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Yemen bombers target S Koreans again

AFP, Seoul

South Korea warned its nationals to be on alert in the Middle East after Seoul officials visiting Yemen to investigate a deadly bombing came under attack themselves yesterday.

A suicide bomber targeted a convoy of vehicles taking officials and relatives to the airport after their trip to investigate Sunday's bombing blamed on Al-Qaeda, which killed four Korean dent. tourists and their Yemeni guide.

The bomber detonated his explosives belt as the delegation was driving to the airport in the capital Sanaa, local security officials said. Car windows were shattered but no one was hurt.

"We express great concern," said foreign ministry spokesman Moon Tae-Young.

Korean travellers and businessmen in the region to be cautious about possible dangers."

Moon said it was unclear whether the explosion was aimed at Koreans or whether the bomber believed the convoy was carrying Yemeni officials, since it was led by a police car. An unidentified foreign ministry official told

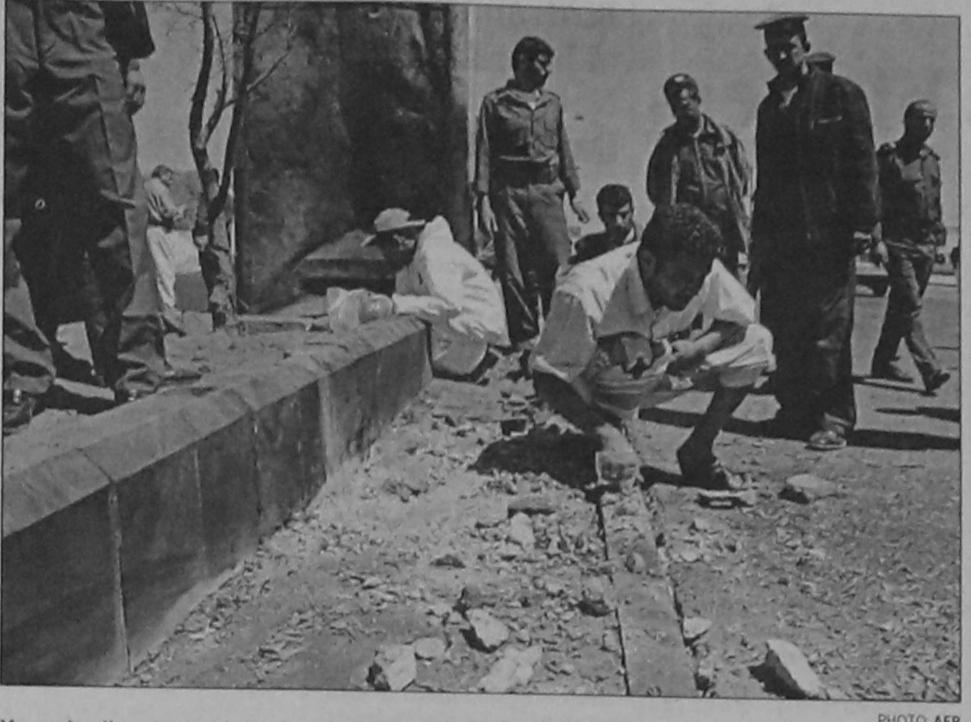
Yonhap news agency: "The vehicles were unmarked. We asked for protection and a police car led our convoy. That might have attracted

In Yemen a senior security official said security services had been alerted to a possible attack at the airport. Officials at the scene said they found a piece of the bomber's identity card, showing that he was a 20-year-old stu-

The four Korean tourists were killed on Sunday while watching the sun set over the historic mud-brick eastern city of Shibam. The country's official news agency said a teenager who had been "tricked by al-Qaeda into wearing an explosives vest" was to blame. al-Qaeda has claimed a spate of attacks in

"We are urging our diplomatic missions, Yemen targeting tourists, foreign missions and oil installations. South Korea has designated the entire country as a "travel restriction" area and strongly advised its citizens to avoid it.

The attack was the worst incident involving South Korean travellers since 2007, when 23 Christian aid workers were taken hostage by Taliban rebels in Afghanistan.



Yemeni policemen and investigators search for evidence at the site of a suicide bomb that targeted a South Korean delegation in Sanaa yesterday. A suicide bomber attacked the South Korean delegation with government officials and bereaved family members, visiting Yemen after a weekend bombing that killed four of their compatriots, but there were no casualties, officials said.

