

No alternative to Pak engagement

Manmohan tells parliament

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, New Delhi/Islamabad

Under fire from the opposition, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Wednesday asserted there was no dilution or rupture of national consensus on countering terrorism emanating from Pakistan, but made it clear there was no alternative but to continue the engagement with Islamabad.

Allaying apprehensions over the move to dilink action on terrorism from the composite dialogue process as contained in the India-Pakistan joint statement issued in Egypt July 16, the prime minister told parliament that bilateral engagement or dialogue process can't move forward if terrorist attacks continue from across the border.

"It is, therefore, in our vital interest to make sincere efforts to live in peace with Pakistan. But despite the best of intentions, we cannot move forward if terrorist attacks launched from Pakistani soil continue to kill and injure our citizens, here and abroad," Manmohan Singh said while replying to the debate in the Lok Sabha on India-Pakistan issues and the govern-

ment's recent foreign policy initiatives.

"That is the national position. I stand by it," the prime minister said while forcefully repudiating the opposition's contention that the joint statement amounted to rupturing the national consensus over cross-border terrorism.

In his reasoned and spirited 45-minute intervention at the end of an intense debate, Manmohan Singh quite naturally focussed on his much-misunderstood Pakistan initiative but also spoke on a wide range of issues, including relations with the US, climate change and a G8 statement objecting to nuclear commerce with countries that have not acceded to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

According to the prime minister, it's impossible for any government in India to work towards full normalisation of relations with Pakistan unless the government of Pakistan fulfils, in letter and spirit, its commitment not to allow its territory to be used in any manner for terrorist activities against India.

"The people of India expect these assurances to be honoured and this government recognises that as the national consensus," he maintained.



Palestinian women hold up placards calling on the international community to stand for human rights of the Palestinian people and the lifting of the Israeli blockade during a protest in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip, on Wednesday.

Chars Livelihoods Programme (CLP)

Livestock Services Officer (LSO)

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Israel orders 14 criminal probes over Gaza war

AFP, Jerusalem

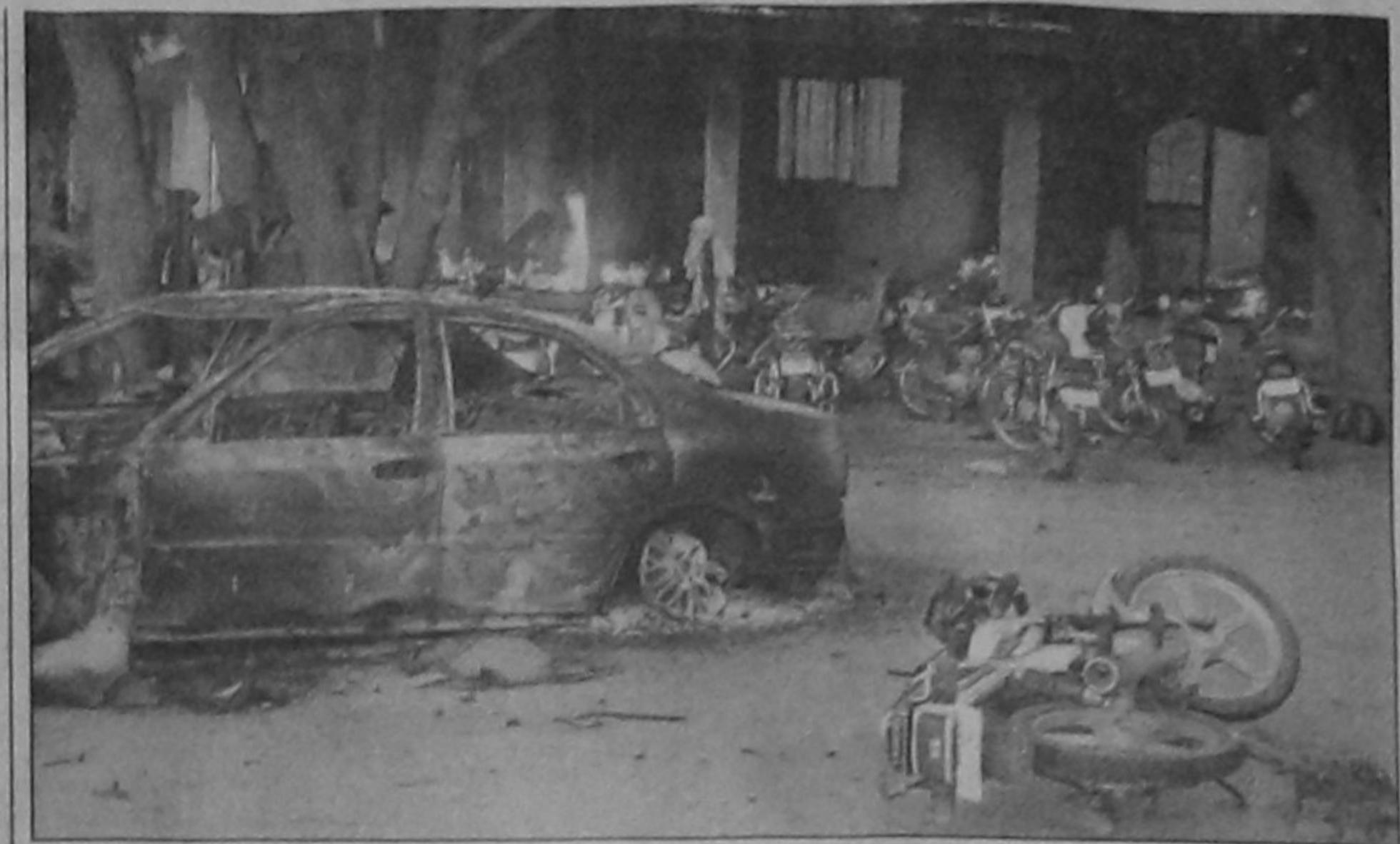
The military has ordered 14 criminal probes into the conduct of Israeli soldiers during the war on the Hamas-run Gaza Strip where rights groups have accused both sides of war crimes, the media reported yesterday.

