

# Car bomb spree kills 63 in Baghdad

AFP, Baghdad

Eleven car bombs rocked Shia neighbourhoods of Baghdad on Tuesday killing at least 63 people amid growing concern that Sunni militants are taking advantage of a persistent power vacuum seven months after an inconclusive general election.

Another 285 people were wounded in the bombings, which came just two days after al-Qaeda gunmen stormed a church in the heart of the capital and took dozens of worshippers hostage, with 46 of them killed in a drama that ended with a raid by Iraqi special forces.

"Sixty-three people were killed and 285 wounded in 11 car bombings. All of the explosions happened at the same time," an interior ministry official said.

The bombs targeted Shia districts of the capital, and some exploded near cafes or restaurants.

The biggest were in the northern Kadhimiyah and eastern Husseiniyah districts. The first killed six people and wounded 26. The second killed four and wounded 34, a ministry official said.

The interior ministry imposed an immediate curfew on the targeted areas of east Baghdad, over and above the nightly ban on movement in force across the capital from midnight to 5:00 am.

Iraq has been without a government since an inconclusive March 7 election, in which the Shia-led State of Law bloc of Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki finished a narrow second behind Iyad Allawi's mainly Sunni-backed Iraqiya group.

Both have been locked in back-room negotiations with different political blocs, but neither has been able to muster the majority needed to form a government.

The power vacuum has contributed to an increasing sense of insecurity, with militants seen as seeking to take advantage.

Tuesday's bombings and the attacks on Christians come as Iraq is trying to get back on its feet after the US-led invasion of 2003 and the sectarian bloodletting that followed between the Shia majority and the ousted Sunni Arab elite.

The bombings are a fresh blow to the country's efforts to attract foreign investment and technology to rebuild the war-wrecked country.

## Greece suspends int'l airmail service after attacks

BBC ONLINE

Greece has suspended international airmail for 48 hours after more than 10 suspicious packages were sent to targets in Greece and across Europe.

An extreme left-wing group is suspected of carrying out the campaign and police are looking for five men in their 20s.

The packages were sent to embassies in Athens, international organisations and European leaders including Germany's Angela Merkel.

Greek police said the airmail service was being suspended to allow checks.

The country's Prime Minister, George Papandreou, said he would be "merciless to those who attempt in vain to rock social peace with terrorist acts and hurt our country's image internationally during a very difficult period".

A private courier plane, found to be carrying a suspect package from Athens and addressed to Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, was rerouted to Bologna airport in Italy on Tuesday night.

When examined, the package caught fire. No-one was hurt, Italian officials said, and the contents were taken for analysis.

On Tuesday evening, two parcel bombs were destroyed in controlled explosions at Athens airport's cargo terminal. They were addressed to international police organisation Europol in the Netherlands and the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg.

On Wednesday morning, reports said Athens police were investigating a suspect package at the Argentine embassy.

## In memoir, bush 'feels sick about Iraq's WMD'

BBC ONLINE

Former US President George W Bush still has "a sickening feeling" about the failure to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, US media report.

The revelation comes in his memoir, "Decision Points", set to be published next week.

He also reveals that he temporarily considered replacing Vice President Dick Cheney, calling him the "Darth Vader of the administration".

But he has no comment on his successor in the White House, Barack Obama.

The 64-year-old former president defends his decision to invade Iraq in his autobiography, which was obtained in advance by the New York Times.

He argues that Iraqi citizens are better off without the former Iraqi leader Saddam

Hussein, whom he calls a "homicidal dictator", adding the US is also better off without a Hussein pursuing biological or chemical weapons.

But Bush admits that he was shocked when no weapons of mass destruction were found in Iraq.

"No one was more shocked and angry than I was when we didn't find the weapons," he writes.

"I had a sickening feeling every time I thought about it. I still do.

