



Pakistani security personnel gather at the site of a suicide attack at Baran Pul, about 50km east of Miranshah, the main town in North Waziristan province yesterday. A suicide bomber rammed an explosives-laden car into a police and frontier corps checkpoint in north-western Pakistan early Monday killing five of them.

PHOTO: AFP

## Militants shell Pak town: 14 killed

### Suicide bomber kills 5 in Pakistan

AFP, Peshawar/ Islamabad

At least 14 people, including a soldier and several children, were killed when mortar shells slammed into a town in north-west Pakistan while five others killed in suicide bombing yesterday in the same tribal region.

"At least 13 civilians were killed when militants fired mortar shells from Mirwali direction at Abbas Chowk in Darra Adam Khel," a military statement said. One soldier also died, it added.

"Security forces also

responded and effectively engaged militants' locations," it said, without giving further details.

Residents and officials said several shells landed in an open area on the outskirts of town, where children were playing and people were watching.

A local government official, Atif Khan, earlier told AFP that at least 12 people were killed and six injured, all were civilians. The casualties were "caused by mortar shells," which also damaged some

nearby houses, he added.

Khan and residents said several children were among the dead.

Meanwhile a suicide bomber rammed an explosives-laden car into a police and frontier corps checkpoint in northwestern Pakistan early Monday, killing five of them, a local police official said.

The official said the attack occurred at Baran Pul, about 50 kilometres (31 miles) east of Miranshah, the main town in the North Waziristan tribal region bordering Afghanistan.

## Pak govt may appeal against Khan's release

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Islamabad

Bowing to international pressure, the Pakistani government may appeal against the release of AQ Khan, the scientist who mentored the country's nuclear programme and who was accused of running an illegal proliferation network.

Quoting government sources, Dawn said on Monday the Islamabad High Court decision last week freeing Khan from house arrest "might be challenged because of concerns expressed by the United States and the United Kingdom".

Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi told a TV news channel on Saturday before leaving for Munich to attend an international security conference that the government reserved the right to file an appeal against the court's decision.

At the same time, Qureshi said Khan had already been relieved of his duties and had nothing to do with the country's nuclear-related policies.

"We have successfully broken the network that he had set up and today he has no say and has no access to any of the sensitive areas of Pakistan," Qureshi said.

## Close shave for Indian president

PTI, Mumbai

A major disaster was averted at the Mumbai airport yesterday when an Air Force helicopter of President Pratibha Patil's fleet landed on the runway when an Air India plane was about to take off for Delhi.

The pilot of the Air India flight to Delhi - IC 866 - aborted take off when he saw the helicopter landing on the runway he was about to use, official sources said.

A probe into the incident has been ordered by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, the sources said. A senior DGCA official is coming from New Delhi to Mumbai to join the investigation, they said.

Pilot of IC 866 Captain SS Kohli wondered how the chopper landed when he had been given a clearance by the ATC to take off. "The chopper

just landed without taking a landing clearance. I cannot say much more," he said.

It was not immediately clear whether Patil was on board the helicopter.

An IAF spokesman said, "The pilots of the chopper had followed the instructions from Bombay approach meticulously.

The Presidential entourage was cleared to take off from INS Kunjali and land at Santa Cruz between two taxiways." An inquiry has been ordered by the IAF into the incident, he said.

A fleet of three helicopters including the one carrying Patil, along with Maharashtra Governor SC Jamir and some other dignitaries, had taken off from Mumbai's Naval base 'INS Kunjali' and were on their way to the airport since the President was to fly to Gondia by her special IAF plane to attend a function.

## Pakistan wants more information from India on Mumbai attacks

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan said yesterday that its investigators needed more information from India to complete an investigation into the Mumbai attacks and will convey a request for further details to New Delhi shortly.

The announcement was made after Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani chaired a meeting of cabinet ministers and top army brass to discuss a preliminary report into "evidence" from India linking "elements" in Pakistan to the attacks.

"The meeting, however, observed that without substantial evidence from India it will be exceedingly difficult to complete the investigation and proceed with the case," the statement said.

