

N Korea vows response if UN imposes sanctions

Another short-range missile fired

AFP, Seoul

North Korea yesterday threatened fresh steps to defend itself if world powers impose sanctions for its nuclear test, but the United States said it had enough troops in South Korea to protect its ally.

Tensions have been running high since Kim Jong-il's regime tested a nuclear bomb on Monday for the second time and warned it could launch an attack on the South, renouncing the armistice that ended the Korean War in 1953.

North Korea Friday fired a short-range missile off its east coast, the sixth since it staged a nuclear test earlier this week.

South Korea's Yonhap news agency said. The defence ministry declined comment but the news agency's reports of five missile launches earlier this week were later confirmed.

The latest missile was launched in the early evening Friday, Yonhap quoted an unidentified Seoul government official as saying.

Defying international condemnation of its nuclear arms programme, the reclusive communist state vowed Friday to respond to any fresh sanctions imposed by the United Nations.

"If the UN Security Council provokes us, our additional self-defence measures will be inevitable," the North's foreign

ministry said in a statement carried by official media.

"The world will soon witness how our army and people stand up against oppression and despotism by the UNSC and uphold their dignity and independence."

The Council has been discussing a response to the North's latest nuclear test, expected to be a resolution condemning the move. But it was not yet clear if that would include new sanctions on North Korea.

"This is quite a complicated discussion," Britain's UN ambassador John Sawers said after the latest round of talks on Thursday. "We need some time."

Tribal clashes in Sudan region kill 244

AFP, Khartoum

Clashes between two major Arab nomadic tribes in Sudan's South Kordofan region this past week have killed 244 people, including police officers, Interior Minister Ibrahim Mahmoud Hamad said Thursday.

"The toll of victims is 89 dead among the Misseriya, 80 among the Rizegat and 75 in the central reserve (police)," he told a cabinet meeting in Khartoum, the official Sana press agency reported.

Those responsible will be brought to justice and the authorities will take steps to disarm civilians, he added.



PHOTO: AFP

US President Barack Obama shakes hands of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas during meeting in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, DC, on Thursday. Obama on Thursday said he was "confident" of progress in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, after his first talks with Abbas at the White House.



PHOTO: AFP

The portrait of former South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun leads the hearse as mourners gather for a tribute during a funeral ceremony in downtown Seoul yesterday. Thousands of weeping mourners packed the streets to pay their last respect to Roh amid tight security.

Emotional funeral for S Korea's Roh

AP, Seoul

A sea of wailing mourners filled the streets of Seoul for the funeral Friday of ex-President Roh Moo-hyun, whose suicide six days earlier amid a deepening corruption probe by the government plunged South Korea into grief and anger.

Heads bowed, thousands took part in a solemn ceremony in the courtyard of the 14th-century Gyeongbok Palace before the hearse carrying Roh's body headed to a grassy plaza outside City Hall for emotional public rites attended by a reported 500,000 people. Police in riot gear later moved in as the crush of mourners prevented the hearse from leaving the capital for a few hours.

Police dispatched some 21,000 officers to quell any protests by Roh supporters who accuse conservative political opponents led by President Lee Myung-bak of driving the liberal ex-leader to his death with the bribery investigation.

Obama meets Abbas, ups pressure on Israel

AFP, Washington

US President Barack Obama Thursday renewed pressure on Israel but rejected a timetable for his peace drive, noting domestic pressures heaped on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

As Obama met Palestinian leader Mahmud Abbas for the first time as president, he called for a halt to settlement building on the occupied West Bank, while his administration sparred with Israel over the sensitive issue.

Obama vowed an "aggressive" mediation effort, ahead of his visit to Saudi Arabia and Egypt next week, while Abbas pledged to live up to all previous peace agreements and

warned "time is of the essence" for a two-state solution.

Abbas presented the US president with a document outlining ideas about how to take the peace process forward.

"The document does not veer from the (US-backed) roadmap and the Arab peace initiative," Abbas told AFP. "It contains ideas to introduce implementation mechanisms for these two plans."

A top Abbas aide said Obama had promised to study the text.

The US president recalled that last week he had been "very clear" with Netanyahu about the need to "stop settlements."

'Climate change kills 300,000 a year'

AFP, London

Climate change is responsible for the deaths of 300,000 people every year and costs 125 billion dollars (90 billion euros) annually, a new report said yesterday.

The study, from the Global Humanitarian Forum, claims to be the first to measure the impact of climate change on people globally -- and says it is 325 million of the poorest who

suffer most.

It highlights the plight of people in Bangladesh, where millions face regular flooding and cyclones, Uganda, where farmers are plagued by drought and some Caribbean and Pacific islands facing obliteration due to rising seas.

This is despite the world's 50 least developed countries contributing less than one percent of global carbon emissions.

US Army testing gun that can take out 'bad guys' hiding around corners

ANI, Washington

The US Army is set to start testing a computerised, high-tech projectile launcher that can take out bad guys hiding around corners and in caves or trenches, even if they are out of a soldier's line of sight.

