

# India deliberately delaying peace talks: Pakistan

ANI, Islamabad

A day after Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh asserted that India is committed to resolving all outstanding issues with Pakistan through bilateral negotiations, Islamabad has blamed New Delhi of deliberately delaying the peace talks.

Foreign Office spokesman Abdul Basit criticised India for the delay in the resumption of bilateral talks, saying it is not serious about resolving the long pending Kashmir and water issues with Pakistan.

Basit said Pakistan wants result-oriented talks with

India.

"We are not interested in mere photo sessions. India's behaviour testified that it does not want peace in the region," The Daily Times quoted Basit, as saying.

He also criticised New Delhi for blaming Islamabad for not being serious about tackling the internal terror threat, adding that the whole world has recognised Pakistan's sacrifices in the 'war on terror'.

It may be noted that Dr Singh, in an interview with a US daily, had said that New Delhi is committed to resolve all outstanding issues with Pakistan through bilateral negotiations.

"We are committed to resolving all outstanding issues with Pakistan through bilateral negotiations. Our only condition is that Pakistan should not allow its territory to be used for acts of terrorism against India," Dr Singh said in the interview with the Washington Post.

"Everyday, I receive intelligence reports saying that terrorists based in Pakistan are planning other similar acts. If Pakistan really honours that commitment, we can go back to negotiation to resolve all outstanding issues between us," he added.

# UN blasts Iran's human rights violations

AFP, United Nations

A UN panel on Friday blasted Iran for "serious, ongoing and recurring" human rights violations, including violence against protesters after the disputed June presidential elections.

Members of the United Nations human rights committee adopted the

damning -- but non-binding -- resolution by with 74 votes in favour, 48 against and with 59 nations abstaining.

In a similar vote last year, before the disputed elections, Iran garnered slightly more support.

One country who shifted support away from Iran was Saudi Arabia, which voted "yes" this year after voting

"no" in 2008.

The decision is being seen as a sign of Riyadh's irritation at alleged Iranian support for a Shia rebellion in Yemen, which has spilled onto Saudi territory.

The resolution expresses "deep concern at the serious, ongoing and recurring human rights violations in the Islamic Republic of Iran."

It condemned the government's response after mass protests that followed President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's disputed June 12 election "and the concurrent rise in human rights violations."

Deadly street rallies broke out after the vote, with protesters claiming Ahmadinejad's re-election was rigged.



A Palestinian boy flashes the "V" for victory sign at an Israeli army officer during a demonstration against Israel's controversial separation barrier in the West Bank village of Maasarah, near Bethlehem, on Friday.



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## Jackson doctor waited over an hour before 911 call

AFP, Las Vegas

Michael Jackson's deathbed doctor waited over an hour to call for help when he realised the pop star wasn't breathing, and could not be found for hours afterward, according to a search warrant unsealed Friday.

The documents, which police filed to support their request to search a Las Vegas pharmacy in August, provide new insight into what went on at his Los Angeles mansion on June 25 when the 50-year-old "King of Pop" went into cardiac arrest and died.



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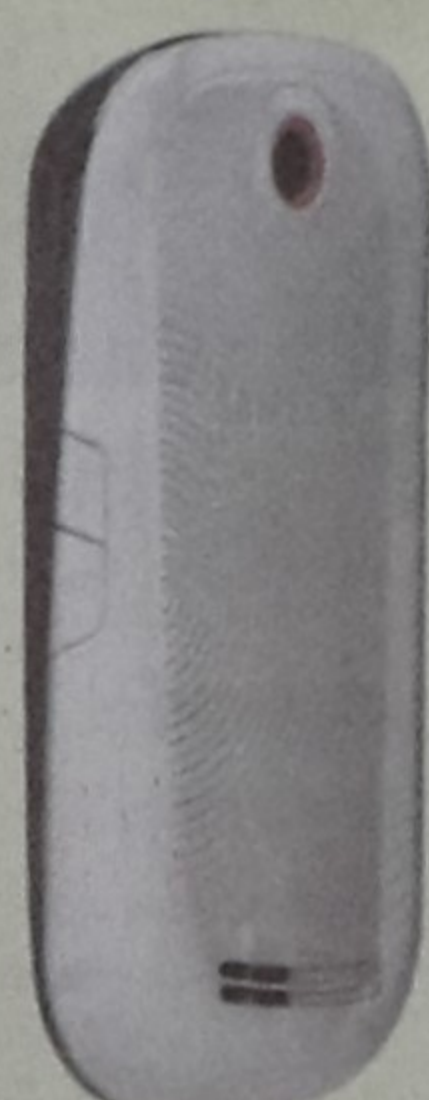
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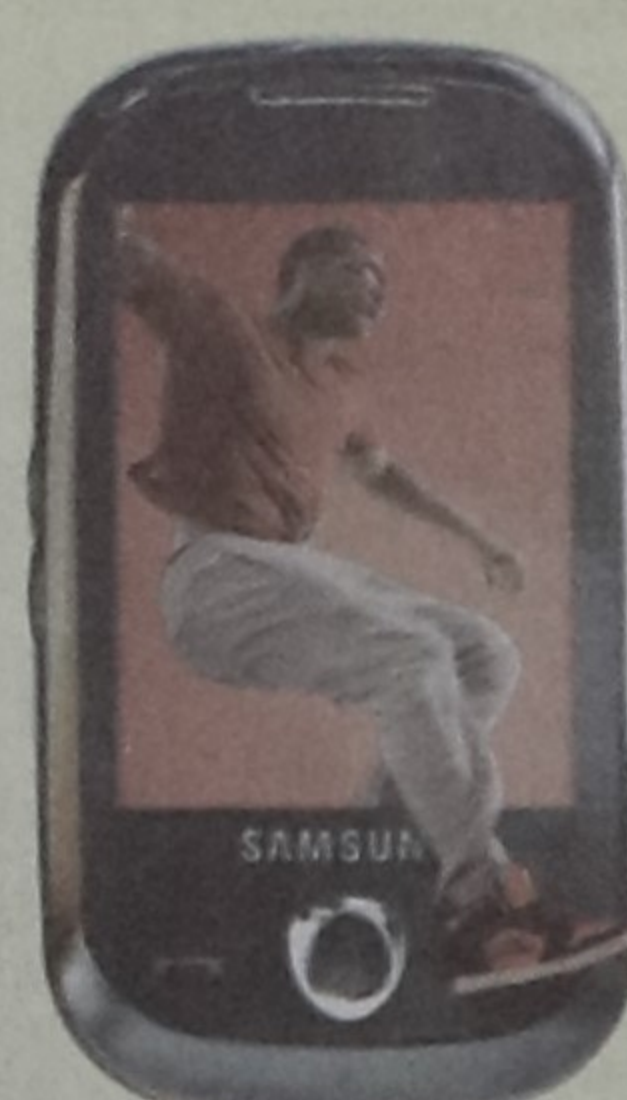
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