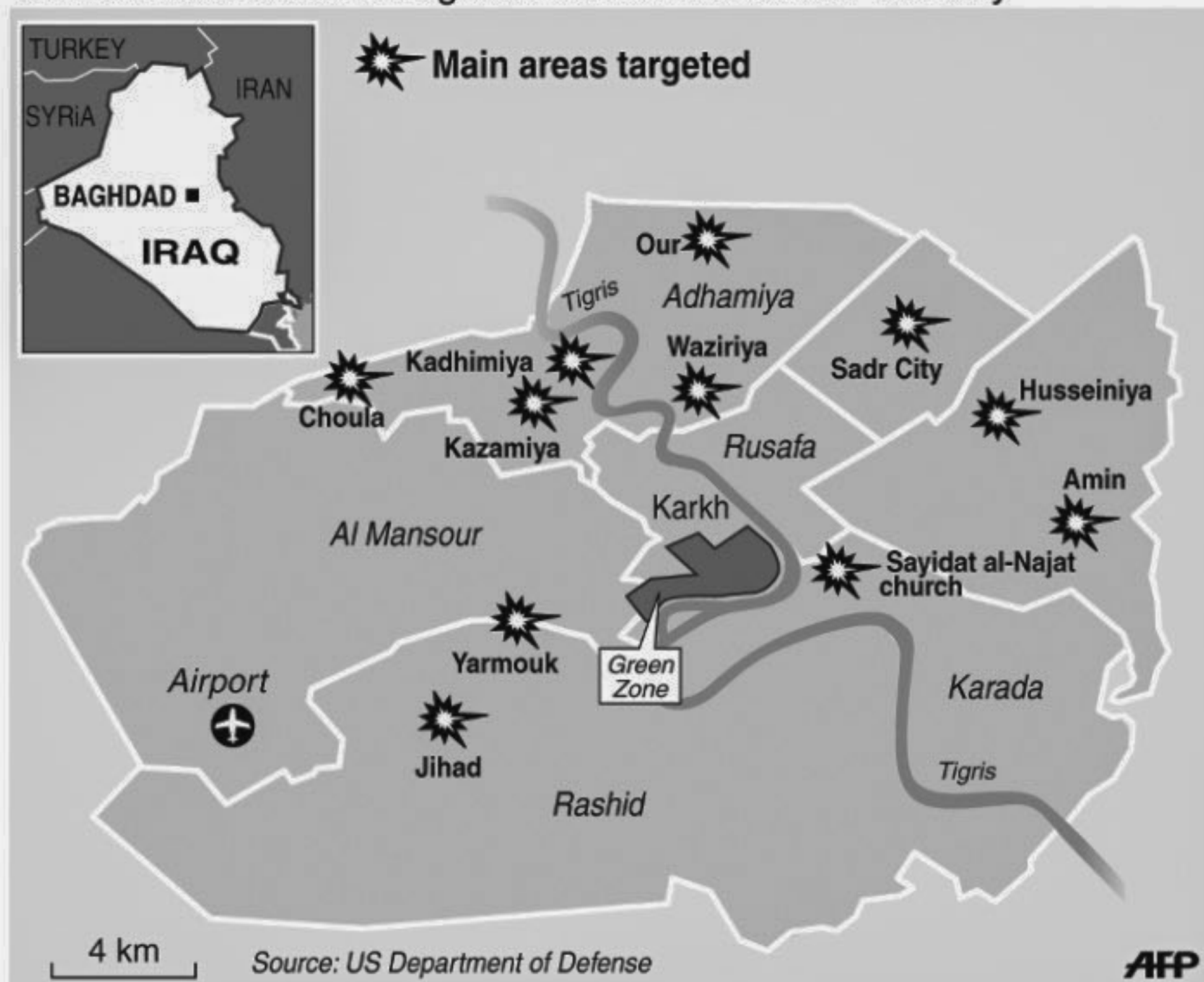
**REPLACING DICK CHENEY**

In his memoir, the former president also says he spent weeks investigating the possibility of replacing Cheney with Tennessee Senator Bill Frist for his 2004 re-election campaign.

The idea was prompted in 2003 during a private lunch between Bush and Cheney, who offered to drop out of the race.

## Baghdad car bombs cause carnage

Coordinated attacks targeted Shiite districts on Tuesday



## Qaeda in Iraq threatens attacks on Christians

AP, Baghdad

al-Qaeda's front group in Iraq has threatened more attacks on Christians following a bloody siege at a Baghdad church that left 58 people dead, saying that the "killing sword will not be lifted" from their necks.

The Islamic State of Iraq's warning of further violence against Christians comes two days after the group's assault on a Catholic church in downtown Baghdad the deadliest attack ever recorded against Iraq's Christians, whose numbers have plummeted since the 2003 US-led invasion as the community has fled to other countries.

"We will open upon them the doors of destruction and rivers of blood," the insurgent group said in a statement posted late Tuesday on militant websites.

## Iran stoning woman not executed: France

BBC ONLINE

An Iranian woman sentenced to death by stoning for adultery has not yet been executed, says French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner.

A rights group had said Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani could face the death penalty as early as Wednesday.

