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Maoist activists dance during anti-government protests in Kathmandu on Friday. The leaders of Nepal's opposition Maoists threatened "more aggressive" protests if the government fails to meet their demands, after thousands of activists blockaded the capital Kathmandu.

BENAZIR KILLING Lahore HC issues notice to Musharraf ANI, Lahore

The Lahore High Court, for the third time, has issued notices against former President General Pervez Musharraf and former Punjab Chief Minister Pervaiz Elahi in connection with former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's assassination case.

Hearing a petition filed by a lawyer seeking registration of a criminal case against Musharraf and Elahi for allegedly plotting Bhutto's murder, the LHC's Rawalpindi bench directed both to respond to the notice by next month.

Four children were among the 11 people killed at the police checkpoint on the outskirts of the northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar, in the latest string of militant attacks targeting the city, officials said.

Earlier Pakistani troops killed 13 militants in two

Bomber strikes Pak police post: 11 die

Military kills 13 militants in fighting

AFP, AP, Peshawar

A suicide bomber blew up his explosives-filled car yesterday at a police checkpoint in the northwest Swat valley, officials said.

"A suicide bomber exploded his car when police tried to search his car at a checkpoint at a big crossing on the outskirts of Peshawar," Anis said.

Live television footage showed a huge cloud of smoke above the Pusht Khara neighbourhood of Peshawar, and the wreckage of several cars.

Five militants were killed after a group of insurgents ambushed a military convoy near Totakan village, Malakand district administration chief Siraj Ahmed said.

Eight more insurgents were killed during a search operation in thick forest near Mangaltan village, a local military spokesman said, adding that the soldiers seized a large number of arms and ammunition.

World's first flying car may soar the skies by 2011

ANI, Washington

If US company Terrafugia has its way, the world's first road-registered, air-worthy, flying car could be on the highways and in the skies by the year 2011.

The firm's new vehicle is called the Transition Roadable Aircraft.

Personal aircraft have been on Terrafugia's drawing boards for years now, but this latest project combines road and air transport needs.

The prototype is still going through testing and approval processes, but it really does fly and drive.

As it is categorized as a light sport aircraft, the Transition only requires a sport pilot license in the US.

At the heart of the concept are folding wings that tuck in neatly beside the cockpit for road use. They are deployed and folded from the convenience of the cockpit.

The plane to car transition is stated to take less than 30 seconds.

The vehicle, would allow the driver and a passenger to drive to the airport, hit the runway after deploying the wings, fly to their chosen airport and then drive to their destination.

Indo-Pak tensions affecting war against terror: Gilani

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, ANI, Islamabad

Pakistan Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani has said the country's focus on the war on terror is being affected because of persistent tensions with India.

"While Pakistan is fully committed to taking to logical conclusion the ongoing operations against the Taliban, the country's forces are overstretched because of perpetual tensions on the eastern border," Gilani said Friday at a meeting with James Jones, US National Security Adviser, Xinhua reported.

The prime minister said the US should be

'sensitive' to Pakistan's core interests including the Kashmir dispute, issues related to water, the Indian military's capability and the balance of power in South Asia.

He said the US should use its influence with India to resume the composite dialogue process and bring down tensions with Pakistan, to enable Islamabad to concentrate on the war on terror.

Gilani welcomed the US initiative to take Pakistan into confidence and seek its input in the ongoing review of the Afghan policy, but expressed concerns over the possible effects of a surge in US forces in Afghanistan, especially in Helmand.

Look for 'young' president to restore BJP set-up

Says Rss Chief

PTI, Pune

Distancing itself from decision-making process in BJP, the RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Saturday said he had counseled the party leadership to look for a "young" candidate who can "restore its organisational set-up".

Bhagwat, talking to reporters here, maintained that the RSS gave advice to BJP only when it is solicited as the party has its "Swayamsevaks" in its ranks.

On his reported statement that the new BJP president would be from outside Delhi, he said he had only articulated the views expressed by the BJP leadership.



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Indian children pay tribute to India's first prime minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on his 120th birth anniversary in Amritsar yesterday.

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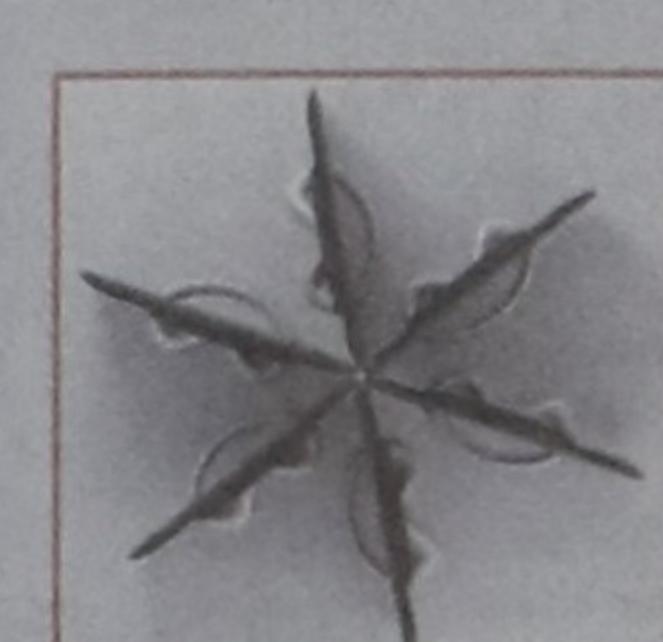
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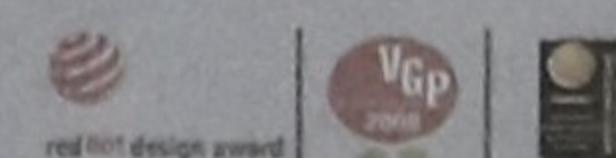
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