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4 dead in Kashmir gun battle

AFP, Srinagar

An army soldier and three suspected militants were killed in Indian Kashmir during a raid on a house where the rebels were hiding, the military said yesterday.

"In the initial firing by militants a soldier was killed and another injured," army spokesman Vineet Sood told AFP after the incident late Tuesday, adding that three militants died in the retaliatory fire.

Five soldiers and 14 militants have died in violence in

Kashmir over the past week. Security officials have warned of a possible escalation in violence after the Indian military said last month 400 militants were poised to cross into Indian Kashmir from the Pakistani zone of the disputed Himalayan region.

The insurgency against Indian rule has left more than 47,000 people dead by official count since it erupted in 1989.

Violence dropped after India and Pakistan launched a peace process in 2004 but since the start of 2010 rebel attacks have escalated.



Palestinian school children yesterday perform a dance during the opening of a UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) school in Beit Lahia, northern Gaza Strip, which was hit by Israeli fire during its last major military offensive on the impoverished Hamas-ruled Palestinian territory. In December 2008, Israel launched a devastating 22-day attack in the Gaza Strip which killed over 1, 000 Palestinians.

Myanmar junta rejects int'l polls monitors

AFP, Yangon

Myanmar has no need for foreign observers to monitor its first elections in two decades, state media reported yesterday, despite international concerns that the polls will lack legitimacy.

Meanwhile, Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi has lodged a new appeal with the Supreme Court against her house arrest in a last-chance attempt to win freedom, her lawyer said yesterday.

"International watchdog groups do not need to come," the chairman of the country's election body told a visiting US envoy, according to the New Light of Myanmar newspaper.

"Arrangements have been made to ensure free and fair elections," Election Commission chairman Thein Soe was quoting as telling US Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Kurt Campbell on Monday.

The Nobel peace laureate, who has spent most of the last two decades locked up, had her detention lengthened by 18 months in August last year after being convicted over a bizarre incident in which a US man swam to her lakeside home.

She has already had her appeal rejected twice, most recently by the Supreme Court in the former capital Yangon in February. The court is expected to take about two weeks to reach a

decision on whether they will agree to a hearing for the new "special" appeal, which was submitted on Monday, her lawyer Nyan Win told AFP.

"If law and order prevails, Daw Suu will be freed as she is not guilty. There is nothing more we can do under the law if they reject it again," he said. "Daw" is a term of respect in Myanmar.

Suu Kyi has been in jail or under house arrest for 14 of the past 20 years. Her National League for Democracy (NLD) won 1990 elections by a landslide but was prevented by the junta from taking power.

on new charge

AFP, Colombo

frivolous case."

Sri Lanka's ex-army chief and defeated presidential candidate Sarath Fonseka was for the first time hauled before a civilian court yesterday and accused of inciting violence.

Fonseka, who is in military custody and faces separate court martial charges of dabbling in politics while in uniform and corrupt procurements, was brought before a magistrate over his reported comments against the president's brother.

Police investigators told the court that Fonseka had alleged in a newspaper interview that the president's younger brother and defence secretary, Gotabhaya Rajapakse, had ordered the killing of surrendering Tamil rebels last year.

Fonseka was taken before Colombo chief magistrate Champa Rajaratne as a suspect who had "incited unrest" in the country through the interview last year. He says the newspaper misquoted him.

It was Fonseka's first appearance before a civilian court However, he has filed several petitions in higher courts challenging his arrest in February, 12 days after he failed to unseat President Mahinda Rajapakse in elections.

Fonseka led the military onslaught which resulted in the annihilation of the separatist Tamil Tiger leadership in May last year and effectively ended 37 years of ethnic conflict which had claimed up to 100,000 lives.

Fonseka fell out with the president and his brother over who should take the most credit for the victory.

He quit the army and unsuccessfully ran for president in January, but did succeed with a bid for a parliamentary seat in April elections. Fonseka's lawyers said the latest allegation against the for-

mer army commander was politically motivated. "It is ironic that the man who was hailed a national hero for crushing Tamil Tigers is being brought before court exactly a year later," Fonseka's lawyer Nalin Laduwahetty said. "This is a

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Fonseka in court India not paranoid over China: Antony

INDO ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, REUTERS, New

Defence Minister AK Antony yesterday categorically denied that the Indian government was 'paranoid' about China as his ministerial colleague Jairam Ramesh had said in Beijing.

'There is nothing like that,' Antony told reporters here when asked if the Indian security establishment was really 'paranoid' and 'alarmist' vis-a-vis China as Ramesh, the environment and forests minister, had said in Beijing. 'Our government has a policy to maintain

good and friendly relationships with our neighbours. That applies to China also. China is our largest trading partner. That should explain it,' the defence minister said on the margins of a conference here. India, Antony said, has border disputes with

China but relations between the two countries

'have improved a lot' compared to earlier. 'We even had a joint military exercise with China,' the minister added, denying Ramesh's criticism of India's policy towards Chinese companies.

The environment minister created a flutter

when he said in Beijing Saturday that the policies of the Indian home ministry and security establishment towards Chinese companies were 'alarmist and paranoid'.

The remarks had Prime Minister Manmohan Singh rebuking Jairam Ramesh and asking him not to comment on the functioning of ministries outside his domain.

