to cast a full vote."

The credentials committee will meet on August 24 to decide the final slate of delegates to the Democratic convention, which starts the next day in Denver.

Under the May compromise by the party's rules and bylaws committee, delegates from Michigan and Florida were restored to the presidential convention, but with their voting power halved.

The deal scuppered Hillary Clinton's hopes of making a significant dent in Obama's delegate lead, and the former first lady backed out of the race on June 7, after the final primaries.

HIllary won both unofficial contests, though neither candidate campaigned in Florida, and Obama was not on the ballot on

Hillary meanwhile welcomed Obama's intervention with the credentials committee, whose cochairs pledged Sunday to deliver "a fair process and a unified Democratic Party so that we can win in November.

### Obama wants Michigan, Israel to transfer Fatah fugitives to West Bank

AFP, Jerusalem,

Israel said yesterday it will transfer to the West Bank some 150 Fatah members who had fled Gaza amid concern that those who had returned to the Hamas-ruled territory were in mortal danger.

The announcement reverses a previous decision that the 180 or so members of president Mahmud Abbas's party who had fled Gaza into Israel on Saturday should be returned to Gaza and not transferred to the Israeli-occupied West

The Fatah members had fled the Gaza Strip following a day of deadly clashes with their bitter Hamas

Barak held talks with Palestinian officials on Sunday "in order to convince them to allow the refu- the Palestinians be allowed to cross gees entry" to the West Bank city of Ramallah, his ministry said in a Fatah members -- were killed in joint statement with the army.

ing Ahmed Helis, the head of a ing. powerful pro-Fatah clan in Gaza City, who were hospitalised for wounds inflicted in the fighting, will remain in Israel until they

Others were being held and questioned by the Israeli army, a

spokesman said. Around 35 Fatah members were transferred to Gaza on Sunday where they were immediately detained for questioning by Hamas-run security forces.

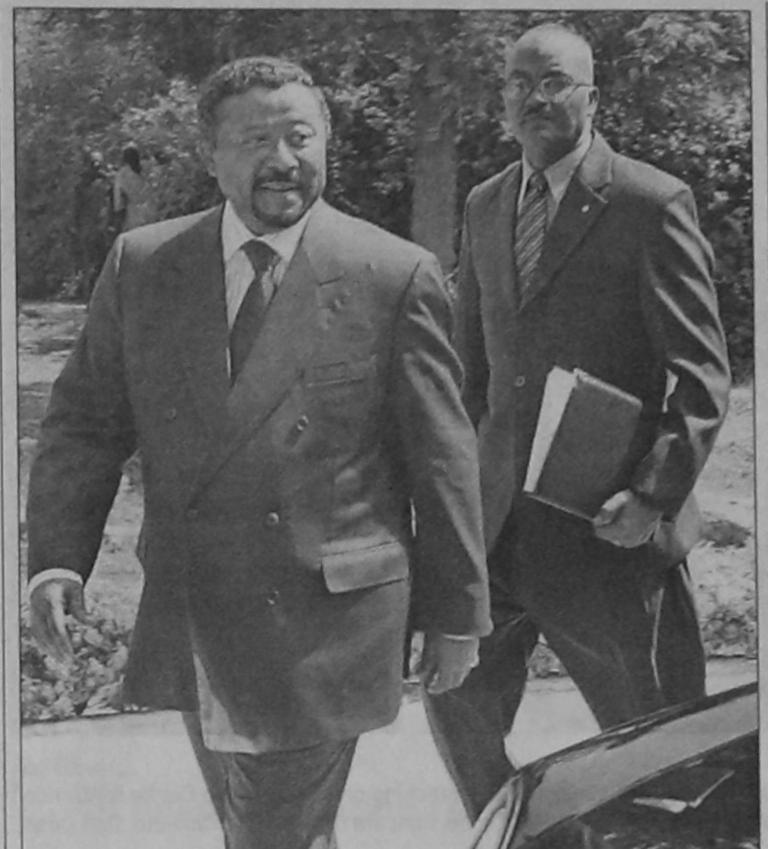
"Israeli authorities halted the process, however, as they received information that they were being arrested by Hamas and that their lives were in immediate danger. Hamas spokesman Sami Abu

Zuhri said that those accused of breaking the law "will be investigated and if found to be guilty they will be brought to justice."

"Those who are proved inno-Israeli Defence Minister Ehud cent will be released," Abu Zuhri told AFP on Sunday.

Abbas on Saturday asked that into Israel after 11 people -- mainly clashes with Hamas forces seeking More than 20 fugitives, includ- to arrest suspects in a July 25 bomb-

The Islamist group claimed Fatah was behind a beachside bombing that killed five senior Hamas militants and a little girl.



African Union Commission Chairman Jean Ping (L) arrives to a meeting with Sudanese President Omar al-Beshir in Khartoum yesterday. In a statement issued two days ago at its Addis Ababa headquarters, the continental body said Ping would be in Sudan for two days to meet Beshir, whose arrest over war crimes was demanded last month by the International Criminal Court (ICC) prosecutor, and other top officials.

#### S Korea police on alert against anti-US protests

AFP, Seoul

South Korean police yesterday arrested 36 anti-US protesters on the eve of a visit by President George W. Bush and said they would deploy over 20,000 officers to control demonstrations during his stay.

Police said the radical students were held in Suwon, south of Seoul, for staging a protest in a public area without prior approval.

They detained 11 activists Saturday after a rally in Seoul by some 1,000 people against US beef

Street protests sparked by a deal in April to resume the imports have largely ended since Seoul secured extra health safeguards from Washington against the supposed danger of mad cow disease.

But some hardcore protesters continue to campaign and face arrest if they block streets with unauthorised protests.

A coalition of civic groups opposing US beef imports said it would sponsor a major candlelit rally Tuesday when Bush arrives for a twodaystay.

Liberal groups and leftists have also vowed to stage anti-US protests opposing the deployment of South Korean troops in Iraq and any plans to send a new contingent to-Afghanistan.

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### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

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