Two dailies said the military is now reviewing close to 100 complaints from several sources, including soldiers who took part in December and January's devastating 22-day conflict, as well as from

Palestinians and rights groups.

The military did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the reports by the English language Jerusalem Post and the mass-selling Maariv Hebrew daily.

Some complaints centred on the so-called "neighbour procedure" in which soldiers force civilians to check if there are any armed militants in a given house in their neighbourhood, Maariv said.



A building that allegedly housed Islamic extremists is reportedly burnt by the military early yesterday in the northeastern Nigerian city of Maiduguri. Fierce clashes between members of an Islamic sect and security forces in northern Nigeria have killed at least 600 in five days.

PHOTO: AFP

Pakistan not cooperating in extraditing Dawood

Says SM Krishna

PTI, New Delhi

India has been asking Pakistan to hand over 42 fugitives including Dawood Ibrahim but Islamabad has refused to cooperate, External Affairs Minister SM Krishna told Rajya Sabha yesterday.

Relying to questions, he said a list of 42 fugitives both Indian and Pakistani nationals, including ones involved in the 1993 Mumbai series bomb blasts and the 26/11 terror attacks in Mumbai, has been given to Islamabad.

Krishna said whatever evidence and dossier is given, Pakistan's refrain is that it is not enough and cannot be proven in court.

He said Pakistan has denied presence of dreaded criminals like Dawood Ibrahim, Tiger Memon, Chota Shakeel and Lakhbir Singh who are among the Indian nationals in the list.

UN urges action on HR abuses in Nepal

AFP, Kathmandu

The United Nations Wednesday urged both sides in Nepal's 10-year civil war to do more to bring the perpetrators of human rights violations committed during and after the conflict to justice.

An estimated 1,300 people went missing during the bloody conflict between the Nepal army and the Maoists, which ended in 2006 with a UN-brokered peace deal.

The UN's rights representative here said no one had yet been found guilty of any conflict-related offence, and that many politically-motivated crimes committed since the peace agreement were also unresolved.

"I want to address the need

for both sides of the conflict to live up to their commitments to tackle impunity," said Richard Bennett, the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)'s Nepal representative.

"Abuses of human rights by non-state actors, in particular the Maoists, and their non-cooperation with accountability mechanisms is contributing to the prevailing culture of impunity in Nepal," he told journalists in Kathmandu.

Bennett said he had met Maoist leader Pushpa Kamal Dahal to ask him to cooperate with investigations into atrocities committed by the former guerrillas, including a 2005 bombing that killed 39 people.

With a few beers, Obama tries to patch up a race furore

AFP, Washington

President Barack Obama hosts a white police officer and an eminent black scholar at the White House on Thursday, hoping in the process to quell a heated national furore over racial profiling.

Obama was to welcome distinguished Harvard University professor Henry Louis Gates and police sergeant Jim Crowley for 6 pm (2200 GMT) beers at the White House, hoping to turn the page on a controversy over race that erupted during a July 16 incident at the scholar's home.

The contretemps flared when Gates -- America's foremost scholar on African

American affairs -- was arrested after police received a call that two men might be attempting a break-in at a house in the Boston suburb of Cambridge.

As it turned out, the "break-in" by Gates was an attempt to enter his own home when the door was jammed.

Gates and Crowley exchanged heated words, and the professor was ultimately arrested for disorderly conduct during a heated exchange.

Obama, the first black US president, added to the controversy when he said the police had "acted stupidly" by arresting his friend after establishing that Gates had been in his own home.

Lanka plans training for former rebels

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka plans to offer education and vocational training for about 20,000 former Tamil Tiger rebels, including child soldiers and operatives trained as suicide bombers, an official said yesterday.