Meanwhile, Huawei Technologies, China's top telecommunications equipment maker, said on Wednesday it is considering building a factory in India, after its imports to the country were slowed over government security con-

A Huawei spokesman in India said a facility could be set up soon if the company decided to go ahead with the plan, but did not provide further details.

Grenade attack kills 2 girls in Pakistan

AFP, Peshawar

Two young girls were killed when a hand grenade exploded while they were playing on the outskirts of Pakistan's north-western city of Peshawar, police said yesterday.

The incident took place in the Khazana area where small children were playing on a building site.

"An unknown person threw a hand grenade at a house under construction in Khazana, killing two girls aged four and six," senior police official Mohammad Karim Khan told AFP. A three-year-old boy and six-year-old girl sustained injuries

Police said there was no immediate claim of responsibility. Sher Khan, father of the six-year-old girl who died, blamed the attack on local criminals who allegedly threatened to kill his children unless he handed over thousands of dollars.

and were taken to hospital in Peshawar, he added.

"I was receiving threats from a local criminal group to pay 500,000 rupees (nearly 6,000 dollars)," Khan told AFP.

"I don't know who these people are as there are several criminal groups operating in the area," he said. "These people killed my daughter and niece."

Peshawar lies on the edge of Pakistan's lawless tribal belt which Washington has branded a global headquarters of al-Qaeda, and has been hard hit by bomb attacks and shootings blamed on Taliban militants.

Kapadia joins as new CJ of India

INDO ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, New Delhi

Justice Sarosh Homi Kapadia yesterday took over as the 38th chief justice of India. He was administered the oath of the office by President Pratibha Patil. 'At a ceremony held at 9.30

sworn in as the chief justice of India,' said a statement issued by the Rashtrapati Bhavan. 'He made and subscribed

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to the oath of office before the president,' the statement

Born Sep 29, 1947, only months after India's independence, Chief Justice Kapadia was elevated to the Supreme Court Dec 18, 2003.

Bill Gates to develop Amethi into tech hub

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Microsoft Corporation Chairman Bill Gates on Tuesday accompanied Rahul Gandhi, scion of Nehru-Gandhi family, on a visit to the latter's impoverished parliamentary constituency of Amethi in Uttar Pradesh state and said he would try to develop the area into an information technology hub.

Addressing a meeting of women self help groups (SHGs) under the Rajiv Gandhi Mahila Vikas Pariyojana, Gates explained to them the importance of computer education in an age of internet and said he would do his best to develop Amethi as an IT hub.

Both Gates and Gandhi interacted with the women members, who apprised them of the work done by the SHGs.

Gandhi took Gates to a number of villages in Amethi where the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, one of the biggest charitable trusts of the world funded by the private fortune of one of the world's richest man and his wife, has been working for the last few years.

Gates'visit to Amethi was kept under cloak of secrecy due to security reasons and it was only on Tuesday that the local people came to know about the surprise visitor. Security arrangements were exceptionally tight and media personnel and the local Congressmen were kept at a safe distance from Rahul and Bill Gates. Rahul, Congress general secretary seen by many as India's future Prime Minister, has over the last few years visiting remote villages in his constituency, often spending the night in huts and sharing meals there and knowing the problems the poor villagers face.



Microsoft chairman Bill Gates (C) smiles as he and his entourage visit Gularia village in Khagaria, about 170 km from Patna yesterday. Gates visited the village inhabited mainly by low-caste dalits (untouchables) during his stay in India's Bihar state, one of the country's poorest states.

Pakistan's envoy to Iran 'attacked'

BBC ONLINE

Pakistan's ambassador to Iran has been injured in an attack by an Afghan on his car in Tehran, officials say.

The suspect was arrested, an Iranian foreign ministry spokesman quoted by state-run al-Alam TV said.

Mohammad Bakhsh Abbasi was taken to hospital after the incident in the Iranian capital, although he was not reported to have been seriously hurt.

The envoy was travelling without bodyguards or a driver, the foreign ministry spokesman said.

An earlier report from Dubai-based al-Arabiya TV said two bodyguards had been killed.

"The Pakistan ambassador's car has been attacked by an Afghan," foreign ministry spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast was quoted as saying.

JVM-P demands end of Soren govt

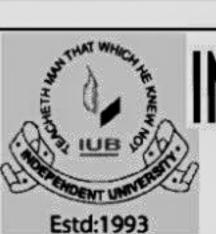
INDO ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Ranchi

Former Jharkhand chief minister Babulal Marandi's Jharkhand Vikas Morcha-Prajanatantrik (JVM-P) yesterday demanded the dismissal of the Shibu Soren government in the state, saying that it has lost the majority support in the assembly.

'We demand the dismissal of the Shibu Soren government, which is in minority. The dismissal of the government would make way for the formation of an alternative one in the state,' Pradeep Yadav, JVM-P legislature party leader, told reporters here.

'On Thursday, we will meet Governor M.O.H. Farook and seek dismissal of the Shibu Soren government and demand a judicial inquiry into the decisions taken by the government in the last 15 days, he said.

Jharkhand is witnessing political uncertainty since April 28 when the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), a junior partner in the ruling coalition, announced withdrawal of support to the government.



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