

UNHCR signals more fight in Myanmar

AFP, Geneva

The UN refugee agency said on Friday that most of the 15,000 people who fled from Myanmar earlier this week have returned from Thailand despite renewed post-election fighting near the border.

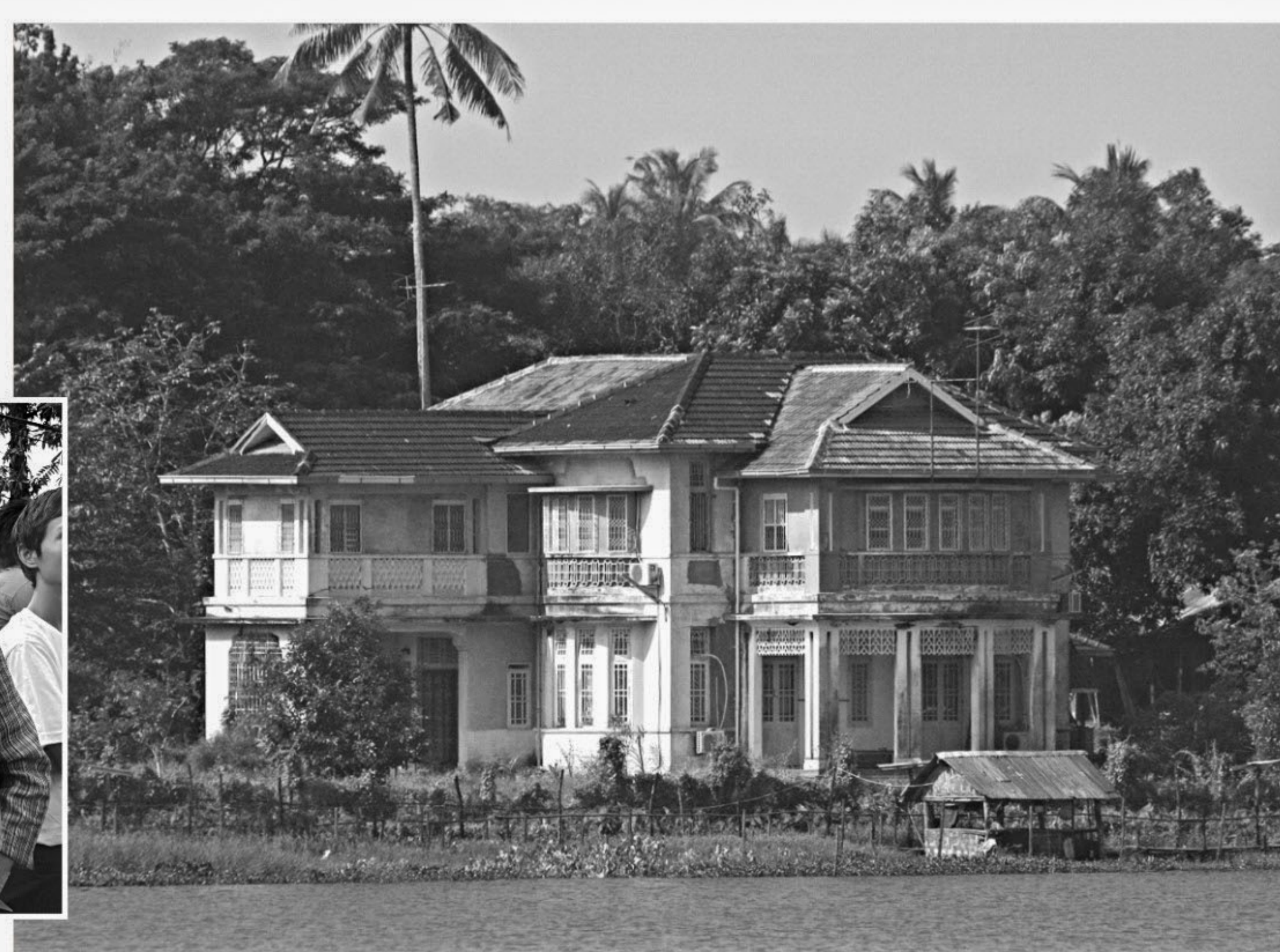
A spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Adrian Edwards said fighting reportedly erupted again overnight after the Thai army cleared their return, with the potential for more clashes around the Myanmar villages of Maekata and Halokani.

"As of today most of the 15,000 Myanmar refugees who fled into Thailand earlier this week have returned across the border," Edwards told journalists.

Sites in northern Thailand's Tak province emptied by Wednesday while all 3,000 refugees further south in Sangkhlaburi had disappeared by early Friday, he added.

"In the light of the confused situation and the risks to safety, UNHCR is advocating with the Royal Thai government that refugees be given further time before being encouraged to return home," Edwards said.

