

'Deeper' sanctions only choice against Iran: US

AFP, Vienna

The United States said Wednesday there was "no choice" but for "further, deeper sanctions" against Iran over its controversial nuclear drive, as the European Union also called for a "clear response".

"We hope that Iran will change its current course and seek the path of negotiations," Washington's envoy to the International Atomic Energy Agency, Glyn Davies, told the UN watchdog's 35-member board of governors.

"Not doing so leaves the international community no choice but to pursue further, deeper sanctions to hold Iran accountable," Davies said.

Earlier, the European Union also called for a "clear response" to Iran, say-

ing it was ready to support a further round of sanctions against the Islamic republic.

"Iran's persistent failure to meet its international obligations require a clear response, including through appropriate measures," according to a statement read out by Spain to the closed-door meeting.

"The European Union would support action by the UNSC (UN Security Council) if Iran continues not to cooperate with the international community over its nuclear programme. The European Union stands ready to take the necessary steps to accompany this UNSC process."

The Iranian nuclear dossier was the main focus of debate on the third day of the board's traditional spring meeting here, after a toughly worded report by the

IAEA's new chief Yukiya Amano two weeks ago.

The United States, in particular, is currently spear-heading a campaign for a further fourth round of UN sanctions against Iran.

President Barack Obama's administration, which has all but abandoned its initial hope to engage diplomatically with Iran, has already increased pressure on a reluctant China to back fresh action.

"While the United States has joined its international partners for more than a year in reaching out to Iran through direct diplomacy, Iran continues to resist all efforts to come to a negotiated settlement or to build any confidence in its intentions," US ambassador Davies told the IAEA board.

Indian police arrest top Maoist leader

AFP, Kolkata

Indian police have arrested a senior Maoist rebel blamed for an attack on a police camp in the east of the country last month that killed 25 people, officials said yesterday.

The man, known by the names Deepak and Venkateswar Reddy, is a close associate of the rebels' top commander Kishenji, West Bengal government official Raj Kanojia told AFP.

India, Pakistan to attend US nuclear summit

AFP, New Delhi

Nuclear-armed India and Pakistan plan to attend an international summit on nuclear security to be hosted by US President Barack Obama next month, officials said Tuesday.

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh is expected to make the trip to Washington for the April 12-13 summit, his office said.

In Pakistan, foreign ministry spokesman Abdul Basit told AFP: "Someone will go to the conference but we don't know the composition of the delegation yet."

The summit's focus is on securing vulnerable nuclear materials and preventing acts of "nuclear terrorism".

India and Pakistan crashed the nuclear club in 1998 by conducting tit-for-tat underground tests.

The tests substantially raised the stakes in the traditional rivalry between the South Asian neighbours, which have fought three wars since independence in 1947 -- two of them over the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir.

ANTI-TERROR BATTLE US to give Pakistan 1000 laser-guided bomb kits

ANI, Washington

In order to help the Pakistani security forces take on the extremists hiding along the Afghanistan border more effectively, the US Air Force (USAF) is planning to give 1,000 laser-guided bomb kits to that country.

Top US defence official, Lieutenant Colonel Jeffrey Glenn told the media here that the USAF has already provided 1,000 MK-82 bombs to Pakistani armed forces to be used against the militants.

The United States is also due to deliver 18 more F-16 fighter jets to Pakistan in June, which have been fitted with sophisticated night-vision equipment, The News quoted Glenn, as saying.

USAF secretary Michael Donley said Washington is offering the assistance as Islamabad has romped up operations against the Islamic extremists and is in need of an additional capability to dismantle the terror network completely.

The White House' decision to provide more weapons to Pakistan came as the Pakistani forces claimed to have captured the Taliban's nerve centre in the Bajaur Agency's Damadola region.



PHOTO: AFP Residents and rescuers search through the wreckage of a building after an Indian Naval aircraft from the Aerobatic Team 'Surya Kiran' crashed during the India Aviation 2010 show at Begumpet in Hyderabad yesterday. Two people were killed in the plane crash.

Ground is clear for talks with Ulfa leaders: Gogoi

ANI, Guwahati

Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi has said that the ground is clear for talks with rebel leaders of the United Liberation Front of Asom (Ulfa).

Gogoi recently met Union Home Minister P Chidambaram to apprise him of latest developments on the rebels.

Gogoi said, "Union Home Minister Chidambaram asked for my opinion. Frankly speaking, he said whether we should go for talks or not. This is basic thing, I said; we should go for talks, he wants to take Assam government into confidence, he doesn't want

to take any action on his own, he made this very clear."

"He said whether there should be talks or not, I said yes there should be talks. We got some indication that some are willing to talk, but some are still left out," added Gogoi.

Chidambaram also suggested that the State Government should wait for Ulfa leaders to submit their demands first, said Gogoi.

"Chidambaram did not ask anything about the NIS (National Investigation Service), investigation NIS," he claimed.

Gogoi had on February 19 said he wanted talks in a congenial atmosphere.

Protest against Taslima spreads in India

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Violent protests against Bangladeshi author Taslima Nasreen's purported article on burqa spread to another town in the southern Indian state of Karnataka yesterday.

About 15 unidentified men hurled petrol bombs on the office of Kannada language daily "Kannada Prabha" and an evening newspaper in Mangalore, leaving computers and furniture smashed.

Miscreants forced their way into the office of New Indian Express and its sister publication "Kannada Prabha", which carried the article on "burqa" tradition on its Sunday magazine section.

They also threatened the staff of the daily with "dire consequences" if it carried any more such "offensive" articles, police said.

The office of "Jai Kirana," a local English evening paper, was also stoned in Mangalore, police said.

The attacks came even as the state police registered cases against "Kannada Prabha" and Urdu newspaper "Siasat" on the charge of hurting the religious sentiments in the wake of violence in parts of Karnataka over publication of translation of an article purportedly written by Nasreen. But she denied writing any such story.



PHOTO: AFP

Nepal policemen tussle with journalists during a protest outside a government administration building in Kathmandu yesterday. Media representatives in the Himalayan nation are demanding an increase in security after a well-known newspaper publisher was shot dead in the south of the country.

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