"In order to complete the investigation the questions which are arising from the inquiry carried out by the FIA (Federal Investigation Agency) need to be answered by the Indian authorities.

"These will be communicated to the Indian authorities shortly," it added.

The November assault on India's financial capital, when 10 gunmen killed 165 people during a 60-hour siege, has led to a furious blame game that has sharply escalated tensions between the nuclear-armed neighbours.

New Delhi blamed the attacks on the

banned militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba, which is active in Indian-ruled Kashmir, but the Pakistan-based organisation has denied responsibility.

In January, India handed Gilani's government what it said was evidence linking "elements" in Pakistan to the November atrocity, but Pakistan has insisted that India provided only some information and no evidence.

Monday's statement said that a case would be registered domestically on the recommendation of the interior ministry -- but did not specify against who or how many people or on what charges.

"The case should be registered and further investigation be carried out so that the perpetrators, wherever they may be, of the heinous crime are brought to justice in accordance with the law of the land," it said.

Gilani has said that anyone found guilty in Pakistan in connection with the Mumbai attacks would be punished under Pakistani law.

India last Thursday for the first time directly accused Pakistan's military intelligence agency of involvement in the Mumbai attacks.

Pakistan slammed those allegations as "yet another manifestation of undisguised hostility" that was "part of a global smear campaign" and "inconsistent with the established norms of diplomatic parlance".

## Bombs kill 3 Afghan troops, 2 civilians

AP, Kabul

Two bombs attacks in Afghanistan killed three Afghan security forces and two civilians, officials said yesterday.

Near the border with Pakistan, a roadside bomb ripped through a police vehicle in Khogyani district, killing two police and wounding three civilians, said Ahmad Zia Abdulzai, spokesman for the provincial governor.

In southwestern Nimroz province, meanwhile, a suicide bomber attacked a group of Afghan soldiers on Sunday, killing one soldier and two civilians, Gov. Ghulam Dastagir Azad said.

Taliban militants have made a comeback over the last three years after their initial defeat following the US-led invasion in 2001. Militants use roadside bombs and suicide attacks in their fight against Afghan and foreign troops.

