



A policeman guards the site after an explosion at a police compound in Nazran yesterday. A truck packed with explosives rammed through the gates Monday of the police compound in southern Russia and exploded killing at least 20 people.

20 killed in car bomb attack on Russian policemen

AFP, Nazran

A truck packed with explosives rammed through the gates of a police compound in southern Russia yesterday and exploded in an attack that killed at least 20 people and wounded dozens, officials said.

The attack in the city of Nazran, the main city in Ingushetia, occurred as police officers lined up for roll call at the start of their morning shift. It killed and wounded police officers in the compound and local residents in homes nearby, officials said.

The blast site was a scene of devastation with overturned cars, twisted rubble and burned trees littering the ground under a thin pall of grey smoke and the broken windows of nearby apartment buildings.

The attack, four days after the Kremlin said the head of Ingushetia was returning to his post despite still recovering from injuries sustained in a bomb attack in June, underscored growing fears over

stability in the region.

The Moscow-based Investigative Committee of the State Prosecutor's office said that 20 people were killed and 58 others wounded and taken to hospital as a result of the attack.

A spokesman for Ingushetia President Yunus-Bek Yevkurov, Kaloi Akhligov, told AFP that the number of wounded was closer to 70 and included 11 children.

Fifty of those hurt were hospitalised, he said. All the dead were police officers, while many of those injured were from residential buildings adjacent to the police station, Akhligov said.

Local officials declared three days of mourning.

Investigators said the attack occurred when a Russian-made Gazelle light truck crashed through the security gate at the Nazran police headquarters and sped into the inner grounds of the facility.

"A powerful explosion occurred after this," the Investigative Committee said in a statement, adding that the apparent attack caused "significant damage" to the

building.

Local officials said the truck blew up near the police armament depot, setting off explosions of ammunition that shook the area well after the initial blast.

Violent attacks by militants on Russian law enforcement personnel have become an almost daily occurrence in Ingushetia, but Akhligov said Monday's blast was extraordinary.

"We have not had such an attack for a long time," he said, adding: "There is not enough blood" to treat the injured.

Yevkurov, who was nearly killed in an attempt on his life on June 22, blamed Islamist militants for the attack.

"The militants have carried out this terrorist act with the aim of destabilizing the situation in the republic and raising their own significance," Yevkurov said, in comments relayed by his spokesman.

Ingushetia is one of seven administrative territories known as "republics" that constitute the North Caucasus region in southern Russia, the most unstable part of the country.

Nepal must tackle social inequality: UN agency

AFP, Kathmandu

Nepal's warring politicians must tackle the country's growing social inequality if they are to achieve lasting peace, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) warned yesterday.

More than three years after the civil war ended, the UNDP said poverty and discrimination on caste and gender grounds -- two of the key causes of the conflict -- had not been resolved.

"Although on aggregate there have been human development gains in Nepal... the gap between advantaged and disadvantaged regions and caste or ethnic groups is widening or remains the same," said the UNDP as it published a new report on human development in Nepal.

Iran releases French researcher on bail

AFP, Paris

"This means that power relations have not changed significantly since the restoration of democracy in 1990."

Nepal's Maoist rebels waged a bloody decade-long war with the army that ended in 2006 with a UN-brokered peace agreement.

But experts say little has changed for many people in the desperately poor Himalayan nation since the end of the conflict.

UN resident coordinator Robert Piper said the report's message was that "the absence of war will alone neither assure lasting peace nor deliver prosperity."

"Nepal's ambitious post-conflict transformation must successfully address centuries of discrimination and exclusion so these patterns are broken for ever," he added.

Iranian authorities released a young French academic who was accused of spying on bail on Sunday, the French presidency announced, after she spent six weeks in Tehran's notorious Evin jail.

University teaching assistant Clotilde Reiss, 24, was arrested in Tehran on July 1 after taking part in post-election street protests and was one of more than 100 defendants at a televised mass trial earlier this month.

She will now have to stay at the French embassy in Tehran while she awaits the verdict in her trial, which was heard on August 8.

7 killed, 68 missing after accident at Russian power station

AFP, Moscow

Sixty-eight people were missing Monday after an accident at Russia's largest hydroelectric plant that killed seven people, an emergency ministry official told Russian radio.

"The fate of 68 people is unknown," Andrei Klyuyev, an official at the emergency situations ministry in the Siberian region of Khakassia, where the accident occurred, said on the Echo of Moscow radio station.

Klyuyev said rescue divers had pulled out one person from a room underneath the plant's main turbine hall where there was apparently a cave-in and flooding but said many more could still be trapped.

"At the moment we cannot determine whether these people were down there, or managed to get out somewhere but we know that there were that many people on this shift," Klyuyev said.

An emergency situations ministry official reported earlier that seven people died and 11 were injured in the accident that cut power to homes and large businesses including Russia's largest aluminium producer, UC Rusal.

