

85,000 Iraqis killed in last 5 yrs

Says Iraqi Human Rights Ministry report

AP, Baghdad

At least 85,000 people lost their lives from 2004 to 2008 during Iraq's violent, sectarian uprising, according to the first official report by the Iraqi government on the death toll since the war began.

The report, released by the Iraqi Human Rights Ministry late Tuesday as part of a larger study on the country's human rights situation, said 85,694 people were killed from 2004-08, and 147,195 were wounded during the same period.

The Iraqi death toll has been a hotly disputed subject and critics on both sides of the political spectrum have accused the other side of manipulating the death num-

bers to sway public opinion. As Iraq became increasingly violent following the 2003 US-led invasion, it also became increasingly difficult to independently track such figures on a wide scale.

The report was based on death certificates issued by the health ministry and constitutes the first official finding by a government ministry on the death toll since the war began in 2003.

Statistics for 2003 have been extremely difficult to obtain as there was no functioning Iraqi government during that time and the interim Iraqi government was not seated until mid-2004.

The report described the years that followed the US-led

invasion, which toppled Saddam Hussein's regime, as extremely violent years.

"Through the terrorist attacks like explosions, assassinations, kidnappings and forced displacements, the outlawed groups have created these terrible figures which represent a big challenge for the rule of law and for the Iraqi people," it said.

The report also breaks down some specific numbers, saying 1,279 children and 2,334 women were killed. It also puts the death toll of the university professors at 263, judges at 21, lawyers 95 and journalists at 269. Some of the professions, which were specifically targeted as the country descended into chaos.

Eight killed in Baghdad attacks

AFP, Baghdad

Simultaneous mortar attacks and shootings during jewelry heists killed eight people and wounded 14 at a popular market in northwestern Baghdad on Wednesday, an interior ministry official said.

Three mortars struck Jawadain market in the predominantly Shiite neighbourhood of Shaala at around noon (0900 GMT), killing seven people and wounding 14, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.



Kyrgyzstan Prime Minister Igor V Chudinov (L), Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (C) and Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin take part in a news conference after the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation meeting at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing yesterday.

Israel still holds 335 Palestinians without trial

Say rights groups

AFP, Jerusalem

Israel is currently holding 335 Palestinians without trial in breach of international law, two Israeli human rights groups said yesterday.

Of the 335 Palestinians held in so-called administrative detention, one is a minor and three are women.

One of the prisoners has been held for more than four and a half years without trial and another 28 have been in detention for between two and four years, HaMoked and B'Tselem said.

Israel's policy of "extensive detentions breaches international law which permits use of administrative detention only in very extreme cases," the groups said.

India asks Pakistan to halt Kashmir infiltration

ANI, Srinagar

Union Home Minister P Chidambaram yesterday warned Pakistan to halt the increase in infiltration across the border, saying not doing so would invite a telling response from Indian security forces.

Addressing the All India Editors Conference on Social and Infrastructure here, Chidambaram said, "A spurt in infiltration has been seen after the general elections and the number did rise in the last two to three months from PoK and Pakistan."

However, he said, that it is likely to come down during the winter.

Elaborating on the issue of infiltration, Chidambaram said that it was a major cause for increased violence in Jammu and Kashmir.

"A major cause of the continuing violence in Jammu and Kashmir is the cross border infiltration from the other side. Infiltrators are being trained and assisted by Pakistan," he said.

"Jammu and Kashmir is the most valuable state in the country and there is no space for problems in the state. The security situation in the valley has improved over the last few months but violence is still very much a reality. There is a need to find a solution for problems in Jammu and Kashmir," he added.

He further said that though the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir has improved, infiltration into the state still continues.

"All violence in Jammu and Kashmir is due to infiltration. The Indian government has zero tolerance for infiltration and infiltrators will be caught and dealt with severely," the Minister added.

"There is no place for violence in the state despite differences in political outlook. The unique solution will be found out recognising the unique history and geographical location of Jammu and Kashmir. The dialogue will not be in full media glare. It will be a quiet dialogue," he added.

US now seeks Chinese support on Iran

AFP, Beijing/Moscow

The United States said Wednesday it needed China's support if progress is to be made in curbing Iran's nuclear programme, ahead of crucial talks on the issue this month.