Experts have called it the "Judge Dredd" gun, after the Sylvester Stallone movie, but the Pentagon calls it the XM-25 Individual Air Burst Weapon, which uses a laser rangefinder to precisely measure the distance to a target, then primes a fuse on a timed grenade so that the projectile explodes exactly where it should.

"The way a soldier operates this is you basically find your target, then lazy to it, which gives the range, then you get an adjusted aim point, adjust fire and pull the trigger," Fox News quoted deputy program manager Richard Audette as telling the Army News Service.

Huge undersea mountain found off Indonesia

AFP, Jakarta

A massive underwater mountain discovered off the Indonesian island of Sumatra could be a volcano with potentially catastrophic power, a scientist said yesterday.

Indonesian government marine geologist Yusuf Surachman said the mountain was discovered earlier this month about 330 kilometres (205 miles) west of Bengkulu city during research to map the seabed's seismic faultlines.

The cone-shaped mountain is 4,600 metres (15,100 feet) high, 50 kilometres in diameter at its base and its summit is 1,300 metres below the surface, he said.

"It looks like a volcano because of its conical shape but it might not be. We have to conduct further investigations," he told AFP.



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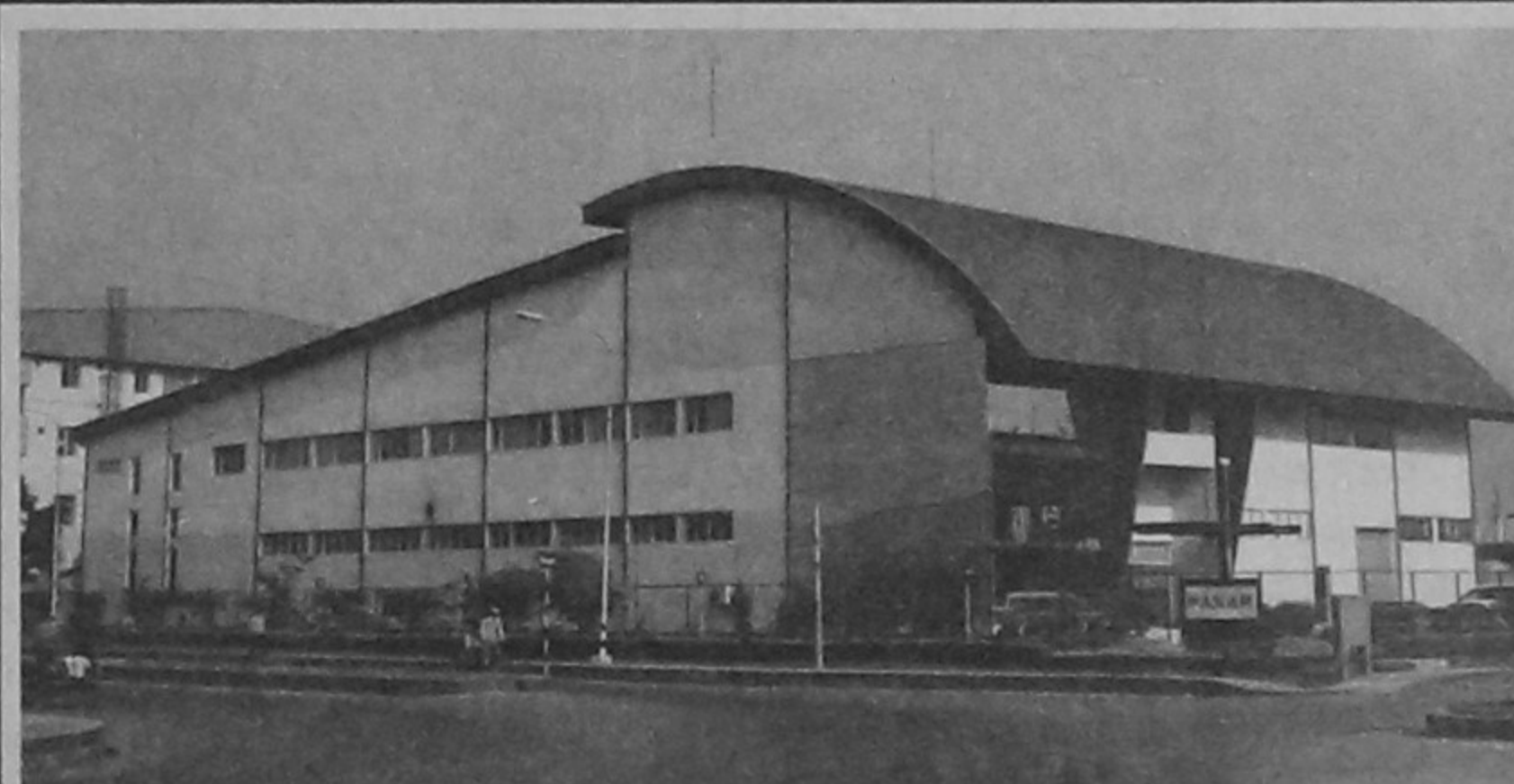
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