Beshir calls on rebels Presidential Term to lay down arms

more buildings, schools,

water, more hospitals. We

want a reunification of the

who chooses the president of

Sudan but the Sudanese peo-

ple," Beshir thundered against

two of the countries he sees as

the driving force behind his

an arrest warrant for Beshir for

alleged war crimes and crimes

against humanity during the

Darfur conflict, including

murder, torture, rape and

cooperate with the court and

taken steps to defy mounting

Western criticism, including

the expulsion of 13 interna-

aid agency expulsions will

leave 1.1 million people with-

out food, 1.5 million without

planned budget deficit. The story does not America's \$700 billion package that mainly

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BGMEA demanded a 10 percent cash not. It would then lead to a situation when we

strains to keep close to its target for this fiscal risks are even higher. The World Bank expects

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Open Tendering Method

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health care and more than a

The United Nations says the

Recession knocks at the door

finance.

tional aid agencies.

Sudan has vowed not to

The ICC on March 4 issued

"It's not the US or Britain

people of Darfur."

arrest warrant.

AFP, El-daien

A defiant Sudanese President Omar al-Beshir yesterday called on Darfur rebels to lay down their arms, during a visit to the conflict-ravaged region where he stands accused of war crimes.

Vowing to develop the region that has been prey to six years of conflict and decades of neglect, Beshir addressed thousands of jubilant militiamen two weeks after the International Criminal Court issued a warrant for his arrest.

"We want to reunify the people of Darfur and we call on all our sons and brothers who bear arms to put them down," Beshir said on his second visit to Darfur since the warrant was issued.

"We tell them you have taken up arms to demand development and development has now started and it continues," Beshir said.

"Our response (to the ICC) is to bring electricity to Darfur, million without drinking water.

the shore. For a country with very little hard

choices to make, the maneuvering spaces are

small. The demand of the FBCCI is, to some

extent, easier to meet because we have a

saving grace on account of low oil and ferti-

liser prices to find money to meet the bailout

Nobody really knows how long the reces-

take at least two years for the global system to

realign. Bangladesh is among the few that

have little surplus to dole out and yet have a

can meet the demands of the FBCCI or the

Domestic demand will depress with the sion.

percent cash incentive, not 10 percent.

Nomenclature of Tender

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Manager Supply Chain

Azerbaijan votes to scrap limit

AFP, Baku

Azerbaijanis voted yesterday on Aliyev's dynastic rule.

But analysts have said there is little doubt the proposed

year term by a landslide last October, having taken over from his father Heydar, a wily Soviettrained bureaucrat, in 2003.

Heydar Aliyev was a Soviet-

promise to enhance the defence and meet safety network in place --

the power supply demand? Public works after even America with its notori-

all are so very important for Bangladesh as ous reputation of being a

finances are in a sorry state now? Probably sion since the 1930s and

For Bangladesh where 40 percent of the who happens to be a close

US considers expanding strikes to Baluchistan

AFP, Washington

President Barack Obama and his top aides are considering expanding covert operations Pakistan to southwestern thenewspaper. Baluchistan province, the New York Times reported yesterday.

White House call for broadening the target area to include the region in and around the Pakistani city of Quetta, the Times reported, citing however are split. unnamed senior administration officials.

kilometres from the border with Afghanistan, is the capital of Baluchistan province.

Up to now missile strikes launched by US drones against insurgents who carry out attacks in Afghanistan have been limited to Pakistan's northwestern tribal

portion of this hapless mass

would be in Bangladesh.

With virtually no social

nutrition intake as well. The

Garment owners give out

chilling facts. One owner,

lost 30-40 percent orders.

placed at a very low margin.

"I have been giving subsi-

dies for the last one year," he

because that would lead to

give the annual increment to

workers and dreads labour

unrest any time. He had been

constructing a 50,000 square

feet factory. Now with orders

falling, he wants to rent the

space out to any commercial

venture. There are no takers,

year or so with the profits

they made over the last

decade? He had a thoughtful

expanding our business over

the years. Whatever profits

we made we poured it back

into new ventures. We never

thought of such a doomsday

to appear on the horizon. So

if banks don't support us, we

will not have the strength to

silver lining too and so has

this one. The commodity

market is at its lowest ebb.

Prices of manufactured

goods are falling too. And the

cost of goods transfer is

unbelievably low as well.

Imagine, zero dollar -- zip

zero -- not counting fuel and

handling: that is the cheap-

est quote right now if you

Every downturn has a

stay on," he said.

"Look, we had been

Why they cannot sustain a

He has not been able to

huge repercussion."

sadly.

answer.

areas, the Times reports.