Picture taken on October 28, 2010 shows Myanmar's detained opposition leader Suu Kyi's lakeside house where she has been detained under house arrest, in Yangon. Bottom, Supporters of Suu Kyi hold pictures of her as they gather outside the National League for Democracy headquarters in Yangon yesterday. Suu Kyi was on the verge of being freed from house arrest, officials in the military-ruled country had said.



Aung San Suu Kyi Myanmar's pro-democracy icon. Age 65, widow, two sons. 1945 Born in Yangon, the daughter of Myanmar's liberation hero General Aung San. 1947 Assassination of General Aung San. Studied at Oxford University (UK). 1988 Returned to Myanmar. Founded the National League for Democracy. 1989-1995 Placed under house arrest. 1990 NLD scores a landslide victory in elections but the junta rejects the result. 1991 Wins the Nobel Peace Prize. 2000-2009 Second period of house arrest, freed in 2002 but detained again May 2003. May 2009 House arrest extended after a man swims uninvited to her lakeside home. 2009 Sentenced to another 18 months house arrest in August, appeals against her detention in October (rejected). Nov. 2010 Current period under house arrest expires 13 November.

250 Congress leaders held in Chhattisgarh

IANS, Raipur

Chhattisgarh Congress president Dhanendra Sahu and Leader of Opposition Ravindra Choubey were among the 250 Congress leaders arrested here yesterday for protesting against former Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief KS Sudarshan's derogatory remarks against their party president Sonia Gandhi.

The arrests were made when Sahu, Choubey and several senior Congress leaders defied police prohibitions and marched towards the Governor house to press their demand for arrest of the former RSS chief.

The arrested Congress leaders were kept at a makeshift jail. The Congressmen alleged that the state's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party had ordered policemen to assault peaceful protesters. Congress workers were thrashed by the police across the state when they tried to burn Sudarshan's effigies.

The Congress leadership in the state has announced it would step up protests against the former RSS boss till he is arrested or offers an apology to Gandhi.

Bomb shows militant reach in Pakistan

AP, Karachi

Islamist militants who attacked a police facility in the heart of Pakistan's largest city were attempting to free comrades they believed were detained there, a senior minister said yesterday.

The coordinated assault late Thursday in Karachi, using a car bomb and guns far from Taliban and al-Qaeda heartlands along the Afghan border, showed the ability of militants to strike back despite being hit by US drone strikes and Pakistani army operations.

A gang of around six gunmen managed to penetrate a high-security area of Karachi that is home to the US Consulate, two luxury hotels and the offices of regional leaders. They opened fire on the offices of the Crime Investigation Department before detonating a huge car bomb that levelled the building and others nearby.

The police offices housed a detention facility that was believed to be holding criminals.

The CID takes the lead in hunting down terrorists in Karachi. Earlier this week, the agency arrested six members of Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, an al-Qaeda linked group blamed for several high profile attacks in recent years. The suspects were presented before a court earlier Thursday.

"The terrorists were well prepared and they had come here to rescue their associates. But under a strategy, we had not kept those men at this building. So their plan failed," said Qaim Ali Shah, the chief minister of Sindh province, of which Karachi is the capital.

He did not say how he knew that the gang was attempting a rescue and not simply attacking the building, the type of strike that militants in Pakistan have often carried out in the past. Shah and other officials have not said whether the attackers escaped or where killed in the blast, which left a crater 10-feet (3-meter) wide in the floor.

Islamist militants are known to have found shelter among Karachi's 14 million people, and there have been occasional attacks on Shiite Muslims, whom al-Qaida and the Taliban believe to be infidels, as well as last month at a Sufi shrine.

But the city had largely escaped a wave of violence last year that saw many attacks in Lahore, Peshawar and other cities.

"These attacks which are happening around the country, they are carried out by enemies of the nation," said Karachi resident Faisal Mehmood. "It is not in Islam that you kill your brothers."

Afghanistan to sign mining MoU with India

REUTERS, New Delhi

Afghanistan will sign a memorandum of understanding with India on mining in a month, the country's mines minister, Wahidullah Shahrani, told reporters yesterday during a visit to India.

"We are quite optimistic on this. We would prefer to see more investment by Indian companies," he said after meeting with his Indian counterpart BK Handique.

The MoU will cover potential investment by India's private and government companies in Afghanistan to mine mineral resources and also training by India for Afghan professionals in the sector, Shahrani said.

Afghanistan is estimated to be sitting on \$3 trillion worth of untapped mineral deposits, but poor infrastructure and investor caution are inhibiting development of its mining industry, Shahrani told Reuters in an interview last month.

Shahrani said Afghanistan would like Indian firms to invest in the development of mineral deposits.

"We had very good meetings with a number of them (companies) ... companies like Ispat, Essar, ArcelorMittal, Jindal Group," he said.

