

Time to act on N Korea nuke talks, Says China

AP, Beijing

North Korea is showing signs of flexibility over returning to nuclear disarmament talks, and other countries must seize the opportunity to get the negotiations back on track, China's premier said yesterday.

Japan and South Korea.

The three leaders said they agreed on the need to work together on the nuclear issue and to jointly tackle other challenges, such as expanding trade and investment ties as they move toward greater regional integration.

the talks, depending on its negotiations with Washington.

Wen said his deepest impression from 10 hours of talks with Kim was that North Korea wants to improve relations with the United States as well as Japan and South Korea.

Kim's offer of dialogue appears to reflect the North's keenness for direct engagement with Washington a perennial demand.

The US has not yet publicly responded to Kim's apparent overture. But American officials have said talks with North Korea may be possible if they are part of the six-nation disarmament negotiations that Pyongyang spurned after it was condemned for conducting a rocket launch in April and nuclear test in May.



Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama (R) speaks while Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao (C) and South Korean President Lee Myung-Bak (R) look on during a joint press conference after the China-Japan-South Korea trilateral meeting at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing yesterday.

Turkey and Armenia seek diplomatic ties

AP, Istanbul

Turkey and Armenia plan to sign an agreement Saturday establishing diplomatic ties in hopes of ending a century of acrimony over their bloody past and reopening their border, but nationalists on both sides are seeking to derail its implementation.

poor, landlocked Armenia are a key goal of President Barack Obama. They could help reduce tensions in the troubled Caucasus region and facilitate its growing role as a corridor for energy supplies bound for the West.

cidie is only hinted at in the agreement, which calls for diplomatic ties for the first time and the opening of the sealed border within two months.

Some vague wording in the agreement merely sets the stage for further talks, and could be up to interpretation or dispute even if the two parliaments ratify the agreement as expected.

11 die in UN plane crash

AFP, Port-Au-Prince

Five Jordanians and six Uruguayans belonging to the UN peacekeeping mission in Haiti were killed Friday when their airplane crashed while on a border surveillance mission, the UN mission in Haiti said.

The mission known as MINUSTAH said in a statement that a rescue team found no survivors among the 11 passengers and crew aboard the CASA 212 military plane belonging to Uruguayan peacekeepers.

UK MPs face expense queries

BBC ONLINE

British MPs are facing a further challenge to their expense claims when Parliament resumes after the summer recess.

Many will receive letters from an official investigator who has been looking at MPs' claims dating from the past five years, the BBC has learnt. The MPs will be asked to justify their claims, and may be asked to provide further evidence to back them up.

Telegraph, Gordon Brown has said he thinks "the worst offenders" should be prosecuted.

International Development Secretary Douglas Alexander told the BBC that MPs had a duty to respond to the letters.

After the publication of hundreds of claims earlier this year, several MPs announced they would stand down.

It followed widespread public disgust after their expense claims were published in the Telegraph.

MPs were accused of extravagance, over-claiming and avoiding tax on home sales.

Several were found to have repeatedly "switched" their designated second homes, meaning they were able to refurbish both their homes at public expense.

Offenders prosecuted Following the Telegraph's revelations, former senior civil servant Sir Thomas Legg was commissioned by Downing Street to examine the MPs' claims.

News In Brief

Philippine peace negotiator resigns

AFP, Manila

The head of the Philippine government's peace negotiating panel which is in talks with local insurgents is resigning his post to run for office next year, his office said yesterday.

Avelino Razon, who heads the office in charge of peace efforts with communist insurgents and Muslim separatists, will resign next week to run for mayor of Manila in elections in May, a statement from his office said.

35 killed in Mexico drug violence

AFP, Ciudad Juarez

Thirty-five people were killed in Mexico's drug-related violence on Friday, with brutal attacks spanning five states, officials said.

In the southern state of Guerrero, home to the seaside resort of Acapulco, police discovered 10 bodies in six different locations, and all had messages attached, security officials said.

"This is what is going to happen to all the rats, kidnappers and extortionists," read one message signed by the "boss of bosses."

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Signature and name of A.M.M Sazzadur Rahman, Convener, Procurement Committee, APSC, Ashuganj, B-Baria.

