

PHOTO: AFP

Internally displaced Pakistani tribesmen, who fled military operations against Taliban militants in South Waziristan, climb on a vehicle as they leave after receiving relief supplies at a distribution point in Dera Ismail Khan on Friday.

Troops kill 33 militants in Pak street battles

7 soldiers die in bomb attack

AFP, Islamabad/ Peshawar

militants but faced mortar fire and street battles as they pressed an offensive against rorist threat. Taliban and foreign extremists yesterday, the military said.

by the army can be verified because communication lines are down and journalists and aid workers are barred from access to the area on the wild Afghan border.

The latest casualties reported in a military statement bring to 297 the total number of insurgents reported killed since the operation was launched in the mountainous tribal terrain of South Waziristan on October

Pakistani soldiers and rations for Pakistani troops with snipers," it said.

wounded 11 others Saturday, officials said after US Pakistani troops killed 33 Secretary of State Hillary Clinton warned al-Qaeda is at the core of the country's ter-

"Seven paramilitary soldiers were killed and 11 were No information provided wounded in the remotecontrol bomb attack," Shafirullah Khan, the top administrative official in the northwestern tribal district of Khyber, told AFP by telephone.

> The Frontier Corps later issued a statement confirming that seven of its members had "embraced martyrdom". It gave their names and said they died in an improvised explosive device blast.

Military and security officials in nearby Peshawar city Earlier a bomb killed seven said two vehicles carrying

were destroyed in the explosion, which occurred about 15km west of Peshawar.

Seventeen militants were killed and two soldiers injured when government troops surrounded the town of Karama, a stronghold and training centre of Uzbek militants, the military said.

"Fierce fighting is going on between security forces and foreign terrorists present in the area," it said.

In nearby Kanigurram, troops were facing stiff resistance, including mortar fire, the statement added.

"Fighting in streets is going on and house to house search is in progress. Terrorists have converted the houses into strong bunkers and are holding towers in strength and

Lanka police beat suspect to death before TV cameras

AFP, Colombo

A man who jumped into the Indian ocean to escape arrest drowned after being badly beaten by Sri Lankan police in the water in front of a large crowd and television cameras, police said yesterday.

The 26-year-old motor mechanic was pursued by a policeman after he pelted stones at passing trains in the seafront Bambalapitiya area of Colombo on Thursday.

"The victim had been beaten and prevented from reaching the shore, resulting in his drowning," police spokesman Nimal Mediwaka said. "The constable has been arrested by the Crimes Division."

Television viewers watched with horror on Friday night footage of the man being chased by the policeman and another unidentified man who beat him with sticks until he collapsed in the water and drowned.

US requests doubling of its diplomats in Pakistan

ANI, Islamabad

Pakistan's Foreign Ministry has informed the National Assembly's Sub-Committee on Human Rights that the United States has requested to raise the strength of its diplomats in Pakistan to 749, adding fuel to speculations that America was seeking to play a much larger role in the country through its Islamabad embassy, which is already under massive overhaul.

"At present, 379 US diplomats are working at the US embassy. They want to raise their strength to 749 and have completion in Islamabad.

factory, the guards stopped us

saying the factory has been

shut down," said a female

worker requesting anonymity.

on the main entrance to the

factory saying Nippon

Garments has been shut down

from October 31 to November

29 due to a fall in orders from

international buyers following

workers to collect the arrears

mentioned about bonus for

police inspector told The Daily

Star that a large group of out-

Ershadnagar was involved in

vandalism at the factory and

on the Dhaka-Mymensingh

the factory authorities might

Ershadnagar to intimidate the

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stage-managed drama to

deprive the garment workers of

outsiders from the

Ershadnagar slum pelted the

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with stones to create chaos.

The police inspector said

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The police officer claimed

have hired goons from payment of wages.

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However, nothing was

the global recession.

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Highway.

announcement.

She said a notice was hung

applied for 200 more visas," The Daily Times quoted a Pakistan Foreign Ministry official as having told the subcommittee.

The Ministry officials also told the body that the Foreign Office had extended the visas of 432 US nationals during last

strength of US diplomats in India and Russia is 325 and 560 respectively. Questions are being raised

over the motives behind the massive expansion work on the US embassy, which is nearing

been facing a slump in orders

from international buyers due

to the global financial melt-

down, said a factory official

company needs Tk 90 lakh to

pay the salaries of the workers,

which is not possible under the

Tk 16 crore in bank and other

salaries up to September. On

salary for October," said

Shahab Uddin, commercial

Bangladesh Garment

Manufacturers and Exporters

ring to sources in the law

enforcement agencies

claimed that no one died

during the clashes at the unit.

The leaders disputed the

of salaries," said BGMEA

Murshedy in the press briefing

reported by the law enforce-

tion from Nippon Garment,

the leaders however, admitted

that the factory has not been

running very well for the last

three months due to a slump

in orders from international

buyers following the global

"No incident of death was

Echoing a verbal clarifica-

liabilities, the official added.

The official claimed that the

Besides, the company has

"We have paid the workers

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wishing not to be named.

present circumstances.

Arrears main reason

at the factory on November 10. November 10, they will be paid

Wishing anonymity, a briefing yesterday, leaders of

siders from a nearby slum at Association (BGMEA) refer-

workers following the took place over non-payment

tory are women, but a very few at BGMEA office in Dhaka.

"This indicates that it was a ment agencies," he added.