The accident occurred at the Sayano-Shushenskaya hydroelectric plant on the Yenisei River in eastern Siberia after water pipes ruptured, flooding the turbine room, said the spokesman, Dmitry Kydryavtsev.

Karroubi should be lashed over rape claims: Iranian cleric

AFP, Tehran

yesterday after the massive protests over President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's disputed re-election in June had been raped.

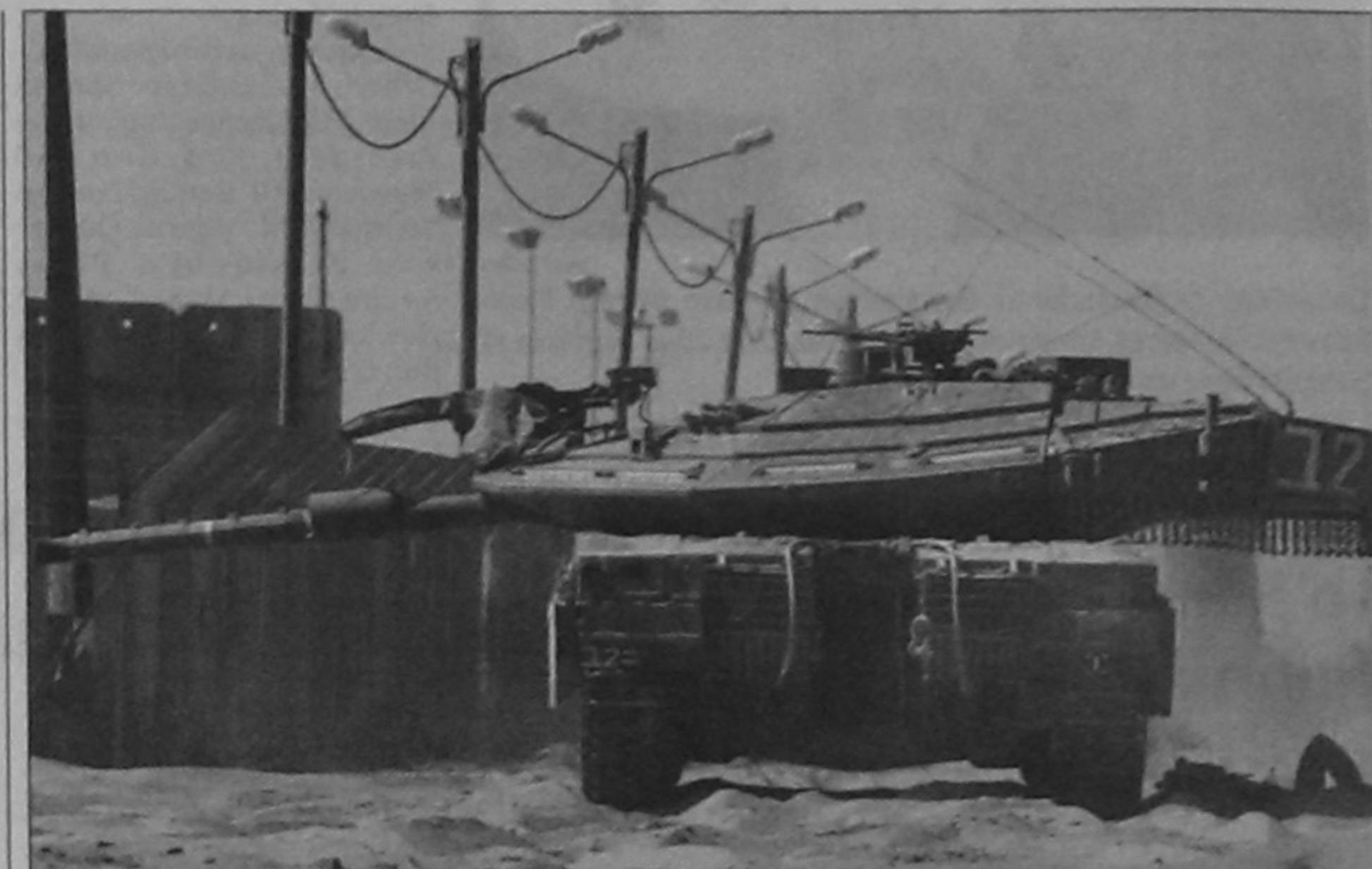
"In religious teachings if someone accuses another of sexual crime and he is unable to prove it, then he should receive 80 lashes," hardline cleric Ahmad Khatami was quoted as saying by the Kayhan newspaper.

"Now Mr Karroubi has accused the regime and his allegations were rejected by two branches of the regime," said Khatami, who is a regular leader of Friday prayers in Tehran.

A hardline Iranian cleric called yesterday for opposition leader Mehdi Karroubi to be lashed over his controversial claims that some election protesters were raped or tortured in custody.

The Iranian authorities have also banned the defeated presidential candidate's reformist newspaper after it printed the allegations of prison abuse, his aides said.

