

# Koreas agree on reunions of separated families

AP, Seoul

North and South Korea agreed Friday to hold a new round of reunions next month for families long separated by the Korean War in the latest sign of easing tensions on the divided peninsula. The planned meetings will be the first in nearly two years.

Red Cross officials from the two sides wrapped up three days of talks at the North's Diamond Mountain resort with an accord to hold six days of temporary reunions involving a total of 200 families from Sept. 26 at the scenic resort, according to a joint statement.

Millions of families were separated by the Korean War, which ended in 1953 with a cease-fire, not a peace treaty. No mail, telephone or e-mail exchanges exist between ordinary citizens across the Korean border.

This week's rare talks and the resulting

agreement are the latest signs of improving relations between the two rival nations. The agreement said the North and the South will continue to discuss the separated families and other humanitarian issues.

North Korea has been pushing in recent weeks to reach out to Seoul and Washington following a series of provocations, including nuclear and missile tests, and international sanctions to punish the communist regime for the defiant moves banned under UN resolutions.

Earlier this month, the North freed two American journalists and a South Korean worker after more than four months of detention and pledged to restart some joint projects, including the meetings of separated families that have been stalled since the inauguration of a conservative government in Seoul about 18 months ago.

The North also sent a delegation to Seoul to mourn the death of former South Korean

President Kim Dae-jung.

South Korean media reported earlier this week that Pyongyang invited Washington's two top envoys on North Korea to visit in what would be their first nuclear talks since President Barack Obama took office.

State Department spokesman Philip Crowley told reporters Thursday that the US has not received a formal invitation from the North.

He also said special envoy Stephen Bosworth plans to travel to Asia soon, but won't go to North Korea.

South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported Friday that four North Korean officials visited the US last week to meet with American relief organizations and discuss the resumption of food aid to the impoverished nation. But their trip did not include meetings with US government officials, Yonhap said, citing unidentified sources in Washington.



Kim Young-Chol (L), secretary general of the South Korean Red Cross, and Choi Sung-lk (R), vice president of central committee at the North Korean Red Cross, shake hands after making an agreement on family reunions at the North's Mount Kumgang resort yesterday.

## US abductee emerges after 18 years, with captor's children

AFP, San Francisco

A woman kidnapped when she was only 11 has been reunited with her family after an 18-year ordeal during which she was kept in a hidden backyard and had two children with her abductor.

Jaycee Lee Dugard, now 29, was found after she accompanied Phillip Garrido, a convicted sex offender and rapist, to a meeting with his parole officer.

Garrido, 58, is believed to have snatched Dugard off the streets of South Lake Tahoe, California in 1991 and



Jaycee Lee Dugard

fathered her two girls, now aged 11 and 15. He and his 54-year-old wife, Nancy, were in police custody after being charged with kidnapping Dugard to commit rape.

## Jackson family told cops about drugs

AP, Los Angeles

Police who searched Michael Jackson's home the day after he died were acting on information from family members who said they'd found a bag of heroin in his bedroom, but a person with knowledge of subsequent test results on the substance said it turned out not to be the drug.

The search did, however, turn up a number of other drugs including marijuana, the generic form of Valium and other sedatives. A detective also indicated Jackson's body showed signs of injections.

The disclosure came in an affidavit supporting a search warrant that was executed June 26, three days earlier than any previously reported search of

Jackson's rented mansion in Bel-Air.

Two warrants came to light Thursday after several media outlets including The Associated Press asked to unseal four search warrants Los Angeles police detectives served in the early days of the Jackson death probe. The judge ordered two of the documents to remain sealed.

The unsealed warrants provide a glimpse into how police were directing their investigation immediately after Jackson's death. The warrant served at his rented Bel-Air mansion the day after he died lists "PC 187," the California penal code for murder, in the box labelled "probable cause."

## UN fears swine, bird flu combination

AFP, Rome

A swine flu outbreak in Turkey in Chile raises fears that the new virus could combine with avian influenza and mutate into a more dangerous disease, a UN agency warned Thursday.

The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) expressed concern that other poultry farms around the world could become infected with the A(H1N1) virus, which had until now only been detected in humans and pigs.

"The current H1N1 virus strain is a mixture of human, pig and bird genes and has proved to be very contagious but no more deadly than

common seasonal flu viruses," the Rome-based agency said in a statement.

"However, it could theoretically become more dangerous if it adds virulence by combining with H5N1, commonly known as avian flu, which is far more deadly but harder to pass along among humans," it said.

The FAO noted that Chile does not have avian influenza, also known as bird flu.

However, it added, "In South-East Asia where there is a lot of the (avian) virus circulating in poultry, the introduction of H1N1 in these populations would be of a greater concern."

## US aims to 'eliminate' Venezuela govt Says Castro

AFP, Havana

Former Cuban leader Fidel Castro accused the United States Thursday of seeking to "eliminate" Venezuela's leftist government and amass power in South America through its military deals with Colombia.

His attack came on the eve of a summit of South American presidents that could be overshadowed by a growing row over a deal between Washington and Bogota to give the American military access to seven Colombian bases.

## Iran warns US over ME peace talks

AFP, Tehran

Iran yesterday warned the United States to shift from its previous policies on the Middle East conflict, a day after Israel called for tougher sanctions against Tehran over its nuclear drive.

"We warn the US government and (President Barack) Obama not to fall into the trap laid by former US politicians on the issue of Palestine," Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki was quoted as saying by the Fars news agency.

"The US government should know the new Middle East peace plan cannot ignore Palestinians' rights and that this plan does not secure the least of Palestinians' demands," he

said.

Mottaki also insisted that Iran's national interests were tied up with "obtaining Palestinians' rights."

Iran does not recognise Israel and Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's frequent verbal attacks on the Jewish state have ratcheted up tension between the two over the past four years.

The Islamic republic is also a staunch supporter of Islamist militant Palestinian groups and the Lebanese Shiite militia Hezbollah.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called Thursday for "crippling sanctions" against Iran to stop its disputed nuclear work as he expressed hopes for a quick resumption of Middle East peace talks.

## Thousands bid farewell to Ted

AFP, Boston

Edward Kennedy's body lay in state at his beloved hometown of Boston for the second day Friday, as huge crowds kept pouring in to bid a final farewell to the legendary senator.

The flag-draped coffin remained open for public viewing until 2:00 am (0600 GMT) after thousands of people lined up for hours outside the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library that the man locals knew simply as "Teddy" had built to honour his slain brother. Within an hour of the line opening to the public on the first of two days of wake Thursday, 12,000 people had come to pay their respects to the liberal "lion of the Senate," a number that nearly doubled in the late-night hours, Kennedy's office said.



A woman reacts as she views the flag-draped casket of US Senator Edward Kennedy on Thursday at the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston.



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Qualification and Experience: Master's Degree in any discipline  
Minimum 5-7 years practical experience in micro-credit/community financing and experience of working with NGOs; and community organizations, Experience with community financing would be an added advantage. Having valid Motorcycle driving license  
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