

Indian home minister 'regrets' Kashmir killings

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India has said it deeply regrets the loss of life in the Kashmir Valley, where at least 28 people have been killed in the past week. Home Affairs Minister P Chidambaram told parliament that the violence - which has now been reduced to isolated clashes - now had to stop. Most of the dead are protesters who have been shot by the police. Much of Indian-administered Kashmir is still under curfew amid an extremely heavy security presence on the streets. "Mindless violence and destruction of public property will not lead to any solution," Chidambaram said. "On the contrary, they will result in the loss of lives and injuries to the protesters - an outcome that is entirely avoidable," he said. Chidambaram sent condolences to the families of people who had died and appealed to parents to prevent their children from joining violent protests. "Your children's safety and welfare is our paramount consideration as it must be yours. And I will call you to ensure that they do not join the violent protest," he said. Chidambaram insisted that the security forces had shown "commendable restraint" despite coming under repeated attacks from stone-throwing protesters that had resulted in more than 1,260 injuries over two months. He said that there was reliable intelligence that armed militants had mingled with the crowds and fired on the security forces.



Kashmiri youths use wooden sticks as they strike a government vehicle, which had been set on fire by a mob during a demonstration in Srinagar yesterday protesting the recent deaths in the valley. PHOTO: AFP

Police in jungle battle with Indian Maoist rebels

AFP, Raipur

Indian police and Maoist fighters were locked in a fierce gun battle in the central state of Chhattisgarh, one of the rebels' key strongholds, officials said yesterday. The clash took place in deep jungle about 500 kilometres (300 miles) south of the state capital Raipur, and no casualty figures were yet available. "Police personnel and armed Maoists have been engaged in fighting in the jungle of southern Chhattisgarh in Dantewada district since noon," Ramniwas, chief of anti-Maoist operations in the state, told AFP. "There could be casualties on either side, but we do not have a clear picture of the situation due to the jungle and heavy rain," said Ramniwas, who uses only one name. Dantewada has been the scene of recent successful Maoist strikes against the security forces. In the district in April they massacred 76 policemen in the bloodiest single blow of their decades-long struggle. The Maoists are fighting government rule across a large swathe of eastern and central India with support from landless tribal groups and poor farmers who have been left behind by economic development. Their insurgency, which first erupted in 1967 in West Bengal, has been described by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh as the country's largest internal security threat. The government launched a major offensive last year to tackle the Maoists, triggering a series of rebel counter-attacks.

Death toll from Karachi unrest tops 60

AFP, Karachi

A second night of political and ethnic violence in Pakistan's financial capital Karachi raised the death toll from the worst such unrest in the city for years to more than 60, officials said yesterday. The killing rampage was unleashed after the murder on Monday of an MP from the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM), a partner in the Sindh provincial coalition led by the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP). Forty-six deaths were confirmed by dusk Tuesday. On Wednesday, officials said another 14 were reported overnight. "Hospitals received 14 more bodies of victims of violence overnight, increasing the death toll to 60," said Jameel Soomro, spokesman for the government in southern province of Sindh.

PAKISTAN FLOOD Nations pledge tens of millions in aid

AFP, Peshawar

The international community is mobilising to send aid to flood-ravaged Pakistan as the country's weather bureau warned more storms were likely to deepen the humanitarian disaster. But despite pledges of tens of millions of dollars, concerns remained that only a fraction of the 3.2 million people affected by the flash floods and landslides could access aid. A UNICEF spokesman said Tuesday that few victims were within reach of help. "That's because access is limited in many areas. Many areas remain isolated. The real needs are uncertain because of the magnitude of the floods," Marco Jimenez told AFP. Up to 1,500 people have died and the livelihoods of farmers in the rural northwest have been destroyed in the worst

floods in 80 years. The United Nations said around 980,000 people had lost their homes or been temporarily displaced, at least a million needed emergency help and tens of thousands were at risk of disease. The US military said Tuesday it would send six helicopters for rescue operations, with pilots to fly them to flood-hit mountainous areas of Pakistan that are inaccessible by road. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said Sunday the aid package from the United States was to total 10 million dollars, also including boats, bridges and water units. The British government pledged eight million dollars in aid Monday, shortly before Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari travelled to London to begin a state visit. The United Nations said it would disburse up to 10 million dollars from an emergency response fund in addition to aid already on the ground, while Australia pledged 4.4 million US dollars of help.

Suicide attack kills a top Pak police chief

AFP, Peshawar/Miranshah

A suicide attacker killed the chief of Pakistan's Frontier Constabulary and two other people in a bombing in the northwestern city of Peshawar yesterday, officials said. "The suicide attack targeted Sifat Ghayoor and he has been martyred," said Bashir Bilour, senior minister in the northwestern province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. "We are investigating whether the bomber was on foot or in a car." Pakistan's Tehreek-e-Taliban faction on Wednesday claimed responsibility for killing one of the country's top police commanders and threatened more such assassinations.

New rules to avoid civilian casualties in Afghanistan

AFP, Kabul

The commander of US and Nato forces in Afghanistan, General David Petraeus, issued new guidelines to troops yesterday, emphasising the need to avoid civilian casualties, Nato said. "The directive firmly places the presence of civilians at the centre of every decision involving the use of force" and ensures "that some areas that may have led to misperceptions are clarified," a statement said. Before using force, commanders must make sure that no civilians are present, according to the new rules, except in cases of self-defence. Petraeus also emphasised the need to partner at all times with Afghan troops, whose training and development is seen as crucial to Western troops being able to hand over security responsibility and draw down their presence. Petraeus took over command of more than 140,000 US and Nato troops in Afghanistan on July 4 from sacked US General Stanley McChrystal. Civilian casualties caused by foreign troops are hugely controversial in the nearly nine-year Afghan war. Reducing the number of such incidents is seen as crucial to a US-led counter-insurgency strategy designed to end the conflict.

POLITICAL CRISIS India sends envoy to Nepal

AFP, New Delhi

India is to send a senior envoy to Nepal to help resolve a political crisis that has left the Himalayan nation without a prime minister for five weeks, an official in New Delhi said yesterday. Former foreign secretary Shyam Saran will travel to Kathmandu to aid talks between rival parties who have repeatedly failed to elect a new prime minister in the latest chapter of a long power struggle. "Nepal's political situation is in limbo, and India wants to help them set up a stable government," an Indian foreign ministry official told AFP on condition of anonymity. Saran is expected to leave for Nepal later this week and will hold meetings with party leaders over the political deadlock.

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