

Iran may ship 'part' of its uranium abroad

UN inspectors visit second nuke plant

AP, AFP, Tehran

Iran's Foreign Minister says his country may agree to ship just part of its stockpile of low enriched uranium abroad for further enrichment as per a UN-drafted plan.

Monday's comments by Manouchehr Mottaki is the first official indication that Tehran may at least partly agree to a UN-drafted plan to ship much of Iran's uranium to Russia for further enrichment.

Mottaki said Iran is weighing between the UN-drafted plan or buying its own enriched uranium.

In either case, Iran would continue to

enrich its own uranium as well, he said.

The West sees the UN-brokered plan as a way to ease concerns that Iranian labs could push the uranium enrichment to higher, weapon-grade levels.

Iran claims it only seeks peaceful nuclear energy.

Meanwhile, UN inspectors are expected to conduct more checks on Iran's controversial second uranium enrichment plant on Monday, the second day of their visit to the Islamic republic.

The four-member team of inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) arrived in Tehran on Sunday and later headed to the plant being built inside a mountain near the

Shia holy city of Qom.

Iranian officials have previously said the facility is created adjacent to a military base south of the capital and hence is heavily guarded in case of any air strike by archfoes US or Israel.

Alli Shirzadian, the spokesman of Iran's atomic body, confirmed to AFP that the UN team had inspected the plant on Sunday.

The Mehr news agency meanwhile reported that the UN team will make several visits to the plant during their three-day stay in Iran.

The inspectors are checking the plant to verify whether the facility was designed for peaceful nuclear purposes.

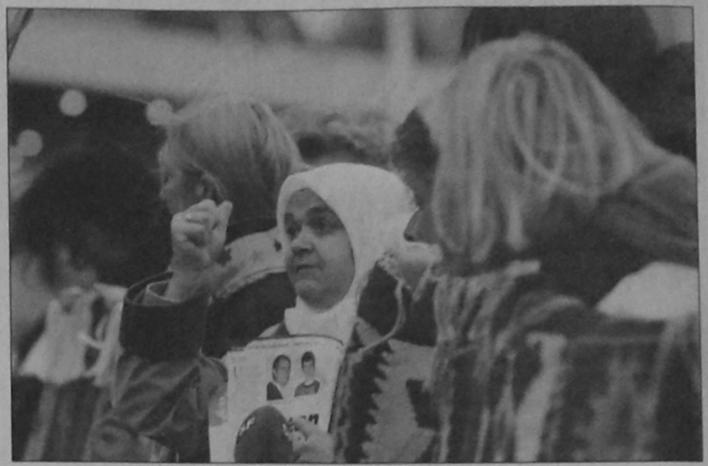
Karadzic boycotts opening of war crimes trial

AP, The Hague

UN judges abruptly adjourned Radovan Karadzic's war crimes trial Monday after the former Bosnian Serb leader boycotted the opening day to protest his lack of time to prepare his defence.

Judge O-Gon Kwon said that in the absence of Karadzic, who was defending himself, or any lawyer representing him, he was suspending the case until Tuesday afternoon, when the prosecution would begin its opening statement.

It was not immediately clear what would happen if Karadzic again boycotted the trial on Tuesday. Prosecutor Hildegard Uertz-Retzlaff urged judges to appoint a defence attorney to represent Karadzic whether he likes it or not, saying he should not be able to deliberately hold up the trial.



Bosnian women stage a protest at the start of the trial against Radovan Karadzic at the War Crimes Tribunal in the Hague yesterday. Karadzic boycotted the start of his UN genocide trial and the judge accused the Bosnian-Serb wartime leader of obstructing the event.

'Foreign agents behind Iraq, Iran attacks'

AFP, Tehran

Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said yesterday that the bloodshed in Pakistan, Iraq and the Islamic republic was the work of foreign agents and aimed at unleashing Shiite-Sunni conflict.

"The bloody actions being committed in some Islamic countries, including Iraq, Pakistan and in some parts of the country (Iran), are aimed at creating division between the Shiites and Sunnis," he said, quoted on state television.

Khamenei said regional countries must beware that "those who carry out these terrorist actions are directly or indirectly foreign agents."

The three regional countries which share borders with each other have been rocked by brutal violence in past weeks.



Khaled Meshaal (R), the exiled head of the Palestinian Islamist movement Hamas, is greeted by unidentified party officials during a press conference in Damascus on Sunday.

PHOTO: AFP

Israel denying Palestinians access to water: Amnesty

AFP, Jerusalem

Amnesty International on Tuesday accused Israel of denying Palestinians adequate access to water while allowing Jewish settlers in the occupied West Bank almost unlimited supplies.

Israel, the human rights group said, restricts availability of water in the Palestinian territories "by maintaining total control over the shared resources and pursuing discriminatory policies."

"Israel allows the Palestinians access to only a fraction of the shared water resources, which lie mostly in the occupied West Bank while the unlawful Israeli settlements there receive virtually unlimited supplies," Amnesty researcher Donatella Rovera said in a report.

Israel consumes four times more water than Palestinians, who use an average of 70 litres (16

gallons) a day per person, according to the report entitled: "Troubled waters - Palestinians denied fair access to water."

