

ELECTION FRAUD ROW

Obama assures Karzai of support in letter

AFP, Kabul

The United States and Afghanistan yesterday sought to draw a line under a recent diplomatic row...

to act on tackling corruption and implementing good governance measures. Observers have said that Karzai's outburst may have been a reaction to direct US pressure...

of time where we have disagreements and that's how it is between good friends, the diplomat told a news conference in Kabul. "But we're going to continue to find ways through dialogues to get over those disagreements..."



Afghan President Karzai (R) gestures as he speaks with Commander of US and Nato troops, General Stanley McChrystal (L) during a briefing at International Security Assistance Forces (Isaf) headquarters in Kabul yesterday...

No meeting scheduled with Manmohan: Gilani

INDO ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Islamabad

Yousuf Raza Gilani said yesterday that no meeting had been scheduled with his Indian counterpart Manmohan Singh on the sidelines of the Nuclear Safety Summit in Washington.

US NUCLEAR SUMMIT India asks to focus on nuke terrorism

AFP, New Delhi

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh left for the United States yesterday to attend a two-day security summit, saying he hoped the event would focus on issues such as "nuclear terrorism."

Pak troops kill 48 militants in NW

AFP, Peshawar

At least 48 militants were killed in a gunfight and an air strike in Pakistan's north-western tribal areas bordering Afghanistan, officials said yesterday.

Rajapakse vows peace after winning polls

AP, Colombo

Sri Lanka's President Mahinda Rajapakse, whose party cemented his political dominance by winning a majority in parliamentary elections, promised yesterday to bring peace and prosperity to a nation battered by decades of civil war.

National mourning declared in Poland

AFP, Warsaw

Poland's acting head of state declared a week of mourning after the crash yesterday in Russia of a Polish government plane which killed president Lech Kaczynski and scores of other officials.



Red-shirted supporters of former Thai premier Thaksin Shinawatra push against a line of Thai soldiers blocking the way during continued anti-government protests near the government offices in central Bangkok yesterday.

Thai military calls for truce with Red Shirts

AFP, Bangkok

At least six people have been killed and almost 500 injured after violent clashes in Bangkok between security forces and anti-government protesters, emergency services said yesterday.

Kyrgyzstan holds funeral ceremonies

BBC ONLINE

Funeral ceremonies are being held in Kyrgyzstan for some of the at least 78 people killed during a violent uprising that ousted the president.

Climate change treaty 'more urgent than ever'

BBC ONLINE

The need for a new global climate deal is "greater than ever", according to developing country delegates speaking at the opening of UN climate talks.

Conservative rebels launch new party in Japan

AFP, Tokyo

Japan's former finance minister Kaoru Yosano and four other political veterans yesterday launched a new party ahead of July polls as their conservative opposition camp struggles to regain power.

Filipinos start diaspora voting

AFP, Hong Kong

More than half a million Filipinos living overseas, who help pump billions of dollars into the Philippines' economy, yesterday began voting for a new president.