No crisis in US-Israeli ties, says Obama

Washington considers presenting own ME peace plan, one killed as Gaza rocket hits Israel

President Barack Obama denied a crisis was rocking US-Israeli relations as his top diplomatic aide arrived yesterday in Moscow for a meeting

Obama's first public comments on the showdown came Wednesday as his administration

Moscow early Thursday for a meeting of the international quartet on Middle East peace talks -- involving partners Russia, the United Nations and the European Union -- without holding her

1,600 new settler homes in annexed east Jerusalem, which embarrassed Vice President Joe Biden during a visit last week to the Jewish

Obama noted that the announcement on new settler homes was the work of the Interior Ministry in Israel and that Netanyahu had apologised.

The White House was also considering proposing a US plan to form the basis of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, the Times reported, as US officials questioned the commitment of Netanyahu's government to peace talks.

Meanwhile, an al-Qaeda-inspired militant group fired a rocket from the Gaza Strip into a kibbutz in southern Israel on Thursday, killing a foreign worker.

The attack came as EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton was on an hours-long visit to the Gaza Strip.

It was the first fatal rocket strike since the end of the devastating 22-day offensive against Gaza which launched in December 2008 in response to rocket fire, and Israel vowed a "strong" response...

Palestinian schoolgirls wave flags to welcome EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton as she arrives in Jabalia refugee camp yesterday. Ashton condemned "any kind of violence" after Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip, where she was on a brief visit, fired a rocket into Israel, killing one man.

US urges China not to let differences harm Iran cooperation

AFP, Beijing

Chinese-US differences over Taiwan and Tibet should not stop Beijing from backing strong sanctions against Iran or trip up cooperation on global issues, Washington's ambassador to Beijing said yesterday.

"Differences on Taiwan and Tibet cannot, must not, prevent us from working together to create jobs, address climate change, and prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapons capability," ambassador Jon Huntsman said.

"We look to China to support strong sanctions should Iran continue to stall on the dialogue track," he told students in a speech at Beijing's Tsinghua University against a background of rising US-China tension.

China and the United States along with Britain, France, Germany and Russia have been pressuring Iran on its nuclear programme due to fears that Tehran is trying to build a nuclear weapon.

However, while Moscow has suggested it is toughening its stance on Iran, China has continued to resist fresh sanctions.

Washington angered Beijing in January by approving the sale of 6.4 billion dollars worth of weapons to Taiwan, and again when President Barack Obama met the Dalai Lama at the White House last month. On Thursday Beijing lashed out at what it called "groundless accusations" by the US House of Representatives of Chinese persecution of the Falungong spiritual group.

The two nations have also been at odds over Beijing's management of its yuan currency. US senators introduced legislation Tuesday that would impose tough new penalties on China if it failed to let the yuan rise in value.

Last week, Obama renewed calls for China to embrace a 'market-oriented" exchange rate.

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Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani has made it clear that his government is "not in a rush" to launch any new offensive in the country against extremists based in the tribal areas along the

to start new offensive

how to proceed and when to go to other areas," he said, adding that one of his priorities is to work on an "exit strategy" for military forces that have flushed the extremists out of the region and regained control of large areas in Malakand and Swat and South Waziristan, which was once considered as the Taliban's stronghold.

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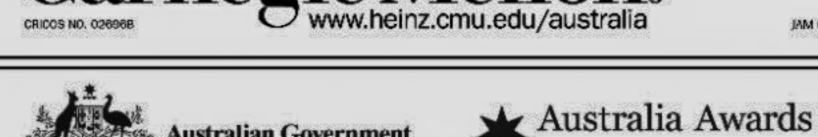
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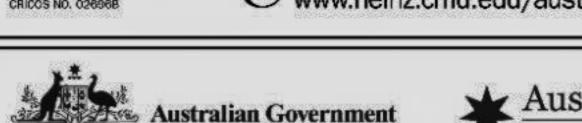
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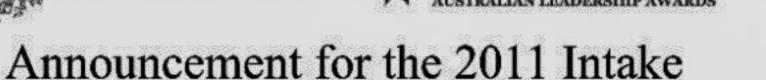
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"We're still looking forward to a response. It Washington after Hillary's departure.

Obama was conciliatory when asked in an interview with Fox News if there was a "crisis" in US-Israeli relations after the announcement on

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