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Turkey begins trial of plotters amidst chaos

AFP, Silivri

A Turkish court yesterday began hearing a case against 86 people accused of plotting to overthrow the Islamist-rooted government after a chaotic opening that forced an immediate adjournment.

The judge ordered a pause within minutes after lawyers protested they could not work properly in the tiny courtroom, packed with supporters of the accused, spectators and an army of journal-

"I have been doing this job for 50 years and never saw such conditions," one of the lawyers said as others complained they did not have space even to use their laptop computers -- the charge sheet alone is about 2,455 pages long.

The court later resumed the case, but said it would first hear the testimonies of the 46 suspects remanded in custody.

The remaning suspects will give testimony in separate hearings, it

The judge also ordered that a video screen be set up in an adjoining room for journalists and relatives of the defendants to watch the proceedings at the courtroom in a prison complex in Silivri, a town near Istanbul.

The case against the so-called Ergenekon group has deepened the rift between supporters of Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's Islamist-rooted Justice and Development Party (AKP) and hardline secularists, who see the case as a government-backed campaign to bully opponents.

The suspects were to answer about 30 separate charges ranging from membership in a terrorist group and instigating an armed uprising against the government to arson and illegal possession of

One killed in Kurdish demo in Turkey

AFP, Diyarbakir

A protestor was killed yesterday in eastern Turkey as police clashed with Kurdish demonstrators decrying alleged abuses against jailed rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan, officials and media reports said.

Unrest also greeted Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Diyarbakir, the largest city of the predominantly Kurdish southeast, where he arrived later for a one-day

"One person is dead," a police officer told AFP by telephone from the town of Dogubayazit, without giving other details.

The clashes erupted when the protestors, shouting slogans in favour of Ocalan and his separatist Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), attempted to hold a march, refusing police orders to disperse, the Anatolianews agency reported.

The demonstrators pelted officers with stones while police fired shots in the air and used tear gas and water cannons against the group, the agency said.



Demonstrators clash with Turkish riot police during a protest against Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyib Erdogan's visits to Diyarbakir, southeastern Turkey, yesterday.

Egypt to host Palestinian unity talks in Nov

AFP, Gaza City

Egypt has invited the Islamist Hamas and the secular Fatah party of Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas to meet in Cairo on November 9 for talks aimed at restoring Palestinian unity, Hamas said yesterday.

"We received yesterday a draft of the Egyptian vision for Palestinian reconciliation which includes a call for a full Palestinian dialogue on November 9," Hamas spokesman Fawzi Barhum told AFP.

"Hamas has no no problem in attending (such a meeting) and we

were the first to call for Palestinian Palestinian talks to end the internal conflict.'

Abbas meanwhile told a group of writers and columnists on Sunday that all the Palestinian factions had been invited to meet in Cairo on November 9 but did not say whether Fatah would attend the talks, Paslestinian media reported.

The two main Palestinian movements have been bitterly divided since Hamas seized power in the Gaza Strip in June 2007 after driving Abbas's security forces out of the territory in a week of bloody street battles.

The conflict has grown worse in recent weeks as the two factions have differed over when Abbas's presidential term ends.

Hamas has said that Abbas -- who was elected in January 2005 -- will cease to be president when his constitutionally mandated four-year term ends in January and that new presidential elections will have to be held.

Abbas loyalists, citing a separate clause in the constitution, say that presidential and parliamentary elections must be held at the same time, which would extend his term to 2010.

US insists Iraq pact would guarantee sovereignty

AFP, Baghdad

with Baghdad would ensure full ward on this," US embassy spokes-Iraqi sovereignty as local leaders pored over the deal amid fierce opposition by some key players.

that fully restores Iraq's sover- 2009 and to pull out completely eignty while allowing US forces to from Iraq by December 2011. continue for a temporary time to assist Iraqi security forces," the US ambassador to Iraq, Ryan Crocker, said in a speech in Baghdad.

His remarks came as the Iraqi cabinet and the high-level Political Council for National Security discussed the controversial draft agreement for a second day, before passing it to the cabinet, which is expected to review it Tuesday.

The draft lays the legal basis for a US troop presence beyond the end of this year when the current UN mandate expires.

But the spiritual leader of Iraq's Shiite majority, Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani, has insisted that the text be submitted to parliament for approval and several key factions have expressed reservations over or outright hostility to the deal.