"If we are to make real progress on sending a consolidated message to Iran, we are going to need the support of China," US Assistant Secretary of State Kurt Campbell said on a visit to Beijing.

"We're going to need to see more cooperation and coordination between the United States and China if we are going to be effective in Iran."

China is a close ally of Iran, and has repeatedly opposed sanctions against Tehran over its nuclear programme.

In Moscow, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton Tuesday sought to present a united front with Russia on the Iranian nuclear crisis but Moscow stopped short of supporting tougher action if talks failed.

On her first trip to Russia as chief US diplomat, Clinton praised Moscow for its "extremely cooperative" behaviour in the standoff over Iran's programme, which Western nations fear is a veiled attempt to build a nuclear bomb.

But she appeared not to win any firm public commitment from Moscow that it would back tougher sanctions against Tehran if negotiations did not make progress, something aides said ahead of her visit she had hoped to achieve.

World hunger increasing for a decade: UN

AP, Rome

Even before the economic crisis pushed the ranks of the world's hungry to a record 1 billion, declining aid and investment in agriculture had been steadily increasing the number of undernourished people for more than a decade, a UN food agency said yesterday.

Unless these trends are reversed, ambitious goals set by the international community to slash the number of hungry people by 2015 will not be met, the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation warned in a report.

After gains in the fight against hunger in the 1980s and early 1990s, the number of undernourished people started climbing in 1995, reaching 1.02 billion this year under the combined effect of high food prices and the global financial meltdown, the agency said. The figure topped the 1 billion mark in June, and was 963 million a year ago.

The blame for the long-term trend rests largely on the reduced share of aid and private investments earmarked for agriculture over

recent years, the Rome-based agency said in its State of Food Insecurity report for 2009.

"In the fight against hunger the focus should be on increasing food production," FAO Director-General Jacques Diouf said. "It's common sense... that agriculture would be given the priority, but the opposite has happened."

In 1980, 17 percent of aid contributed by donor countries went to agriculture. That share was down to 3.8 percent in 2006 and only slightly improved in the last three years, Diouf said in an interview with AP Television News.

The decline may have been caused by low food prices that discouraged investment in agriculture and competition for funds from other aid fields including emergency relief, debt reduction and population control, said FAO economist David Dawe.

Against the backdrop of this trend, the world's hungry were hit with a double blow recently. First, soaring prices for food staples in 2007 and 2008 forced poor families to sell their meagre assets and cut down on meals, health and education spending.

Court rules against Stalin grandson in libel suit

AP, Moscow

A Russian court ruled against Josef Stalin's grandson Tuesday in a libel suit over a newspaper article that said the Soviet dictator sent thousands of people to their deaths.

A judge at a Moscow district court rejected Yevgeny Dzhugashvili's claim that Novaya Gazeta damaged Stalin's honor and dignity in an April article that referred to him as a "bloodthirsty cannibal."

The case essentially put Stalin on trial more than 50 years after his death. A ruling against the newspaper would have been seen as an exoneration one of the 20th century's most notorious autocrats.

And it would have dealt a blow to beleaguered Russian liberals who accuse the Kremlin of whitewashing history.

The late-evening ruling was a rare victory for Stalin's critics in their fight against efforts to rehabilitate the dictator, who according to the rights group Memorial ordered the deaths of at least 724,000 people during a series of purges that peaked in the late 1930s.



EVOLUTION OF SPECIES 'Missing link' pterosaur found in China

AFP, Paris

Chinese and British palaeontologists have identified a crow-sized fossil that they believe fills a key gap in our understanding of the mysterious flying reptiles known as pterosaurs.

The species has been baptised Darwinopterus modularis in honour of Charles Darwin, who was born 200 years ago and 150 years ago published his ground-breaking work on evolution, "On the Origin of Species."

The five palaeontologists, reporting on Wednesday in the British journal Proceedings of the Royal Society B, say more

than 20 fossilised skeletons of the newly-uncovered species were found in northeastern China earlier this year.

The finds were unearthed from rocks dated at around 160 million years ago, which places them close to the boundary line between the Middle and Late Jurassic periods, and at least 10 million years older than the first recognised bird, Archaeopteryx.

Darwinopterus appears to be intermediary between primitive, long-tailed pterosaurs -- sometimes called pterodactyls -- and their descendants, who were short-tailed, more sophisticated flyers that sometimes reached gigantic sizes.