"We have had some communication and we are expecting them to participate in bids for the Hajjag iron ore deposit," Shahrani said.

Nobel Peace Prize winners urge nuclear weapon ban

AP, Hiroshima

The Dalai Lama and other Nobel Peace Prize laureates from the last four decades gathered yesterday at a hotel a few miles from ground zero of the world's first atomic bomb attack to urge the end of nuclear weapons.

The award winners also focused on the plight of those who couldn't attend the annual World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates -- including this year's winner, jailed Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo, and Aung San Suu Kyi, Myanmar's detained pro-democracy activist who won in 1991.

Liu Xiaobo "failed to come here. It is very sad," the Dalai Lama, the Tibetan spiritual leader who won in 1989, told The Associated Press.

Wu'er Kaixi, a prominent student leader from the 1989 pro-democracy protests in China's Tiananmen Square, addressed the meeting in Liu's stead.

"I look forward to the day when my country is a land with freedom of expression," Wu'er said, reading from Liu's last speech before he was jailed.

Suu Kyi, under house arrest for more than 15 of the last 21 years, is expected to be released today in Myanmar when her latest detention period expires.

The annual meeting brings past award recipients together to call attention to their achievements and work, as well as to push the prize's overall message of human rights and non-violence.

At the opening ceremony yesterday morning, laureates were given necklaces made of paper cranes -- a symbol of peace in Japan -- by local schoolchildren. They also heard the story of a "hibakusha" or survivor of the Aug 6, 1945, atomic attack, who described his journey home through the carnage that day.

"I hate atomic bombs, but I know we cannot erase hatred by hating others. Hatred has to be overcome," said Akihiro Takahashi, who was a boy in Hiroshima when the Americans dropped the bomb.



Dalai Lama shakes hands with former Tiananmen protest leader Wu'er Kaixi, right, during the 11th World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates in Hiroshima yesterday.

Japan is hosting the event as it prepares to welcome world leaders, including Chinese President Hu Jintao, on Saturday for the separate Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Yokohama. Beijing has often been critical of countries that formally welcome the Dalai Lama and Chinese dissidents.

The Dalai Lama fled into exile in India during an abortive uprising against Chinese rule in 1959.

Relations between Beijing and Tokyo are already tense after a collision last month between Japanese coast guard vessels and a Chinese fishing ship near islands claimed by both sides.

ISHRAT JAHAN CASE Gujarat plea against special probe rejected

PTI, New Delhi

In an embarrassment to the Gujarat government, the Supreme Court yesterday dismissed its plea challenging the constitution of a special investigation team (SIT) by the Gujarat High Court to probe the killing of teenager Ishrat Jahan and three others.

A bench of justices B Sudershan Reddy and SS Nijjar rejected the State's plea contending that the SIT, constituted by the State government, should be allowed to continue and that the high court had no power to constitute another SIT.

"How can the State come with such a plea? Court is not deprived of its power. In exceptional cases, it can do (constitute a team). In the facts of the case, we find no reason to interfere," the bench observed, dismissing the State's plea.

Appearing for the State government, senior counsel Harish Salve and Mukul Rohatgi had contended that the high court had no power to constitute an SIT.

Earlier, the apex court had asked the Gujarat High Court to constitute a separate SIT to probe Ishrat Jahan's killing allegedly in a staged encounter by the Gujarat police.

Nato convoy attacked by suicide car bomb in Kabul

BBC ONLINE

A suicide car bomber has attacked a convoy of international troops in the Afghan capital, Kabul, the Nato-led international force, Isaf, says.

Isaf said the attack took place near one of its bases, Camp Julian, in the south of the city.

It said there was no immediate information on casualties, while police said an Afghan soldier was injured.

The last attack on Isaf troops in Kabul was in May, when 18 people were killed in a similar incident.

