

US regrets past 'grave mistakes' in Pakistan

AFP, Islamabad US Defence Secretary Robert Gates took on his critics in Pakistan yesterday, apologising for past 'grave' mistakes as he works to bolster ties with Washington's key ally in the fight against al-Qaeda.

stir anger in the Muslim nation, while many Pakistanis voice bitterness over US abandonment of the region once the Soviet Union withdrew from Afghanistan in 1989.

ever time and energy it takes to forge and sustain a genuine, lasting partnership" with Pakistan. Rebuilding relationships with a generation of Pakistani officers who have had little contact with the US military will take years, Gates said.

long before the US military moved in and that it was unrealistic to assume Pakistan could be spared from the growing strength of Islamist militants.



A Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) jawan stands guard at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Airport in Mumbai yesterday. Security was further strengthened in airports across India Friday and sky marshals ordered on flights after intelligence reports that terror groups might target an Air India flight operating from a South Asian country.



Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) supporters shout slogans against both state and central governments during a demonstration in Amritsar yesterday over price hikes of basic commodities such as wheat, sugar, vegetables, cereal and rice. They also protested power cuts in Punjab state.

India 'important' for US success in Afghanistan, Pakistan: Holbrooke

ANI, Washington US Special Envoy to Afghanistan and Pakistan Richard Holbrooke has said that India is 'important' for America's success in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

'Lonely' Imran wonders how it would have been if he were still married

ANI, London The playboy cricketer-turned-politician Imran Khan has revealed that while he has got used to living alone after his divorce from wife Jemima, he often wonders what it would have been like had politics not overshadowed his married life.

Pakistan can't guarantee Mumbai like attacks won't occur again, says Gilani

ANI, Islamabad While the United States has stressed that any more 26/11 like attacks on India originating from Pakistani soil would test its patience, the Pakistan government has said that it can not guarantee repeat of the ghastly terror attacks which rocked India's financial capital.

India to reassert authority in Maoist-dominated areas

Says Chidambaram INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Raipur Home Minister P Chidambaram declared yesterday that states had agreed to coordinate actions against Maoist guerrillas and that the government's goal was to reassert authority in rebel bastions.

Brown to be quizzed over Iraq before polls

AP, London British Prime Minister Gordon Brown will be questioned about his role in the invasion of Iraq, the inquiry's press office confirmed yesterday.

Afghanistan bans chemical used to make bombs

AP, Kabul Afghanistan yesterday banned the use of a fertilizer chemical also used to make bombs, giving farmers and other holders a month to turn in their supplies.

Bomb attack targets Lanka opposition

AFP, Colombo A key opposition activist in Sri Lanka was targeted at home by a bomb attack yesterday as violence escalated ahead of next week's presidential election.



Residents inspect the wreckage at the home of an opposition activist following a bomb attack by an unidentified group in Colombo yesterday. UN chief Ban Ki-moon is alarmed by the growing violence in Sri Lanka, including the reported slaying of political activists ahead of the upcoming presidential elections, his spokesman said on Thursday.

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Myanmar junta worse than Cyclone Nargis

Says IPU official AFP, Geneva Rights violations by Myanmar's junta has caused more damage than Cyclone Nargis, a Philippines senator and top member of the world's leading body of parliamentarians said on Thursday.

Americans still view Obama as most trusted politician

ANI, Washington Despite suffering a massive blow in form of Sir Ted Kennedy's Massachusetts seat, President Barack Obama continues to be seen as America's most trusted political figure, according to a new poll.