He said almost 80 percent of President Abdus Salam

Eid-ul-Azha, which is less than manager of Abedin Group.

According to an estimate, Washington is planning to spend a whopping one billion dollars for revamping its main embassy building in Islamabad and increase the strength of its staff.

The Obama Administration is about to spend 405 million dollars for the recon-It also highlighted that the struction and refurbishment of the main embassy building and 111 million dollars for constructing a new complex for 330 personnel. A further 197 million dollars would be spent for construction of a housing unit for about 250 personnel.

The clashes at the factory

erupted around 8:00am when

about 3,000 workers staged

demonstrations demanding

their due wages from Nippon

Garment at Ershad Nagar of

they visited the factory with

law enforcers but did not find

member probe committee to

investigate the reasons behind

the unrest. The committee will

submit a report within the

Munshi, also a member of

When a constable was shot

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The BGMEA leaders said

The BGMEA formed a five-

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13 killed in China bus accident

News in Brief

India remembers

Indian Prime Minister

Manmohan Singh and chief

of Congress party Sonia

Gandhi paid homage to

former Prime Minister

Indira Gandhi on her 25th

death anniversary yester-

day. Special prayer meet-

ings were also organised on

Rahul Gandhi and India's

vice president Hamid Ansari

also paid floral tribute at the

memorial in national capital

Indira Gandhi

ANI, New Delhi

AFP, Beijing

the occasion.

New Delhi.

Thirteen people were killed and 41 injured in northern China when a bus plunged off a mountain road into a valley, state-run Xinhua news agency reported yesterday.

The accident occurred Friday afternoon in Shanxi province as the bus wound along a mountainous highway near the city of Yangquan, the report said.

It said ten passengers died on the spot while three others succumbed to injuries as they were being taken to hospital.



Congress Party president and United Progressive Alliance (UPA) chairperson Sonia Gandhi (L) and her son, Member of Parliament and All India Congress Committee (AICC) General Secretary Rahul Gandhi (R), walk at Shakti Stahl, the memorial for former Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi on the 25th anniversary of her death in New Delhi yesterday.

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India accuses Pakistan of Kashmir truce violation

AFP, Srinagar

The Indian army accused Pakistan of a ceasefire violation along the de facto border dividing Kashmir between the two nations after a gunbattle left two militant infiltrators dead.

evening during a fierce 2003 and launched a peace gunbattle with Indian soldiers along the Line of Control (LOC) in northern Keran sector, army spokesman J.S. Brarsaid.

"Simultaneously some 14 mortar shells were fired from across the LOC at our positions," Brar said in a statement, terming it a ceasefire violation by the Pakistani soldiers.

"A flag meeting (with Pakistanis) has been sought by us to convey our concerns in no uncertain terms regarding the ceasefire violation that occurred last night," Brar said.

India in the past has accused the Pakistani army of providing covering fire for infiltrating militants. Islamabad denies the charge.

"By killing the militants we have foiled a major infiltration attempt," Brar said, adding that one of the slain militants was carrying a Pakistani army identity card.

headquarters in New Delhi for talks.

detailed analysis," the spokesman said.

India and Pakistan have fought two of their three wars over mainly Muslim Kashmir, held in part by each country but claimed in full by both.

They agreed to a ceasefire The two died Thursday along the Line of Control in process in 2004. Since then there have been sporadic small clashes with both sides accusing each other of violating the ceasefire. Violence has sharply

declined since the start of the peace process. An insurgency against New

Delhi's rule in Indian Kashmir has raged since 1989.

Meanwhile, thousands of Kashmiris chanting, "We want freedom" and "Allah is great" Friday held an anti-India rally in the northern town of Baramulla, an AFP photographersaid.

The demonstrators, many carrying green Islamic flags, were led by hardline separatist leader Syed Ali Geelani.

Geelani spurned Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's recent offer of talks, saying until New Delhi declares Kashmir a "disputed territory" no dialogue would be held. He also demanded "It has been sent to higher Pakistan's involvement in the

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Detained opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi is aware of an upcoming visit by two American officials and supports the new US policy of engaging with "It is not true that the unrest ers, Israfil Alam, member of Myanmar's military rulers, her

> Assistant Secretary of State Kurt Campbell and a deputy will be in Myanmar, also known as Burma, for a two-day visit beginning Tuesday and are scheduled to meet with the government and the opposition, including Suu Kyi.

contact in nearly a decade.

Suu Kyi

AP, Yangon

lawyer said yesterday.

"It could be an act of sabotage like earlier unrests in the sector," said former BGMEA president Tipu Munshi while **US** policy

employment ministry, said outsiders might have caused the incident, as the garment sector is very competitive. He said as per the Labour Law 2006, there is no obligation to notify the workers

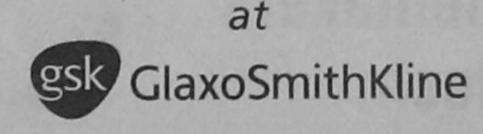
before layoffs. "This is a shortcoming of the law." Referring to the investigation report by the last caretaker government, Israfil Alam said such incidents usually take place due to conspiracy

supports

The trip is part of a new US policy that reverses the Bush administration's shunning of Myanmar in favour of direct, highlevel talks with a country that has been ruled by the military since 1962. Campbell will be continuing talks he began in September in New York with senior Myanmar officials, the first such high-level

from outside. Nippon Garments Ltd has recession. MEDICAL PROMOTION OFFICER

workers allegation of irregular questionable, Munshi said.



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