Kouchner said Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki told him no verdict in her case had been reached.

The AFP news agency quoted an Iranian judiciary official as saying Ms Ashtiani was in "perfect health".

Ashtiani was originally convicted of adultery several years ago and sentenced to death by stoning.

Her case rose to international prominence and in July reports emerged that she had been sentenced to death for the murder of her husband.

In September, Iran said her stoning sentence had been suspended but she could still be hanged for murder.

"Manouchehr Mottaki assured me that Iranian legal authorities had not yet reached a verdict in the affair relating to [Ms Ashtiani] and that the information regarding her alleged execution did not correspond to reality," Kouchner said in a statement.

A rights group campaigning to free Ms Ashtiani earlier said that "authorities in Tehran have given the go-ahead to Tabriz prison" to execute her, possibly on Wednesday or soon after.

The International Committee Against Stoning then said that Ms Ashtiani had not been executed on Wednesday because of the global protests the news aroused.

## 10-year-old gives birth in Spain

AP, Madrid

A 10-year-old girl has given birth in southern Spain and authorities are evaluating whether to let her and her family retain custody of the baby, an official said Tuesday. The baby was born last week in the city of Jerez de la Frontera, said Micaela Navarro, the Andalusia region's social affairs minister.

Navarro told reporters the father of the baby is also a minor, and both the mother and the baby were in good health. Her department declined to give details, including the sex of the baby, but said authorities do not consider this a case of rape and that no criminal investigation is under way.

## Earthquake hits Serbia, two killed

AFP, Kraljevo

An earthquake struck Serbia early yesterday, killing two people, wounding dozens and inflicting substantial damage on the city of Kraljevo where electricity and other services were cut.

The 5.6-magnitude quake hit at 1:56 am (0056 GMT) with its epicentre 10 kilometres (six miles) north of Kraljevo in the centre of the country south of the capital Belgrade, the Serbian seismological institute said.

"A couple in their 50s was killed at Grdica, a suburb of Kraljevo, in the earthquake during the night," the interior ministry said in a statement.

## Implanted chip 'allows blind people to detect objects'

BBC ONLINE

A man with an inherited form of blindness has been able to identify letters and a clock face using a pioneering implant, researchers say.

Miikka Terho, 46, from Finland, was fitted with an experimental chip behind his retina in Germany. Success was also reported in other patients.

The chip allows a patient to detect objects with their eyes, unlike a rival approach that uses an external camera.

Details of the work are in the journal Proceedings of the Royal Society B.

Professor Eberhart Zrenner, of Germany's University of Tuebingen, and colleagues at private company Retina Implant AG initially tested their sub-retinal chip on 11 people.

Some noticed no improvement as their condition was too advanced to benefit from the implant, but a majority were able to pick out bright objects, Prof Zrenner told the BBC.

However, it was only when the chip was placed further behind the retina, in the central macular area in three people, that they achieved the best

results.

Two of these had lost their vision because of the inherited condition retinitis pigmentosa, or RP, the other because of a related inherited condition called choroideraemia.

RP leads to the progressive degeneration of cells in the eye's retina, resulting in night blindness, tunnel vision and then usually permanent blindness. The symptoms can begin from early childhood.

The best results were achieved with Terho, who was able to recognise cutlery and a mug on a table, a clock face and discern seven different shades of grey. He was also able to move around a room independently and approach people.

In further tests he read large letters set out before him, including his name, which had been deliberately misspelled. He soon noticed it had been spelt in the same way as the Finnish racing driver Mika Hakkinen.

"Three or four days after the implantation, when everything was healed, I was like wow, there's activity," he told the BBC from his home in Finland.

## China accuses peace prize supporter of subversion

AP, Beijing

A Chinese man who handed out fliers in local parks about imprisoned Nobel Peace Prize winner Liu Xiaobo has been detained on suspicion of subversion, a rights group and a fellow activist said yesterday.

It's the first such action taken against a Liu supporter since the Nobel prize announcement last month though many Liu supporters have reported police harassment, the group China Human Rights Defenders said.

The move marks a serious turn for anyone inside China who shows open support for Liu, whom the government calls a criminal for his demands for widespread political reform. It initially blocked news reports of his award and has been waging a campaign through state media to criticize both Liu and the prize.

Guo Xianliang, an engineer from the southern province of Yunnan, disappeared Thursday while on a business trip in the southern city of Guangzhou. He had been handing out fliers on the streets and in public parks there, the China-based rights group said.