"It is fair to say that there is wide agreement to sustain and continue these covert proagainst Taliban leaders in US administration official told

"One of the foundations on Two reports sent to the to the president will be based is that we've got to sustain the disruption of the safe havens."

On the issue of Baluchistan however, top Obama advisers

could increase tensions with Quetta, located some 70 Pakistan, which said in late February it wanted to discuss ending controversial US drone attacks inside its territory.

Quetta, which has an estimated population of just under one million, is a possible refuge invasion in late 2001 that top- claims to be holding him.

pled the hardline regime. Unlike the semi-

autonomous tribal belt, Baluchistan -- which borders grams," an unnamed senior Iran and Afghanistan -- is under the authority of the central government.

Baluchistan province has which the recommendations rich energy resources but is rife with regional insurgency and sectarian violence involving Sunni and Shiite Muslim extremists. Hundreds of people have

died in insurgent unrest in the Some fear that such strikes province since 2004, when rebels began demanding political autonomy and a greater share of profits from Baluchistan's natural resources.

In February John Solecki, a US citizen who headed of the UN refugee agency (UNHCR) for Taliban leaders who fled in Quetta, was kidnapped in Afghanistan after the US-led the city. A Baluch rebel group

Bombs found

Thai security forces defused

four crudely made bombs in a

southern city regarded as a

stronghold of Prime Minister

Abhisit Vejjajiva's ruling party,

One of the bombs was

planted in front of the

Democrat Party's provincial

headquarters in the town of

Surat Thani, a second was

found outside a restaurant and

the other two were roadside

in Thai govt

stronghold

police said yesterday.

bombs, they said.

Tenderer

AFP, Bangkok

Bush wants Obama to succeed

AP, Calgary

Former President George W Bush, making his first public in power. speech since leaving office support the new leader.

Bush declined to critique received two standing ovathe Obama administration tions from the predomiin Tuesday's speech, saying the new president has enough critics and that he "deserves my silence."

Obama's decisions threatened America's safety. hoped Obama would fail.

"I love my country a lot more than I love politics," Bush said. "I think it is essential that he be helped try's most conservative in office."

write a book that will ask north. people to consider what

"I want people to underthe Oval Office and have them come in and say we the gathering. have captured Khalid Sheik mind of the Sept. 11 attacks, named Danny Pearl because he was simply Jewish, and we on further attacks on the United States," Bush said.

Bush didn't specify what

the 12 hardest decisions were but said Iraq is better off without Saddam Hussein

The invitation-only event in January, says he wants titled a "Conversation with Barack Obama to succeed George W Bush" attracted and that it's "essential" to close to 2,000 guests who paid \$3,100 per table. Bush

nantly business crowd. About 200 protested outside the event; four of them were arrested. Some Former Vice President protesters threw shoes at an Dick Cheney has said that effigy of Bush, a reference to the Iraqi journalist who tossed his shoes at the for-Conservative talk-show host mer president during a Rush Limbaugh has said he December news conference in Baghdad.

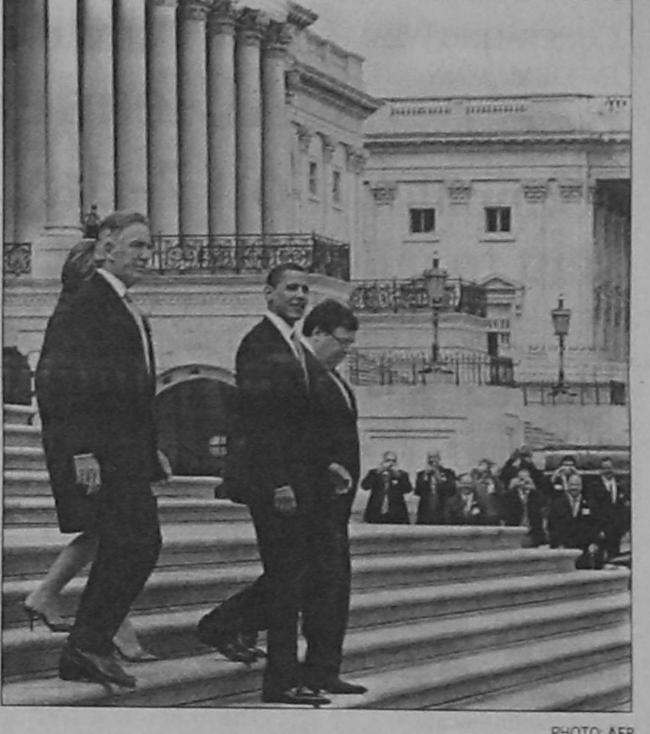
While Bush is unpopular in Canada, he is less so in oil-rich Alberta, the counprovince and one some-Bush also said he plans to times called the Texas of the

This is my maiden vovthey would do if they had to age. My first speech since I protect the United States as was the president of the president. "It's going to be United States and I couldn't (about) the 12 toughest think of a better place to give decisions I had to make," he it than Calgary, Canada," Bush said.