Karroubi has stoked the ire of the authorities with his charges that women and young boys detained in cus-



Israeli soldiers rest at the shadow of their tank at Kerem Shalom crossing on the border with the southern Gaza Strip, near the town of Rafah, on Sunday. A radical sheikh was among 24 people killed and 130 wounded after Hamas police stormed a Gaza mosque when he declared an Islamic emirate in the Palestinian enclave.

Strong quakes rock Japan, Taiwan

AFP, Tokyo

Two strong earthquakes jolted the ocean floor off southern Japan yesterday, triggering tsunami warnings for a cluster of sub-tropical islands and shaking buildings in nearby Taiwan.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage.

A 6.7-magnitude quake struck in the morning southwest of Ishigaki-jima island in Japan's far southern Ryukyu Islands, followed by a 6.4-magnitude tremor in the evening, the US Geological Survey reported.

Japan's meteorological agency issued and lifted tsunami alerts both times for a group of islands in the East China Sea.

North Korea to lift border restrictions, restart family reunions with South

AFP, Seoul

North Korea said yesterday it would restart family reunions and a stalled tourism programme for South Koreans, in a rare conciliatory gesture after months of bitter hostility.

South Korea cautiously welcomed the announcement, but said the two governments must hold talks before the trips -- a major earner for its sanctions-hit neighbour -- can resume.

In a sign of continuing friction, the hardline communist state also warned of "a merciless and prompt annihilating strike" involving nuclear weapons if a US-

South Korean military exercise starting Monday infringes its sovereignty.

The tourism agreement was disclosed a day after a meeting in the North between leader Kim Jong-il and Hyun Jung-Eun, chairwoman of the South's giant Hyundai Group which operates joint tourism and business ventures.

The North also agreed to lift limitations on border crossings by South Koreans, which hampered operations at a Seoul-funded industrial estate.

Hyun travelled to the North last week and won the release of an employee detained since March for allegedly criticising Pyongyang's regime.



Indian villagers watch the Heritage run of an Indian Railway coach hauled by a 1947 model steam locomotive as it crosses Badyabati station, some 30km north of Kolkata on Sunday. Thousands of villagers welcomed the black steam-releasing British built engine, which was planned to commemorate 155 years of train running in Eastern India.

News in Brief

3 killed in Somalia UN compound

AFP, Mogadishu

Armed men attacked a World Food Programme compound in Somalia, sparking a gunfight with security guards in which three attackers were killed, UN officials said Monday.

A spokesman said it could have been an attempt to kidnap UN staff and international staff were flown to Nairobi on Monday.

Three killed in Thai violence

AFP, Yala

Suspected Muslim insurgents slit the throat of a rubber-tapper and shot dead two other men in the latest violence to hit Thailand's troubled far south, local police said Monday.

The Buddhist rubber farmer was found with his throat slashed at a rubber plant in Yala province on Monday morning, they said.

Three killed in Iraq attacks

AFP, Baghdad

At least three people, including two police officers, were killed in attacks in northern and central Iraq on Monday, police said.

Armed men killed two civilians and wounded one civilian in a gun attack on a checkpoint in the centre of the restive northern city of Mosul, a local police official told AFP, requesting anonymity.

Ex-wife 'confesses' to igniting deadly Kuwait wedding blaze

AFP, Kuwait City

The ex-wife of the groom at a Kuwait wedding party that turned into tragedy when a fierce fire engulfed a tent, killing 43 women and children, has confessed to starting the blaze, local newspapers reported yesterday.

Al-Qabas newspaper said the 23-year-old woman had told police she used petrol to torch the packed wedding tent to avenge her ex-husband's "bad treatment" of her before their divorce.

"Spurned" woman unleashed fury," was the headline in the English-language Kuwait Times newspaper, which said the bride escaped injured but that her mother and sister were killed.

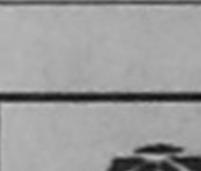
Quoting unnamed security sources, Al-Qabas said the woman's Asian maid told police she saw her pouring petrol around the large women-only tent in the town of Jahra before the blaze started on Saturday night.

There was no official confirmation of the reports.

A total of 43 women and children have now perished and 90 other people were injured in the inferno, which destroyed the packed tent in just minutes in the deadliest civilian disaster in the modern history of the Gulf state.



This picture taken on Sunday shows people looking at a burning plane, which crashed during a test flight in Taiping, northern Perak State. A British pilot killed in the fiery crash in Malaysia was an aviation entrepreneur conducting a test flight of his Jetpod "flying taxi", reports said.



বিসিআইসি নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বিসিআইসি'র পদ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অঞ্চলিক প্রতীক

বাংলাদেশ কেমিক্যাল ইভার্ট্রান্স কর্পোরেশন এর নিয়ন্ত্রণাধীন দেশের বিভিন্ন স্থানে অবস্থিত কারখানাসমূহে নিম্নোক্ত পদে নিয়োগের জন্য উপযুক্ত প্রার্থীদের নিকট হতে দরবার্খাত আহবান করা যাচ্ছে:

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