Guo writes online about democratic reform but is not a well-known activist, and the group said he has not been in trouble before.



### Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project, Bangladesh (Component A)

#### Invitation for Bids for Procurement of Maize Seeds, Fertilizer and Cool Box

Credit No. 4507 - BD, Project ID No. UTF/BGD/040/BGD, Bid Package Nos. 1G5.C, 1G7.C 1G19.L

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the Procurement of Maize Seeds, Fertilizer and Cool Box. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of 8 MT of Hybrid Maize Seeds against Lot 4 under Package 1G5.C, 10 MT of Zinc Sulphate, 70 MT of Gypsum and 5 MT of Boron against Lot 3, 4 and 5 respectively under Package 1G7.C and 139 Cool Boxes against Lot 2 under package 1G19.L. To be received by FAO Representation, House No. 37, Road No. 8, Dhanmondi, Dhaka. Bidders having 3 years of experience in the supply of the tendered items are only encouraged to participate. The delivery period is 3 (three) weeks from the date of the Notification of the Award.

Bidding will be conducted through the national competitive bidding procedures as specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, (current edition), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the guidelines.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents from the office of FAO Representation in Bangladesh at the address below during office hours i.e. 08:00 to 16:30 hours. A complete set of bidding documents in English for each package may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee as mentioned below. The method of payment for the tender documents will be in cash against a written receipt.

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security for an amount described below:

Package No.	Lot No.	Item	Price of Tender Document	Bid Security Amount
1G5.C	Lot No. 4	Hybrid Maize Seeds	Tk. 1000.00	Tk. 50,000.00
	Lot No. 3	Zinc Sulphate		Tk. 30,000.00
1G7.C	Lot No. 4	Gypsum	Tk. 1000.00	Tk. 12,000.00
	Lot No. 4	Boron		Tk. 20,000.00
1G19.L	Lot No. 2	Cool Boxes	Tk. 500.00	Tk. 8,000.00

Bids shall be delivered to the address below by 2:00 pm. on 22 November 2010. They will be opened immediately thereafter, in the presence of bidders' representatives, who choose to attend, at the address below. Late bids will be rejected.

FAO Representation in Bangladesh  
House # 37, Road # 8  
Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205  
Tel: 880-2-8118015/126  
Fax: 8802-2-811 3446

The publishing of this notice and the receipt of bids does not commit FAO in any way to any party.



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Sealed Tenders are hereby invited by Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited from reputed Manufacturers/Local Agents/Companies/ Distributors for supplying ATM consumable for ATM networks operation of the Bank.

Brief specification of the items is as under:

SL NO	Item	Quantity	Specification
1.	Remittance Card	2,00,000 units	Any reputed Brand
2.	Pouch	2,00,000 units	
3.	ATM PIN Mailer	2,00,000 units	
4.	Tipping foil	25 units	
5.	Evolvis Ribbon	250 units	
6.	Cleaning Tape	30 units	
7.	YMCKOI	100 units	

Detail specification mentioned in the Tender document.

Terms and Conditions:

- The intending Bidder have to apply in their letter head pad and must submit documentary evidence like VAT registration Certificate, Trade License, Certificate of manufacturer/local agent of the mentioned item in support of their past experience and specialization in the field. On being satisfied with documents submitted by the applicant, Tender document will be sold to the intending Tenderers from ECSD, HO, IBBL, Islami Bank Tower (7th floor), 40, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000 during office hours from 05-11-2010 to 25-11-2010 upon payment of Tk.1,000.00 (Taka one thousand) only in cash (non refundable). No Tender document will be issued/received by mail.
- Tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned up to 3:00 P.M. on 28-11-2010 and will be opened at 3:10 P.M. on the same day i.e. 28.11.2010 and same place in presence of the Bidders who may like to attend the tender opening.
- 2.5% (two point five percent) of the total tender amount in favour of Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh preferably from Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited must be submitted along with the tender without whom the Tender shall be rejected outright.
- Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd. reserves the right to accept any tender and reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited is not bound to purchase the item from the lowest bidder.

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For the detailed job description (ToR) and application form, please visit our website: www.rfldc-barisal.org or collect the document through e-mail to: info@rfldc-barisal.org (write to the Secretary).

Application should be submitted to:

The Senior Advisor (Danida)  
Regional Fisheries and Livestock Development Component - Barisal TSU  
Post Box # 69, Barisal or soft copy to sa@rfldc-barisal.org  
On or before 14<sup>th</sup> November 2010