Nearly 10,000 rebels have surrendered this year, most of them after the defeat of the Tigers in May, said commissioner general of rehabilitation Daya Ratnayake.

"We believe the total number of rebels in government custody will be anything between 15,000 to 20,000," he said. "Depending on their individual needs, we will provide them with basic education and skills training."

He said most of them wanted to be farmers or fishermen, while some wanted careers as teachers or drivers.

Among those who have surrendered were teenagers and rebels who were being trained to carry out suicide bombings, Ratnayake said.

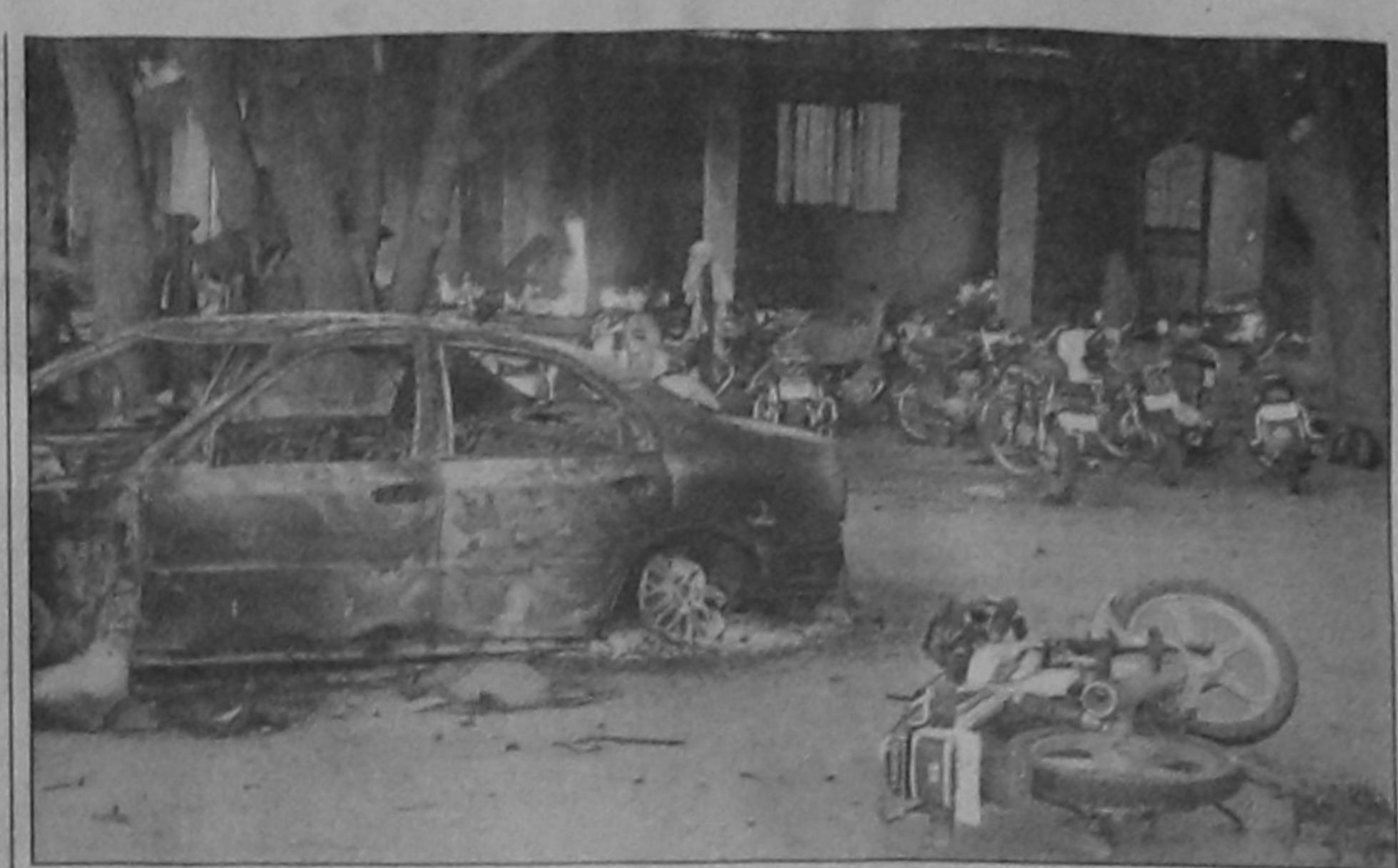
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Iranian riot police beat mourners at cemetery

AFP, Tehran

Iranian riot police beat mourners who staged a defiant gathering at a cemetery on Thursday to commemorate protesters killed in post-election violence last month, witnesses said.

Police used sticks, batons and belts on some of the hundreds of people who turned up at the cemetery south of Tehran where the protesters are buried and also forced opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi to leave, witnesses said.

Witnesses said about 150 police and some members of the Islamic Basij militia were in and around Behesht-e Zahra cemetery, with a number surrounding the graveyard where Neda is buried.

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