Philippine floods recede but tolls mount

AFP, Dagupan

Floodwaters from tropical storm Parma receded in much of the northern Philippines on Saturday but the toll from heavy rain rose further as more bodies were recovered, officials said.

A total of 265 people were confirmed dead in landslides and flooding caused by Parma in the past two days, civil defence and local officials said.

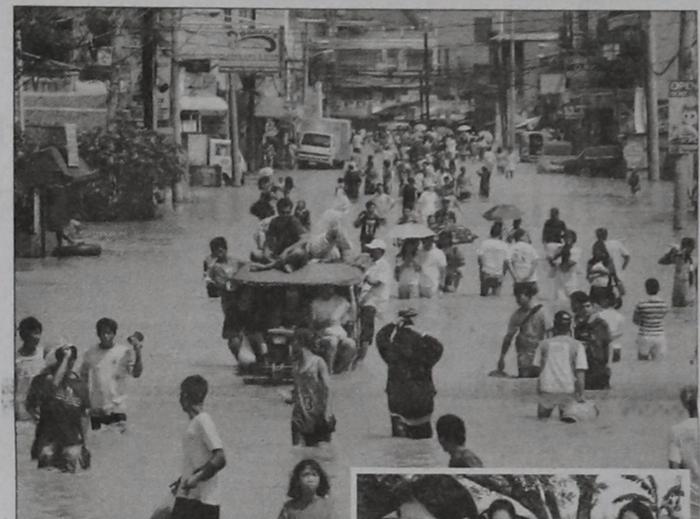
This brings the death toll from two weeks of killer storms to at least 602 with about 301,000 still crammed into makeshift evacuation centres since tropical storm Ketsana struck two weeks ago,

the civil defence office said.

Civil defence spokesman Ernesto Torres said that among the latest fatalities were three firemen who were carrying out rescue operations at the landslide site.

In the northern Mountain Province, which had been hit hard by landslides, Governor Maximo Dalog made an appeal for medicine, food and sniffing dogs, "so we can find the bodies."

Dalog said there were 35 dead in his province alone with at least 16 others still missing after heavy rain brought on by Parma caused huge landslides that buried houses late Thursday to Friday.



Residents walk through a flooded street caused by massive flooding in Dagupan City, in the northern Philippine province of Pangasinan yesterday.

Iraqis protest against January election

AFP, Baghdad

More than 1,000 demonstrators took to the streets across Iraq on Saturday against plans to enact a controversial closed voting system, which does not name candidates standing for office.

The protests in Baghdad, the northern city of Kirkuk and the southern port of Basra came after a call by Iraq's top Shia cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali Hussein al-Sistani for MPs to adopt an open

process for the parliamentary elections in January.

In central Baghdad, several hundred protesters gathered at Firdos Square, carrying Iraqi flags and placards reading "Closed Lists Strengthen Sectarianism and Racism" and in support of Sistani's stance.

"Supporting the names of candidates is important -- we have to know for whom we are going to vote," Makki Awad, an Iraqi actor at the demonstration, told AFP.



Iraqis march during a demonstration against a plan by MPs to adopt a closed voting system during the upcoming general elections, in the southern city of Basra yesterday.

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- 01. Invitation for Tender Ref. & Date: MJLL-GPE-09 Date: 11 October 2009
02. Description of Works: Supply, Installation, Testing And Commission of one (1) 630 KVA Power Sub-Station and Accessories on a Turn-Key Basis...
03. Budget and Source of Funds: MJLL's own
04. Procurement Method: Open Tendering Method
05. Eligibility of Tenderer: Any reputed electrical engineering company with experience in design, supply and manufacturing of power sub-station and accessories.
07. Tender Security: Tk 20 (twenty) Thousand in the form of Bank Guarantee.
08. Price of Tender Document: Tk 500.00 per set by pay order only payable to Mobil Jamuna Lubricants Limited (non-refundable)
09. Availability of Tender Document: From 11 October 2009
10. Location of Tender Selling, Submission, and Opening: Mobil House, CWS (C) 9, Gulshan 1, Dhaka 1212
11. Closing Time & Date of Tender: 11:00 AM (BST) on 25.10.09
12. Time and Date for Tender Opening: 11:15 AM (BST) on 25.10.09
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