

Israel maintains Gaza closure despite outcry

AFP, Jerusalem

Israel said on Friday it will maintain its closure of the Gaza Strip despite international concern over a deterioration of the humanitarian situation in the aid-dependent Palestinian territory.

"This decision was taken because of the continuation of Palestinian rocket attacks against southern Israel," said Peter Lerner, a defence ministry spokesman.

A rocket fired from Gaza exploded near the port city of Ashkelon early Friday without causing any casualties or damage, army radio said.

A flare-up of violence on November 4 prompted Israel to tighten a blockade it has imposed since the Islamist Hamas movement seized power in Gaza in June last year.

Since the recent surge in violence, only 33 truckloads of basic supplies as well as limited quantities of fuel have been allowed into the

impoverished coastal strip.

The envoy of the Middle East diplomatic Quartet, made up of the European Union, Russia, the United Nations and the United States, Tony Blair, urged Israel on Friday to reopen the border crossings immediately.

"The immediate reopening of Gaza for the regular entry of essential humanitarian and commercial goods, including fuel, food and medicines is vital," the former British prime minister said.

Israel had been expected to significantly ease its blockade after a truce went into effect in June. It argues that militant attacks have made this impossible but Hamas accuses it of breaching the deal.

Blair said it was vital that the truce continue. "The calm agreed on June 19th has been crucial in providing much-needed security for the people of southern Israel as well as for the people of Gaza and must be maintained."



Thousands of mainly Shia Muslims protest following Juma prayers in Firdoos Square in central Baghdad yesterday. Thousands of Iraqi followers of the firebrand anti-American cleric Moqtada al-Sadr gathered in Baghdad to protest a security accord that would allow US troops to remain in Iraq until 2011.

Shias in Baghdad protest planned US-Iraq pact

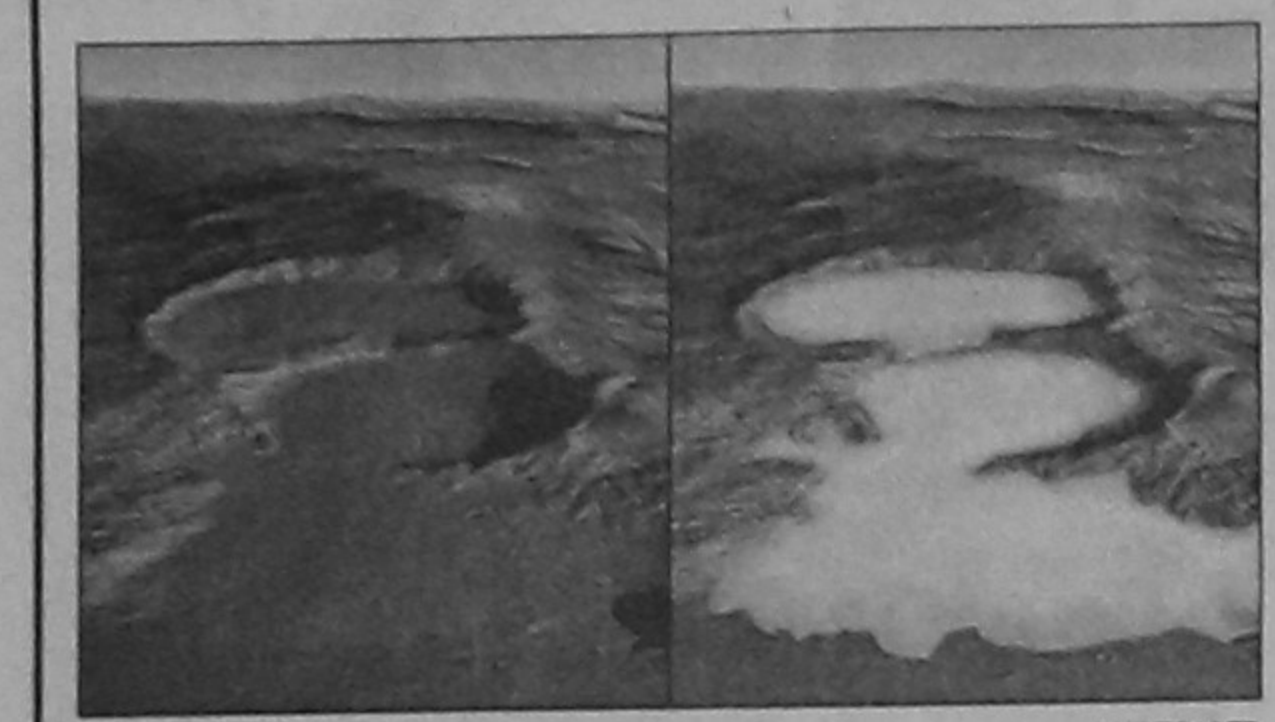
AP, Baghdad

Thousands of followers of Shia cleric Moqtada al-Sadr converged on a central Baghdad square yesterday for a mass prayer to protest a proposed US-Iraqi security pact.

The demonstrators waved Iraqi flags and green Shia banners, chanting, "No, no to the American agreement!" and, "No, no to the agreement of humiliation!"

