



Picture taken on Tuesday shows a test firing of an Iranian Nour missile from the Islamic republic's first domestically-manufactured destroyer, named Jamaran, off the southern shores of the Gulf. This is the first time a Nour missile is launched from the locally-made warship.

### West struggles to get UN consensus on Iran

#### US defence chief in Saudi seeking support

AFP, AP, United Nations/ Riyadh

Western powers face an uphill battle in their bid to forge consensus in the UN Security Council for new, tougher sanctions to force Iran to scale back its nuclear ambitions, diplomats say.

Israel's UN Ambassador Gabriela Shalev said Tuesday that prospects were poor for adoption by the 15-member council of "crippling" punitive measures against Iran.

"The chances now seem grim regarding sanctions that will be crippling," Shalev told reporters here, in large part because veto-wielding council members Russia and China, appear reluctant to back a new round of tough sanctions proposed by Washington and its Western allies.

"The Chinese and the Russians still hope that diplomacy will work. They do not want to

inflict any harm on the Iranian people," she added.

Adoption of a resolution requires at least nine votes from the council and no veto from its five permanent members: Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States.

Western proponents of sanctions say ideally they would like to get unanimous council support to show that the world is united in the nuclear standoff with Tehran.

US Defence Secretary Robert Gates was keeping up the pressure on Iran, consulting with the United States' closest and most influential ally in the Persian Gulf about how to respond to Iran's disputed nuclear programme.

US officials said Wednesday Gates would discuss shared concerns over Iran's nuclear intentions and ballistic missile program during meetings with Saudi King Abdullah and senior leaders.



### Tasmanian devil colony shows immunity to cancer

AP, Adelaide

Australian scientists said yesterday that the discovery of a genetically distinct colony of Tasmanian devils may save the species from being wiped out by a contagious cancer that has decimated the population.

So far, the colony in north-western Tasmania state has proven immune to the face cancer that has ravaged the iconic animal made famous worldwide by their Looney Tunes cartoon namesake, Taz.

"We think these devils may be able to see the cancer cells as foreign and mount an immune response against them," lead researcher Kathy Belov said. "We think more animals might survive in the wild than we initially thought."

The furry black animals spread a fast-killing cancer when they bite each other's faces. It causes grotesque facial tumours that eventually prevent them from feeding and can affect their internal organs.

### Christians flee after Nigerian riots

AFP, Jos

Fresh gunfire has sent Christian villagers in Nigeria fleeing as a senior official accused the country's military chiefs of having ignored warnings about last weekend's massacre.

Residents of a mainly Christian settlement near the central city of Jos fled to a nearby police barracks for shelter at the sound of gunfire, said locals.

"We heard gunshots reverberating all over the neighbourhood and I could not wait to know who was firing the shots," Josephine Emmanuel, of Bukka Uku, about four kilometres (three miles) south of Jos, told AFP by phone.

"All people in the neighbourhood have fled," she added.

Just hours earlier, members of the Fulani clan and Berom ethnic activists had clashed nearby, a senior police officer told AFP.

### Scientists extract DNA of extinct giant bird from fossil eggs

ANI, London

Experts have successfully managed to extract DNA from a 19,000-year-old emu eggshell.

Charlotte Oskam and Michael Bunce, Murdoch University in Perth, Western Australia, were able to isolate mitochondrial DNA from the eggshells of several extinct megafauna, including the giant moa of New Zealand and a 19,000-year-old emu from Australia.

### US body scanning Pak lawmakers move to Parliament

ANI, Islamabad

Pakistani lawmakers belonging to the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata) have submitted a joint resolution before the Senate parliamentary secretary to rake up the issue of full body scanning at US airports in both houses of parliament.

"We submitted a joint resolution against the US law for body scanning, particularly for Pakistanis," The Daily Times quoted Senator Hafiz Abdur Rasheed, as saying.