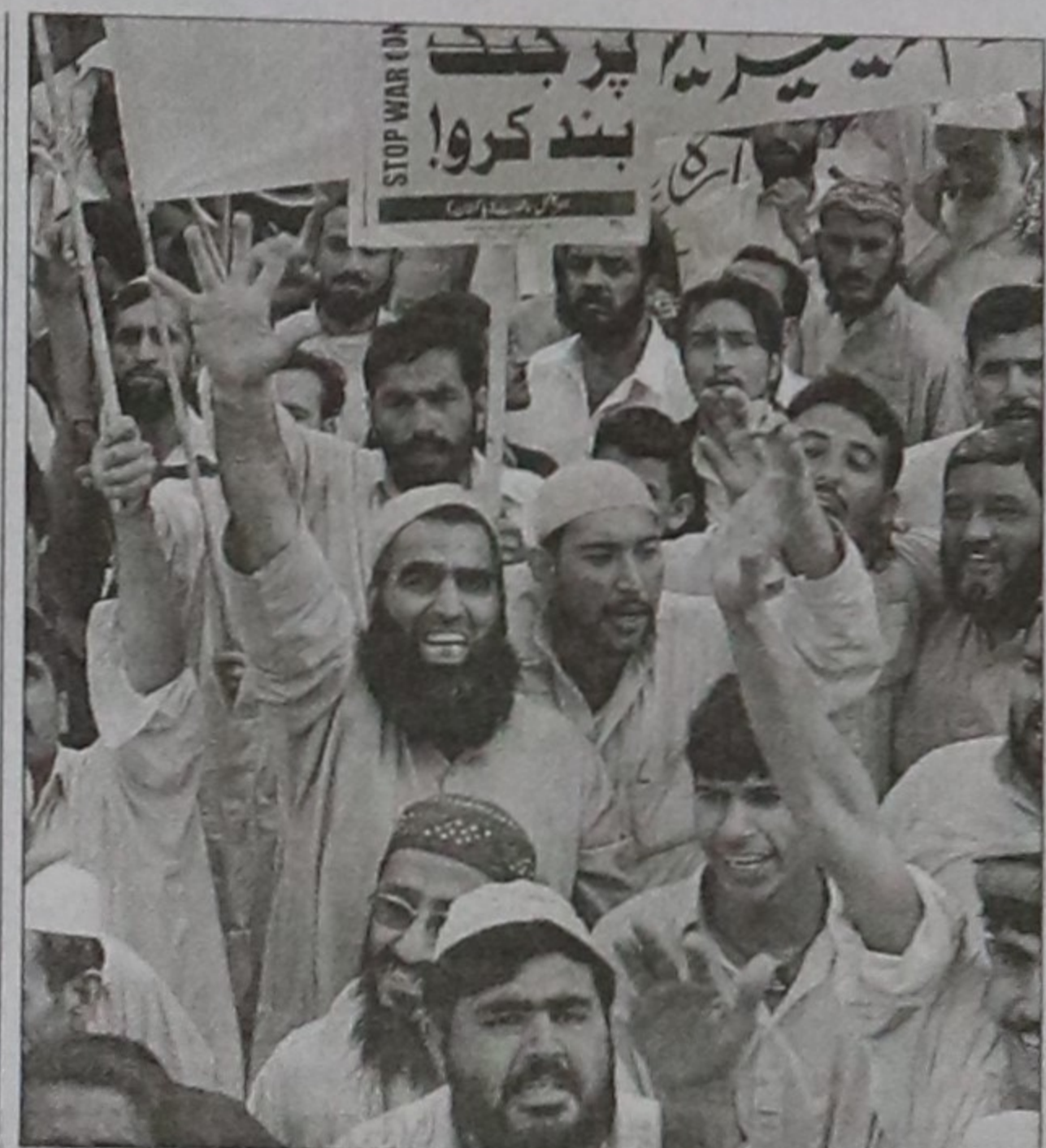


PHOTO: AFP

Pakistani people belonging to the country's troubled northwest shout anti-government slogans during a demonstration in Karachi yesterday. The protesters denounced military operation in the scenic Swat valley where Taliban cleric Maulana Fazlullah and his followers have occupied most of the region, destroyed hundreds of schools and engaged in widespread beheadings of opponents.

## Internal hand involved in Mumbai attacks

### Says Narendra Modi

THE DAILY TIMES, Nagpur

Indian Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Singh Modi hinted on Sunday that the Mumbai terror attacks could not have been carried out without internal help comments that are in sharp contrast with claims by other Indian officials who hold Pakistan solely responsible for the attacks.

The senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader said, "If we single out that one incident (Mumbai attacks) and ask any person in this country... with basic information and knowl-

edge, they will say that such a big terror attack on India cannot take place without any internal help from the nation itself."

Criticism: He criticised the Congress-led coalition government for not taking action against any local groups involved in the Mumbai attacks.

Modi's new theory contradicts India's official position, and came just hours ahead of Pakistan's reply to an Indian dossier of information given to Islamabad.



PHOTO: AFP

Medical staff pushes a trolley carrying an injured survivor of a suicide attack in Anuradapura, some 200km northeast of Colombo yesterday. A suspected Tamil Tiger suicide bomber attacked a camp for civilians fleeing Sri Lanka's war zone, killing 20 soldiers and eight civilians.

## India too reliant on military imports

### Says defence minister

AFP, Bangalore

India's defence minister said yesterday he felt "guilty" over what he described as the country's unacceptably heavy dependence on foreign military technology.

India imports 70 percent of its defence requirements, a figure that leaves it "far, far behind" fulfilling the dream of its first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, for self-

reliance in the defence sector, A.K. Antony told a seminar on aerospace technology.

"I feel sorry and sometimes guilty when we see the growth in self-reliance is very slow," the minister said.

"This is not suitable for us. Though I don't visualise a day when we can have zero imports, depending on other countries for 70 percent of our defence needs is not acceptable," he added.

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