The event's organisers stand what it was like to sit in declined to say how much Bush was paid to speak at

Bush was full of jokes Mohammed, the master- during his appearance. He joked that he would do more the alleged killer of a guy speeches to pay for his new house in Dallas. "I actually paid for a

think we have information house last fall. I think I'm the only American to have bought a house in the fall of 2008," he quipped.



US President Barack Obama (2nd-R) walks with Irish Prime Minister Taoiseach Brian Cowen (R), House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) (2nd-L) and Rep. Richard E. Neal (D-MA).down the steps of the US Capitol on Tuesday in Washington, DC. Irish Prime Minister Cowen attended a lunch at the Capitol hosted by President Obama and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

a proposal to scrap a two-term presidential limit that would pave the way for an indefinite extension of President Ilham

Opposition groups in the oil-rich ex-Soviet republic called for a boycott, arguing that the vote would lead to Aliyev, whose family has ruled here for nearly four decades, being president for life.

constitutional amendments will be approved. Aliyev, 47, won a second five-

era leader of this state on the western coast of the Caspian Sea and president for 10 years.

Can the government find enough coins to

keep its public works going for the next fiscal

year? And where will it get the fund to meet its

focuses on public works to crate demand and

boost the economy -- to keep its ailing popu-

inflation contained by way of keeping out the

already delayed our response to the reces-

Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of One

X-Ray Machine (Group-A), One Washer Extractor &

Two Steam Ironer (Group-B) and One Ethylene Oxide

Sterilizer (Group-C) for Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital &

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Chief Executive Officer

vision of the Washington Consensus that had looms.

BGMEA. That would see a significant fall in more bailouts for next year when public world in its deepest reces-

its demand for Tk 6,000 crore is based on a 5 then? The IMF probably. But with its myopic misery of mass employment

will fall. Already, the NBR is under severe population lives under the poverty line, the friend, said his factory has

year. This would bode unwell on the public some 53 million people to fall into extreme Whatever is trickling in is

poverty this year and surely a forever and the recovery would come sooner or later.

If you are a betterprepared entrepreneur by the time the upsurge came, you would remain ahead of the pack. That is exactly what demand and still maintain the 5 percent well as for the rest of the world -- remember non-social welfare state had many Chinese entrepreneurs thrown in money for unem- are doing -- snapping up ployment benefit -- this vital industries, acquiring generation of the recession capital and getting ready for will be lost for ever -- they the heyday again. Could we We can think for now that a shortfall in will cut their health and not do it? Well, that would ADP is a great boon to keep its deficit low and education spending and need a proper supply of finance at a right price. With much-vaunted MDG goal the country's banking sysprove a bane in the long run. Can we think up will remain a far cry. With the tem going at a strange pace -so decoupled from the reality -- entrepreneurs get little global trade shrinking at its encouragement to go in that incentive for RMG exporters, but FBCCI said are cash-starved. Who would bail us out fastest pace in 80 years, the direction.

Food ration FROM PAGE 1 workers.

Asked about the budget for this massive programme, the minister said the Food and Disaster Management Ministry has been working on it.

BGMEA President Abdus Salam Murshedy, who led the said. "We cannot lay off business delegation at the meeting said, "We asked the ministry concerned to run the food rationing for 12 months from May 1, although it was planned for a three-month period.

> Under the programme. every worker would be able to buy 20 kgs of rice per month at Tk 18 per kg, showing their service books or identity cards.

> Around 30 lakh RMG workers will be brought under this food rationing programme across the country. BGMEA and Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA), the two leading trade bodies for woven and knitwear, will shoulder the responsibility of coordination with the government.

The BGMEA president, however, said spots and other modalities of the programme are yet to be finalised. At the meeting, the labour

and employment minister assured that the exportoriented businesses would get government stimulus package

He also asked the BGMEA not to go for any retrenchment move in the wake of the ongoing global economic recession.

"We have asked the apparel industry owners not to cut jobs following the global economic meltdown," said the minister. In September last year, the

want to ship a container from southern China to trade bodies concerned sold Europe. If you were a smart rice among RMG workers at a entrepreneur, you would subsidised rate when the prices have known that nothing of essentials shot up on the local could remain depressed

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