Armenian president embarks on historic visit to Turkey

AFP, Bursa

Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan was set to make a landmark visit to Turkey Wednesday to attend a World Cup football game as the two nations pressed ahead with normalisation efforts.

Sargsyan was to arrive in the northwestern city of Bursa, just four days after Turkey and Armenia, backed by world powers, signed milestone deals aimed at ending decades of hostility.

The outcome of the World Cup qualifier is of no significance as both Armenia and Turkey are already out of the

running for the 2010 finals, but the political stakes are high.

Wary that nationalist fans may spoil what is intended to be a show of bridge-building between Sargsyan and his host, Turkish President Abdullah Gul, the authorities have imposed stringent security measures and tough rules for spectators during the match. Gul and Sargsyan were to hold talks and dine together before watching the match, together with UEFA President Michel Platini, the head of European football. A reception was to follow the game before Sargsyan flies back home.

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01.	IMP/RM/SEM/12/2009-2010 dated 14/10/2009	Pharmaceutical Raw Materials: 01. Cephradine Compacted BP '2007 02. Cephradine Micronized BP '2007 03. Chloramphenicol BP '2007 04. Chloramphenicol Micronized Powder (Sterile) USP31 05. Colour FDC Yellow # 10 Ph. Grade 06. Pethidine HCL BP '2007 07. Peppermint Oil BP '2007 08. Polyethylene Glycol-300 BP '2007 09. Sulbutamol Sulphate BP '2007 10. Chlorpheniramine Maleate BP '2007 11. Film Coating Material (Yellow)	Tk. 1250.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 18.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 22/10/2009 at 11.00 AM Opening : 22/10/2009 at 11.15 AM
02.	IMP/RM/SEM/13/2009-2010 dated 14/10/2009	Pharmaceutical Raw Materials: 01. Ciprofloxacin HCL USP31 02. Metronidazole BP '2007 03. Doxycycline Hyclate BP '2007 04. Ibuprofen BP '2007 05. Erythromycin Stearate BP '2007 06. Erythromycin Ethyl Succinate BP '2007 07. Ampicillin Compacted BP '2007	Tk. 2500.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 36.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 29/10/2009 at 11.00 AM Opening : 29/10/2009 at 11.15 AM
03.	IMP/RM/SEM/14/2009-2010 dated 14/10/2009	Pharmaceutical Raw Materials: 01. White Bee's Wax BP '2007 02. Liquid Paraffin BP '2007 03. Hard Paraffin BP '2007 04. White Soft Paraffin BP '2007 05. Benzoic Acid (Fine Powder) BP '2007 06. Salicylic Acid (Fine Powder) BP '2007 07. Benzyl Benzoate BP '2007	Tk. 1500.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 22.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 02/11/2009 at 11.00 AM Opening : 02/11/2009 at 11.15 AM

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(মোঃ ফিরোজ-উল-আলম)

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01.	IMP/RM/SEM/15/2009-2010 dated 14/10/2009	Pharmaceutical Raw Materials: 01. Dried Aluminium Hydroxide BP '2007 02. Magnesium Hydroxide BP '2007 03. Mannitol BP '2007 04. Avicel PH 101BP '2007 05. Avicel RC-591 BP '2007 06. Calcium Lactate Pentahydrate BP '2007 07. Dibasic Calcium Phosphate BP '2007 08. Magnesium Stearate BP '2007 09. Maize Starch BP '2007 10. Sucrose BP '2007	Tk. 1700.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 25.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 05/11/2009 at 11.00 AM Opening : 05/11/2009 at 11.15 AM
02.	IMP/RM/SEM/16/2009-2010 dated 14/10/2009	Pharmaceutical Raw Materials: 01. Aerosil 200 BP '2007 02. Ferrous Fumarate BP '2007 03. Lactose Monohydrate BP '2007 04. Nicotinamide BP '2007 05. Providone K-30 BP '2007 06. Sodium Lauryl Sulphate BP '2007 07. Sorbitol Solution (70%) BP '2007 08. Stearic Acid BP '2007 09. Talcum Powder BP '2007	Tk. 1500.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 22.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 10/11/2009 at 11.00 AM Opening : 10/11/2009 at 11.15 AM

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