Amnesty said the "inequality" is even more pronounced in some areas of the West Bank where settlements use up to 20 times more water per capita than neighbouring Palestinian communities which survive on barely 20 litres (5.28 gallons) of water per capita a day.

"Swimming pools, well-watered lawns and large irrigated farms in Israeli settlements in the OPT (occupied Palestinian territory) stand in stark contrast next to Palestinian villages whose inhabitants struggle even to meet their domestic water needs."

The Israeli foreign ministry responded to a similar report by the World Bank in April, saying Israel shares water resources with Palestinians in a fair manner.

Asteroids should be next small step for man in space

ANI, London

An expert panel appointed by US President Barack Obama has recommended bypassing the Moon in favour of an asteroid for future manned missions in space.

According to a report in the Telegraph, the target for future space missions would be an as yet-identified asteroid - one of the countless ancient pieces of debris from the dawn of the solar system that still circle the sun.

It might measure just 500 yards across, with a surface area no greater than the Vatican City.

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Confrontation ruled

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Price spiral of essentials, human rights violations, rampant corruption and politicisation, persecution of journalists and minorities, and rise of militancy made matters even worse.

Against this backdrop, the AL-led opposition's ultimatum for the government to quit by April clearly put the BNP-Jamaat alliance on edge.

Attacks on Sheikh Hasina and AL men, oppression on opposition leaders and activists including mass arrests, resignation of two BNP lawmakers and their joining Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh, vigilante campaign by Siddiqui Islam Bangla Bhai's Jagrata Muslim Janata in northern districts, defeat in a legal battle over army deployment in the Dhaka-10 by-election, and a rigged election in the same constituency left the ruling alliance mired deep in controversy.

And then there was Hawa Bhaban, the Banani office from where Tarique Rahman would pull the strings behind the prime minister and her cabinet. AL even announced programmes to lay siege to the controversial office.

Interestingly, the government blamed the main opposition AL for all the ills of the country. Instead of carrying out fair probe into the blasts and killings, it used the law enforcers to incriminate the opposition leaders and workers.

Here is an order of major attacks that took place between January and August 21, 2004:

January 12: Four killed and 37 others injured in bomb

explosion at the shrine of Hazrat Shahjalal in Sylhet

January 15: Journalist Manik Saha bombed to death in Khulna

January 29: Blasts in Khulna kill two including an AL leader

February 27: Noted writer Humayun Azad critically injured in machete attack near Bangla Academy in the capital

April 2: Ten truckloads of arms and ammunition seized in Chittagong

May 7: Gunmen shoot dead AL lawmaker Ahsanullah Master and a schoolboy in Tongi

May 20: Bangla Bhai's men bludgeoned three to death in Naogaon

May 21: British High Commissioner Anwar Choudhury hurt in grenade attack at Hazrat Shahjalal Shrine in Sylhet

June 4: Arson attack on double-decker near Sheraton hotel kills nine including a two-year-old girl

June 21: One killed, AL lawmaker Suranjit Sengupta injured in grenade blast in Sunamganj

June 27: Khulna Press Club President Humayun Kabir Balu killed in a bomb attack

August 5: Simultaneous blasts in front of three cinemas in Sylhet city

August 7: AL leader and Sylhet City Corporation Mayor Badruddin Ahmed Kamran escapes grenade attack, but sees one of his party colleague die

August 21: At least 23 AL leaders including Ivy Rahman killed and scores injured in grenade attack on a rally on Bangabandhu Avenue.

From ecological ruin, a sea is reborn

AP, Aksepe, Kazakhstan

Standing on the shore under the relentless Central Asian sun, Badarkhan Prikeyev drew on a cigarette and squinted into the distance as one fishing boat after another returned with the day's catch.

Until recently, this spot where the fish merchant was standing, in a man-made desert at the edge of nowhere, represented one of the world's worst environmental calamities.

Now fresh water was lapping at his boots, proclaiming an environmental miracle: the return of the Aral Sea.

The Aral Sea was once the world's fourth-largest body of fresh water, covering an area the size of Ireland. But then the nations around it became part of the Soviet Union. With their passion for planned economics and giant, nature-reversing projects, the communists diverted the rivers that fed the inland sea and used them to irrigate vast cotton fields. The result: The Aral shrank by 90 percent to a string of isolated stretches of water.

The catastrophe "is unprecedented in modern times," says Philip Micklin, a geography professor at Western Michigan University who has studied the Aral Sea for years.

And even now, nearly two decades after the Soviet Union broke up, the damage is far from reversed. Satellite images taken earlier this year show that one section of the sea has shrunk by 80 percent in the last three years alone. Uzbekistan, which controls three-quarters of the Aral Sea, has given up trying. The rescue has happened on Kazakhstan's portion, and it is striking.



This May 31, 2009 photo shows a man walking on the Kokaral dike protecting the Aral Sea some 150km from Aralisk, Kazakhstan. The dike was built in 2005 and has raised water levels, noticeably cooling the climate and lowering salinity rates far enough to make the sea habitable for freshwater fish.

PHOTO: AP

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