The so-called Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) was due to be concluded by the end of July but negotiations between Baghdad and Washington have become bogged down amid Iraqi determination to defend the country's sovereignty.

"We are continuing our talks with the Iraqis and the Iraqis are talking The United States insisted yester- among themselves. That is to be year. day that a planned security pact expected and we hope to move for-

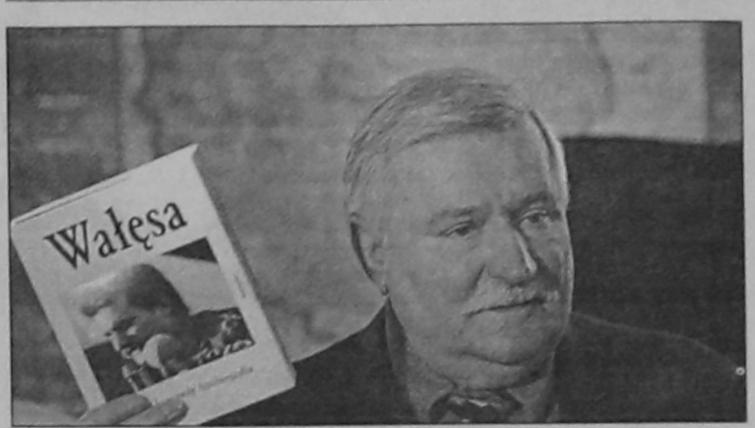
woman Susan Ziadeh told AFP. Under the latest draft, US combat forces are to withdraw from "It is an important agreement Iraqi towns and villages by June

Washington has made concessions on the question of immunity for prosecution under Iraqi law for its nationals, allowing that soldiers and civilians alike should face trial before the Iraqi courts for serious draft.

offences committed outside their bases and when off duty from next

The two sides have also agreed that all military operations be carried out with the approval of Baghdad under the supervision of a Joint Military Operation Coordination Committee and that Iraqi authorisation be required for

the detention of any Iraqis. But the US concessions have so far failed to win over the main Shi te bloc that leads the government and on Sunday it issued a statement criticising the latest



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Former Polish President Lech Walesa presents his autobiography "Walesa -Droga do prawdy" (Walesa - the Road to the Truth) during a press conference in Gdansk yesterday. Poland's Solidarity hero and ex-president Lech Walesa yesterday accused conservative President Lech Kaczynski of "harming Poland" and said he should leave office before his term expires in 2010.

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Saudi prepares for first Qaeda trial

AFP, Riyadh

Saudi authorities said yesterday that they were in the final stages of preparations for the first trial of Al-Qaeda suspects in the kingdom which has been hit by more than five years of Islamist violence. "The interior ministry has

justice ministry," he told AFP, without disclosing how many suspects are to be tried.

Saudi newspapers said that 75 Al-Qaeda suspects are included in the first batch to face trial. They said 12 judges would preside over trials in the capital Riyadh and the Red Sea port city of Jeddah.

Two killed as bomb rips through Baghdad bus

AFP, Baghdad

A bomb ripped through a Baghdad bus yesterday, killing at least two passengers and injuring seven, an Iraqi security official told AFP.

The minibus transporting workers to their offices was travelling through the mainly-Shiite neighbourhood of Mashtal in the south of the Iraqi capital when it blew up, the official said.

Violence in Baghdad has fallen sharply over the past few months. but despite the improved security insurgents are able to strike with some regularity.

presented to the justice ministry all the files needed to try those (suspects)," ministry spokesman General Mansour al-Turki said. "The trial dates will be set by the

No further details were immediately available.

According to US statistics, there are now an average of four attacks a day in the Iraqi capital, 89 percent less than in 2006 and 83 percent lower than last year. Overall violence in the country is at four year

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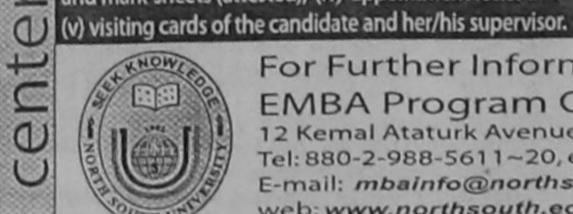
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