

US, Europe dismiss Iran's claim on imminent N-deal Tehran opens two new missile plants

AP, AFP, Munich/ Tehran Iran's claims to be close to an agreement on its nuclear programme have yet to be backed up by any concrete actions, Western officials said yesterday at a gathering of the world's top defence officials.

a significant amount of uranium for processing. But German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle, whose country has joined the five permanent UN Security Council members in negotiations with Tehran, dismissed Mottaki's comments as nothing new.

Yukiya Amano behind closed doors, but it was unclear whether he brought anything new to the table on the tentative plan that would have Tehran ship out most of its enriched uranium and wait for it to be returned in the form of fuel for a research reactor.



Iran's Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki (R) addresses participants during the 46th Munich Security Conference at the Bayerischer Hof hotel on Friday. A "final" deal on sending some Iranian uranium abroad for enrichment is closed, Iran's Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said.

Google Earth dives into oceans and WW II

AFP, San Francisco

Google Earth mapping service is letting people use the Internet to dive into the world's oceans or see the ruin that World War II bombings rained on European cities.

The Internet power house on Thursday added an Ocean Showcase and WW II era aerial photographs to its free, interactive online atlas.

"The historical imagery feature gives people a unique perspective on the events of the past using today's latest mapping technology," Laura Scott of Google Europe said in a blog post.

"We hope that this World War II imagery will enable all of us to understand our shared history in a new way and to learn more about the impact of the war on the development of our cities."

The feature includes images taken in 1943 of 35 European cities pictures and of war-battered Warsaw in 1935 and 1945. Google Earth users are able to do side-by-side comparisons of the cities then and now.

Wives are richer than Delhi High Court judges

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, New Delhi

The judges of the Delhi High Court have invested more in their wives' names, thus making their spouses richer.

Chief Justice Ajit Prakash Shah has a co-owned flat in Mumbai's posh locality and investment of over Rs.50 lakh in his wife's name.

Justice Vikramjit Sen's wife has four properties against her name, including a property in DLF, Gurgaon, and jointly owned shares of 22 blue chip companies and investment in 11 mutual fund companies.

Yemen army 'suffers big losses' at hands of Shia rebels

AFP, Sanaa

Shia rebels killed 23 Yemeni soldiers in twin attacks in the northern mountains, tribal and rebel sources said on Saturday, as tentative feelers to end their six-year revolt faltered.

Rebels ambushed a military supply convoy in Wadi al-Jabara district on the road between the provinces of Saada on the Saudi border and Al-Jawf further east, killing 15 soldiers on Friday, tribal chiefs said.

Rebel fighters killed another eight soldiers in clashes on Friday in Saada town, the rebels said on their website.

A military source confirmed that rebels had launched an offensive against the town from the suburbs, but said it had been repulsed and several rebel fighters killed.

The rebels also attacked the home of a leading tribal chief in Saada province, Othman Mujalli, a member of the Yemeni parliament who has rallied to the government, provincial officials said.

Obama hails CIA 'patriots' at memorial service

AFP, Langley

President Barack Obama on Friday paid tribute to seven CIA officers killed in a suicide attack in Afghanistan, hailing them as "patriots" at a rare memorial service at the spy agency's headquarters.

In a break with tradition for the secretive Central Intelligence Agency, the president delivered the eulogy to an audience of about 1,000 CIA employees, relatives of the slain agents, lawmakers and officials.

"For more than 60 years, the security of our nation has demanded that the work of this agency remain largely unknown," said Obama.

"But today, our gratitude as citizens demands that we speak of seven American patriots who loved their country and gave their lives to defend it."

Jackson doctor to be charged tomorrow

AFP, Los Angeles

Michael Jackson's doctor will be charged in connection with the pop star's death next week, the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office confirmed Friday.

A statement said unspecified charges would be filed on Monday followed by an arraignment. A law enforcement source speaking on condition of anonymity confirmed to AFP that Murray would be charged with involuntary manslaughter.

The announcement followed days of speculation about the possibility of criminal charges being filed against Murray, the Houston-based physician who was with Jackson shortly before the pop icon died suddenly last June.

'Sena won't block Shah Rukh's film'

ANI, Mumbai

Shiv Sena supreme Bal Thackeray called Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan 'a traitor', but said Sena will not stall his latest film 'My Name Is Khan'.

In a statement in the party mouthpiece 'Saamna', Thackeray said, "Traitors, with the blessings of the Congress party, go ahead. Shiv Sena will not block you. Why our Shiv Sainiks should be beaten up and arrested?"

Earlier, Thackeray attacked the actor by saying that the house where Shahrukh stays is not in Pakistan, but it's in Mumbai.

Khan, one of the owners of the Kolkata Knight Riders cricket team had said Pakistani players ought to have been considered in the preliminary auction of the players by the franchising teams.

People invited to tweet their way into space

ANI, Washington

Nasa is inviting the public to send questions for the astronauts' abroad space shuttle Endeavour via Twitter and have them answered live from space.

Endeavour's mission to the International Space Station (ISS) will take off on February 7.

Astronaut Mike Massimino will be accepting questions for the crew from the public via his Twitter account until Thursday, Feb 11.

Ban calls for 'global action' on poverty

AFP, Munich

UN chief Ban Ki-moon yesterday told an international security conference in Germany that poverty, hunger and climate change posed a major threat to humanity in the 21st century.

"There are now an unprecedented one billion hungry people in our world. In recent years we have seen food riots in dozens of countries," Ban told the main session of the Munich Security Conference by video link.

"Chronic poverty and the worst downturn in generations, these two are emergencies. They

may not strike with the concentrated force but they tear societies apart, they steal across borders and they call for global action."

"That is why I want a 2010 in which we mount a global campaign for the Millennium Development Goals."

The 46-year-old, three-day gathering of around 300 top military, diplomatic and defence officials, is dubbed the "Davos of security policy" after last month's World Economic Forum in the Swiss ski resort.

Saturday's agenda was topped by prospects for nuclear disarmament and the Middle East peace process.

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