

EU says it's ready for talks or confrontation with Iran

AFP, Stockholm
Sweden's EU presidency said it was ready for talks or confrontation with Iran over its nuclear programme...

Reinfeldt, speaking at a separate press conference, said Europe needed to remain united in its opposition to Iran's nuclear programme...

suspect Ahmad Vahidi as defence minister was a provocation.
We feel a situation where we often come back to provocations...

Ex-US soldier gets life for Iraqi girl's rape, murder

AFP, Paducah, Kentucky
A former US soldier will spend his life in prison for the gang rape and murder of an Iraqi girl...



PHOTO: AFP
Palestinian women try to comfort the sister of Ghazi al-Zaanin, 15, during his funeral in Beit Hanun in the northern Gaza Strip yesterday...



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Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez is greeted with petals during his visit to Damascus on Friday...

'Dozens killed' as Yemen ceasefire cracks: Army

AFP, Sanaa
Dozens of people were killed or wounded in clashes between Shia rebels and the Yemeni army overnight...

The government announced on Friday evening that it would declare a ceasefire in response to requests from humanitarian agencies...

Abbas sees no point in meeting Netanyahu if settlements grow

AFP, Cairo
Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas said on Friday that he sees no point in meeting Benjamin Netanyahu if the Israeli premier approves a fast expansion of West Bank settlements...

freeze settlements as a first step to peace negotiations.
An Israeli government official told AFP on Friday that Netanyahu will approve the construction of hundreds of homes in West Bank settlements...

US, S Korea in top-level talks on N Korean nukes

AFP, Seoul
The United States and South Korea on Saturday held top-level talks to discuss ways to press North Korea to return to disarmament talks...

nated response," Yonhap quoted an informed source as saying.
In a defiant response to tougher UN sanctions imposed after the nuclear test, Pyongyang said Friday that experimental uranium enrichment was entering the completion phase...

Senior Bush official can be sued for wrongful detention: US court

AFP, Washington
Former US president George W Bush's top law enforcer John Ashcroft could be sued and held personally responsible for the wrongful detention of a US "terror" witness...

American citizen who brought the complaint.
The "aggressive detention of lawbreakers and material witnesses is vital to preventing, disrupting or delaying new attacks," Ashcroft said...



PHOTO: AFP
German Chancellor Angela Merkel (C) greets admirers during election campaigning in her constituency in the northern German city of Stralsund yesterday.

Mousavi vows to continue fighting election 'fraud'

AFP, Tehran
Iran's opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi yesterday renewed fraud allegations against the authorities over June's disputed presidential election...

His call came two days after Iran's conservative-dominated parliament united behind President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to approve the vast majority of his new cabinet...

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25 killed in fresh clashes in south Sudan: Military

AFP, Juba
Twenty-five people have been killed and several more wounded in clashes in the tense oil-rich Upper Nile region of south Sudan, a military spokesman said yesterday...

Heavily armed fighters attacked an ethnic Dinka settlement in Bony-Thiang, north of the state capital Malakal, early on Friday, Major General Kuol Diem Kuol, of the southern Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), said...



PHOTO: AFP
A crew member of the schooner Tara casts off yesterday at Lorient's harbour as the ship is leaving for a three-year scientific voyage on the trail of naturalist Charles Darwin...

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