Iraq's parliament is expected to vote Monday on the plan to keep US forces in Iraq for another three years. But the noisy opposition by the Sadrist indicates that even if it is approved, the deal could remain divisive in a country struggling for reconciliation.

Opponents view the security deal as a surrender to US interests despite Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, a Shia, saying the pact would eventually lead to full sovereignty.



This Nasa handout image received on Nov 20 shows a computer graphic with three craters in the eastern Hellas region of Mars containing concealed glaciers detected by radar.

Evidence of vast frozen water reserves on Mars

AFP, Washington

Nasa scientists have discovered enormous underground reservoirs of frozen water on Mars, away from its polar caps, in the latest sign that life might be sustainable on the Red planet.

Ground-penetrating radar used by the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter reveals numerous huge glaciers up to one-half-mile thick buried beneath layers of rock and debris. Researchers said one glacier is three times the size of Los Angeles in area.

"All together, these glaciers almost certainly represent the largest reservoir of water ice on Mars that's not in the polar caps," said John Holt, a geophysicist at the University of Texas at Austin and lead author of a report about the discovery, which appears in the November 21 issue of the journal Science.

US attorney gen collapses during speech

AP, Washington

Attorney General Michael Mukasey, the no-nonsense ally in President Bush's war on terror, was hospitalized Thursday after he collapsed during a late-night speech and lost consciousness.

"Oh, no, no!" people in the audience cried out as Mukasey slumped at the lectern. "Oh, my God!"

The 67-year-old Mukasey, wearing a black tie and tuxedo, was 15 to 20 minutes into an address about terrorism when he began shaking slightly and slurring his words. As he read from his prepared text, he seemed to get stuck on a word, paused, then his head bowed slightly and he swayed. Three or four men in suits rushed on stage and caught him at the podium.

"The attorney general is conscious, conversant and alert," Justice Department spokesman Peter Carr said after doctors admitted Mukasey to George Washington University Hospital for the night.

World's navies struggle to deter Somali pirates

AFP, Brussels

Faced with increasingly daring and far-reaching acts of piracy, the world's navies are struggling to find the right deterrent and any use of force might have little effect, experts say.

With piracy in Somalia officially "out of control", the International Maritime Bureau (IMB) has launched an appeal to help stop the growing menace, after an oil-laden Saudi super-tanker became the biggest prize to be seized.

More than a dozen vessels are being held in Somali waters by pirates who are no longer satisfied with preying on small boats or even the UN food aid shipments destined for around two million hungry Somalis.

"The tempo at which this piracy has developed has been a bit of a surprise to everyone," said Admiral Giampaolo Di Paola, chairman of Nato's military committee.

The top US military officer, Admiral Michael Mullen, has also been "stunned" by the reach of the pirates, who are "very good at what they do. They're very well armed. Tactically, they are very good."

In the face of their audacity, Russia's Nato envoy, Dmitry Rogozin, called for a land military force to confront the pirates on their home turf, but bitter past US experience in Somalia means this would be unlikely.

Nevertheless the alliance and the European Union have taken the fight to the seas.

Nato sent four warships into the Gulf of Aden last month on anti-piracy duties and to escort aid vessels, and the EU's larger mission will be in place from December 8.

France, India, South Korea, Russia, Spain and the United States also have ships in place to secure the entry to the Red Sea, which is vital to world trade.

US judge orders release of 5 terror suspects from Guantanamo

AP, Washington

A federal US judge on Thursday ordered the release of five Algerians held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and the continued detention of a sixth in a major blow to the Bush administration's strategy to keep terror suspects locked up without charges.

In the first case of its kind, US District Judge Richard J. Leon said the government's evidence linking the five Algerians to al-Qaeda was not credible as it came from a single, unidentified source.

Therefore, he said, the five could not be held indefinitely as enemy combatants, and should be released immediately.

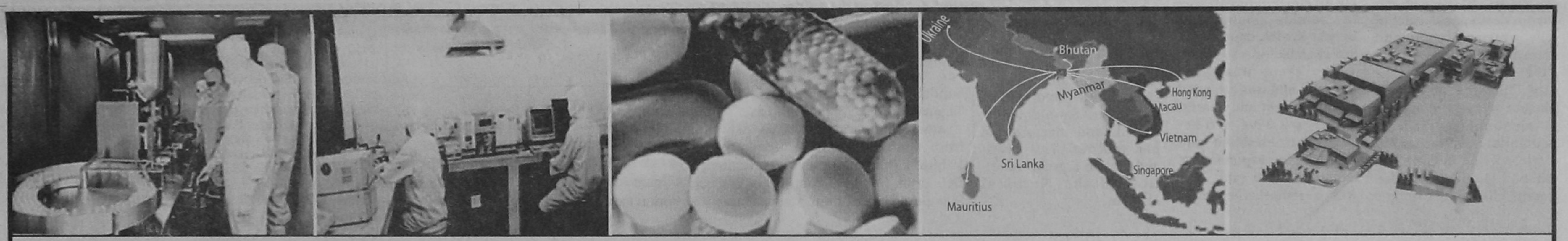
"To allow enemy combatancy to rest on so thin a reed would be inconsistent with this court's obligation," Leon told the crowded courtroom.

As a result, he said, "the court must and will grant their petitions and order their release."

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