



An Iraqi woman cries as she carries her wounded child in a hospital in Baghdad, following six blasts which rocked the Iraqi capital yesterday, killing at least 49 people. This was the second time Baghdad has come under attack in three days.

PHOTO: AFP

## 49 killed as six bombs rock Baghdad

AP, Baghdad

At least five bombs ripped through apartment buildings across Baghdad yesterday and another struck a market, killing 49 people and wounding more than 160, authorities said.

Iraqi officials blamed al-Qaeda in Iraq insurgents for the violence the latest sign the country's fragile security is dissolving in the chaos of the unresolved election.

It was the fourth set of attacks with multiple casualties across Iraq in five

days, a spate of violence that has claimed more than 100 lives. Attacks have spiked as political leaders scramble to secure enough support to form a government after the March 7 elections failed to produce a clear winner.

Ayad Allawi, whose bloc came out ahead in the vote by two seats over Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's, said the political deadlock lies behind the new wave of violence. He also raised the prospect that the impasse could last for months as both sides try to cobble together the majority needed to govern.

"This is blamed on the power vacuum of course, and on how democracy is being raped in Iraq," Allawi told The Associated Press in an interview. "Because people are sensing there are powers who want to obstruct the path of democracy, terrorists and al-Qaeda are on the go... I think their operations will increase in Iraq."

He added that he did not foresee any clear timetable to form a government.

"It could either be formed in two months or it could last four or five months," he said.

## Israel distributes war protection kits

AFP, Jerusalem

Israel yesterday began distributing millions of protection kits against biological or chemical warfare, Deputy Defence Minister Matan Vilnai announced, stressing the campaign was not linked to any imminent threat.

"We have equipped ourselves with millions of protection kits against biological or chemical warfare, and a massive distribution programme for the population started today," Vilnai told army radio.

"Every family in Israel can receive these kits at home and be instructed on how to use them by Israeli postal workers, at an average cost of 25 shekels (five dollars), or pick them up free of charge at post office counters."

The distribution came as an aide to Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali

Khamenei, quoted by the Islamic republic's Fars news agency on Tuesday, warned that his country would hit Tel Aviv with missiles if it came under attack.

"If the enemy takes its chance and fires a missile towards Iran, the dust from an Iranian missile strike will rise in the heart of Tel Aviv even before the dust from the enemy attack settles" in Iran, said cleric Mojtaba Zolnoor.

Iran has regularly boasted of its missile capability, saying it has an arsenal, which can strike Israel, which along with Washington has not ruled out a military strike to halt Tehran's controversial nuclear programme.

But Vilnai emphasized the distribution of the protection kits was "not linked to any precise current threat."

The Israeli government decided on

January 5 to distribute eight million new gas masks, one for each citizen, by 2013 and already distributed gas masks to 70,000 residents of Or Yehuda, near Tel Aviv in February.

Israel has long feared chemical or biological weapons may be used against it in a future conflict involving the Jewish state's arch-foes, Iran or Syria.

The country came under sustained attack during its 2006 war with Lebanon's Hizbullah militia, when more than 4,000 Katyusha rockets were launched at north Israel in 34 days, sending hundreds of thousands of residents fleeing south.

Gas masks were distributed to Israel's population during the 1991 Gulf War over Kuwait when now executed dictator Saddam Hussein's Iraq fired 39 Scud missiles armed with conventional warheads at Israel.

## UK's election on May 6

AP, London

Prime Minister Gordon Brown has publicly set a national election for May 6 a historic vote considered one of Britain's least predictable in decades.

Brown made the announcement after meeting with Queen Elizabeth II, who agreed to dissolve Parliament to clear the way for the election.

He says: "The queen has kindly agreed to the dissolution of Parliament, and the general election will take place on May 6."

## Israel warns Palestinians not to declare state

### Insists no settlement freeze in Jerusalem

AP, Jerusalem

Israel's hard-line foreign minister warned Palestinians yesterday against plans to unilaterally declare independence next year, saying such a move could prompt Israel to annex parts of the West Bank and annul past peace agreements.

The remarks by Avigdor Lieberman took aim at a Palestinian policy that has emerged as US attempts to restart peace talks have stalled.

Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad, whose Western-backed government has a

limited governing role in the Israeli-controlled West Bank, has announced plans to unilaterally declare a Palestinian state, possibly as early as the summer of 2011 even without a peace deal.

Israeli Foreign Minister also reiterated that there would be no halt to construction in east Jerusalem despite international demands for a complete settlement freeze.

"We cannot freeze construction in Jerusalem, neither in the east nor the west, neither for Arabs nor for Jews, because it would jeopardise our sovereignty as a state in our own capital," he told public radio.

## UTTARA BANK LIMITED

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GENERAL MANAGER

## US mine explosion kills 25

AFP, Washington

A methane fireball tore through a West Virginia coalmine killing 25 miners, with four still missing early Tuesday when a build-up of toxic gases halted the search, officials said.

Mine safety officials held out little hope that the missing men could have survived the blast in the Upper Big Branch mine. They said there was only a slender chance they had reached a rescue chamber where there is clean air, food and water to last 96 hours.

The worst mining disaster in the United States for more than two decades hit Monday afternoon as miners were about to change shifts. The Upper Big Branch is in the town of Mountcoal some 30 miles (50 kilometres) south of Charleston, West Virginia.

"I think it is a dire situation," said Kevin Stricklin, administrator of coal for the Mine Safety and Health Administration, saying that levels of toxic gases were too high for the search to continue.

## Red shirts skirmish with police in Bangkok

AFP, Bangkok

Scuffles broke out in Bangkok yesterday between riot police and anti-government protesters, while a grenade exploded outside the ruling party's offices, fanning tensions in the capital.

The red-shirted supporters of ousted premier Thaksin Shinawatra threw plastic bottles and pushed against police barricades, paralysing Bangkok's shopping and hotel district for a fourth day, despite the threat of arrest.

"We are ready to fight and die here," Red Shirt leader Nattawut Saikuar said with a raised fist on a rally stage.

"The government put pressure on us, but we are staying put. Now we will retaliate with our own offensive," he said, vowing to "break every checkpoint" in the capital.

A grenade exploded outside the headquarters of Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva's party, slightly injuring two policemen, officials said. Abhisit was not present at the time.

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## PUBALI BANK LIMITED

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Name of the posts	No. of Posts	Probation period	Qualifications	Emoluments
Senior Officer	50	1(one) year	MBA/ MBM with Minimum CGPA 3.00 out of 4.00 from a reputed University. At least 3 (three) first division/ class. or Masters with Honours from a reputed university having at least 3 (three) 1st division/ class. or M.Com. with Chartered Accountancy course complete. At least 2 (two) first division/ class. or B.Sc. Engineering from a reputed University having all 1st division/ class.	Consolidated Tk.20,000/- per month during probation period. After successful completion of probation period, they will be confirmed in the respective regular scale of pay of Tk.11,000-600-20,000/- with other admissible benefits.
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