It may be noted that a parliamentary delegation led by Senator Abbas Afridi had returned home ending their America tour abruptly after the parliamentarians were asked to the routine body scanning process at an airport in the US.

### US 'JihadJane' charged for Europe, Asia terror recruiting

AFP, Washington

A US woman operating online under the name 'JihadJane' has been indicted for recruiting jihadi fighters in the United States, Europe and Asia in a bid to carry out terror plots.

Pennsylvania resident Colleen LaRose, 46, faces charges of "conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists," among other charges, the indictment

unsealed Tuesday said.

She sought to recruit men and women, to raise money and even agreed to carry out the murder of a Swedish resident, pledging "only death will stop me," the indictment charged.

The Justice Department unsealed the indictment against LaRose just hours after Irish police arrested seven people accused of plotting to kill a Swedish cartoonist.

### UN, US slam Israeli settlement plan

AFP, Jerusalem/Ramallah

US vice president Joe Biden has been joined by UN chief Ban Ki-moon in condemning Israel's approval of 1,600 new settler homes in east Jerusalem in a move which has infuriated Palestinians.

"The secretary-general condemns the approval of plans for the building of 1,600 new housing units in East Jerusalem by the Israeli Ministry of Interior," said a UN statement issued late Tuesday.

Ban "reiterates that settlements are illegal under international law," the statement added.

On Wednesday Biden told Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on Wednesday Israel's

decision to expand settlement activity in Jerusalem "undermines" the trust needed for peacetalks.

"It is incumbent on all parties to grow an atmosphere of support for the negotiations and not to complicate," Biden said, flanked by Abbas after the two held talks in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

The Israeli announcement came just two days after the Palestinians grudgingly agreed to indirect talks after months of US shuttle diplomacy and coincided with the trip by Biden, the highest-level Obama administration official to visit Israel.

The news broke as Biden was due to meet top Israeli officials to boost renewed

peace efforts Tuesday.

Vice president Biden "showed up 1.5 hours late for dinner tonight at (Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's) residence," a White House press office statement said.

"I condemn the decision by the government of Israel to advance planning for new housing units in east Jerusalem," Biden said in a separate statement.

"The substance and timing of the announcement, particularly with the launching of proximity talks, is precisely the kind of step that undermines the trust we need right now and runs counter to the constructive discussions that I've had here in Israel."



Palestinian President Mahmud Abbas (R) welcomes US Vice President Joe Biden prior to their meeting in the West Bank city of Ramallah yesterday. Biden was meeting Palestinian leaders as his bid to bolster new peace talks was marred by Israel's approval of settlement expansion in east Jerusalem.

### UK ex-spy chief accuses US of hiding torture

AFP, London

A former head of Britain's domestic spy agency has accused the US of concealing its abuse of terror suspects, stepping up an MI5 fightback over accusations that it colluded in torture.

Eliza Manningham-Buller said Tuesday she had not understood why alleged 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed had been willing to talk to American interrogators.

She said she only discovered he had been waterboarded when she read about it after her retirement in 2007.

"The Americans were very keen that people like us did not discover what they were doing," she said in a specially arranged lecture at Britain's upper house of parliament in London.

The US had been "very keen to conceal from us what was happening."

Her comments come as the spy agency hits back at claims it colluded with US counterparts in the torture of terror suspects.

The allegations were sparked by a British court's decision last month to release details of US torture of a former Guantanamo Bay inmate.

Ex-prisoner Binyam Mohamed -- who was born in Ethiopia but is a British resident -- has charged he was asked questions by US interrogators that could only have come from the British intelligence services.



Tourists react after kissing a gray whale calf at the San Ignacio Lagoon, Baja California Sur state, Mexico on March 1. Although a debate is now raging among some whaling nations to begin limited hunting again, the Pacific gray whales have been protected since 1947, and are at the centre of a growing whale-sightseeing industry. Their numbers have dropped by a third, from around 26,000, in the late 1990s.

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