NEWS IN BRIEF

Somali pirates

AFP, Nairobi

hijack 3 vessels

Somali pirates captured a

freighter, a bulk carrier and

a chemical tanker in a few

days, defying foreign war-

ships in the Gulf of Aden

and ending the year with a

flurry after collecting mil-

The marauding sea

bandits' latest catch was the

St James Park, a UK-flagged

of 26 from nine different

Mwangura of the East Africa

Seafarers Assistance

chemical tanker with a crew

lions in ransom.

Hmong to Laos

search for asylum following

their alliance with the US

The United States and

during the Vietnam War.

nist hands in the 1970s.

was "deeply dismayed" by the

AP, Phetchabun



Passengers wait in line for screening at Pittsburgh International Airport on Monday in Pittsburgh. Pennsylvania. New security measures at the US airports are in effect after a thwarted terrorist plane bombing attempt over the weekend.

Though Thai soldiers were

access" to them.

Tuesday.

Thai troops packed more than armed with batons and

human rights are protected believe that the United States

and international observers should have done more to

are granted "unfettered helpitsone-time allies.

#### China executes British national despite pleas

AFP, Beijing

A British man with reported mental health problems was executed in China on Tuesday for drug smuggling despite last-minute pleas for clemency, the British government announced.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown said he was "appalled and disappointed" by the execution of Akmal Shaikh, a 53-year-old father-of-three, who supporters say had bipolar disorder.

China issued its first official confirmation of the death sentence delivered by its Supreme Court, defending its use of capital punishment as a deterrent and saying evidence of Shaikh's mental illness was "insufficient".

Authorities in China have not yet announced that the

Obama vows to hunt down extremists

al-Qaeda claims Detroit-bound plane attack

AFP, Kaneohe

President Barack Obama has vowed to hunt down extremists wherever they plot attacks against the United States, as al-Qaeda said it hatched the attempt to blow up a US-bound airliner on Christmas Day.

Obama pledged Monday to "disrupt, to dismantle and defeat the violent extremists who threaten us -- whether they are from Afghanistan or Pakistan, Yemen or Somalia or anywhere where they are plotting attacks against the US homeland."

The president said he had ordered a probe to find out how 23-year-old suspect Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab of Nigeria managed to board a Detroit-bound plane from Amsterdam with an explosive device.

"A full investigation has been launched into this attempted act of terrorism and we will not rest until we find all who were involved and hold them accountable," Obama said in his first

public comments since the botched attack.

stringent new security measures for flights around the globe, Obama was under massive pressure to ease frayed nerves and counter accusations his administration is soft on terror.

"This was a serious reminder of the dangers that we face and the nature of those who threaten our homeland," Obama said, three days after catastrophe was narrowly averted on Northwest Airlines Flight 253.

An al-Qaeda affiliate in the Arabian peninsula claimed Monday it was behind the failed bombing and threatened new attacks on the countries, Andrew

In an Internet posting the group said "technical fault" caused the plot's failure, SITE | Programme said Tuesday. Intelligence said.

The statement was accompanied by a picture of Abdulmutallab, who was described as Nepal blast the "Nigerian brother," and boasted he "was able to breach all the modern and sophisticated technologies and checkpoints at the airports around the world," according to IntelCentre,

# Three dead in

AFP, Kathmandu

Three people were killed and two others injured on Monday when a bomb suspected by police to be a leftover from Nepal's civil war went off in the southwest of the country, officials said.

"Three people of a same family died on the spot and two were seriously injured," police officer Prabin Adhikari, told AFP from Chitwan district, 80 kilometres (50 miles) southwest of Kathmandu.

#### Thai health minister quits

AFP, Bangkok

Thailand's public health minister quit on Tuesday after he was accused of negligence linked to dubious plans for a ministry budget worth more than two billion dollars.

Witthaya Kaewparadai was among a group of politicians and officials named in a report on Monday as being negligent in implementing plans for the 86-billion baht (2.6 billion dollar) budget, part of an economic stimulus scheme.

## execution has taken place. Thai troops deport 4,000 Israel building 700 new houses in Jerusalem

White House opposes settlements

AP, AFP, Ramallah/ Cairo

4,000 ethnic Hmong into shields Monday, Col Thana military trucks for a one-way Charuwat said no weapons Israel announced Monday it is journey to Laos, all but ending were used in the repatriation the Hmong's three-decade and the Hmong offered no ments for Jews in east resistance. The last of the Jerusalem, where Palestinians group crossed the border early hope to set up the capital of a future state. The US, Many Hmong, an ethnic Palestinians and the European rights groups have said the minority from Laos' rugged Union condemned the plan, a Hmong could be in danger if mountains, fought under CIA fresh setback to American returned to the country that advisers during Vietnam to efforts to restart Mideast peace

they fought, unsuccessfully, to back a pro-American Lao keep from falling into commu- government Washington's so-The Palestinians have said called "secret war" before the they will not resume talks The European Union said it communist victory in 1975. without an Israeli settlement Some former American freeze, and criticized what they \* forcible deportation and soldiers and civilians who said was another show of bad issued a statement that urged developed close bonds with faith by Israel. Laos to ensure the Hmongs' the Hmong during the war

"With each individual action it undertakes on the ground, Israel is saying no to meaningful negotiations," said

Palestinian negotiator Saeb President Barack Obama's

building nearly 700 new apart- Mideast envoy, George Mitchell, who is trying to find a formula for reviving negotiations, is due in Israel and the West Bank in the second week of January. White House press secre-

tary Robert Gibbs said the US "opposes new Israeli construction in east Jerusalem" and that neither side should take steps that pre-empt the outcome of talks. He urged both sides to restart negotiations without preconditions.

Sweden, which holds the rotating European Union presidency, said Israel's latest plans "prevent the creation of an atmosphere conducive to resuming negotiations on a two-state solution."



Palestinian children flash the V for "victory" sign during a protest near the Rafah border with Egypt on Monday against the underground barrier Egypt is building along its border with the Gaza Strip. Egypt has only implicitly confirmed the construction of the underground wall, which was first reported by Israeli media, saying it is aimed at shutting down the extensive network of smuggling tunnels along the border.

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# Iraqi security adviser warns of al-Qaeda threat ahead of polls

AFP, Baghdad

al-Qaeda in Iraq is a far smaller force than at its peak three years ago but still poses a threat in the run-up to March elections, national security adviser Safa Hussein told AFP in an interview.

Hussein said the group had fallen under the influence of diehard elements of the ousted Baathist regime of now executed dictator Saddam Hussein who were using it to try to undermine the credibility of the Shia-led government ushered in by the USled invasion of 2003.

Recently, during the last six months, there has been a change" in Al-Qaeda's strategy, Hussein said, speaking in his office in Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone government and diplomatic compound.

"We think that this change comes also through the influence and effect of them being closer to the Baathists.'

Hussein said that after the US-led invasion overthrew Saddam, Baathists had joined a range of insurgent groups, including al-Qaeda, as they offered a more potent force against the occupation troops than the Baath's own unpopular party

Although initially al-Qaeda in Iraq restricted former Baathists to lower ranks, it allowed them to gain positions of power after its most notorious leader, Jordanian volunteer Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, was killed in a 2006 US air strike, Hussein

### Request For Proposal (RFP) Procurement of Equipment and Tools for NOPP Project

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