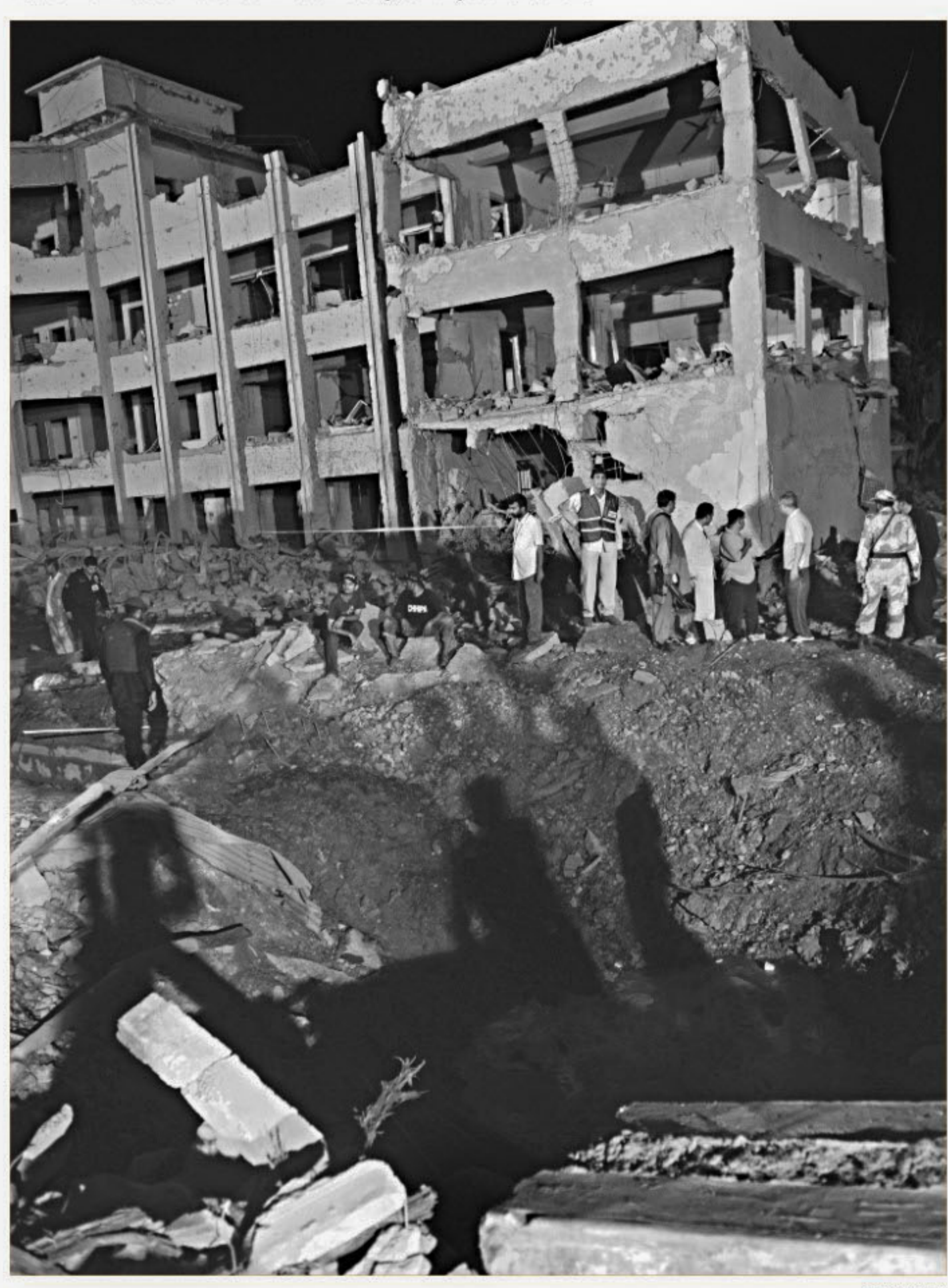
Kabul police chief Mohammad Ayub Salangi said a suicide attacker drove his vehicle at the convoy on Friday, the French news agency AFP reported.

"Fortunately, it exploded before reaching the convoy. One Afghan National Army soldier was slightly injured," he said.

Large numbers of police and soldiers and emergency service workers went to the scene of the blast near Camp Julian - which is located in the ruins of the former Afghan royal palace - and the new parliament building.

There have been relatively few attacks in Kabul this year, with the last major one taking place in August, while the insurgency has intensified outside the capital.

Afghan police set up extra checkpoints throughout the city following a series of attacks by gunmen and bombers on government offices and hotels.



Pakistani investigators inspect a bomb blast site in Karachi on Thursday. Militants armed with guns and a truck bomb demolished a police department used to detain terror suspects in Pakistan's biggest city of Karachi killing 18 people and wounding 130 others.

Lanka denies visas to Al-Jazeera staff

IANS, Colombo

Sri Lanka has denied visas to at least three staffers of Al-Jazeera television, after the station broadcast images of bodies and execution-style killings, said to have occurred during the final weeks of the civil war against Tamil rebels last year.

An external affairs ministry spokesman said yesterday that a decision was taken not to issue the visas for the crew who wanted to cover the swearing-in of President Mahinda Rajapaksa for a second term Nov 19 and also visit the Tamil region in the north, where the fighting took place.

The disturbing photos telecast by the Qatar-based TV station Thursday show bodies piled up in the rear of a tractor and blindfolded bodies with their hands tied behind their backs.

The spokesman denied the military was responsible for the killings, claiming that it appeared to be a collection of pictures which had been already dismissed as a fabrication.

"The government on previous occasions has denied these pictures. It is improper to suggest that the military was involved in these killings," he said.

Al-Jazeera said it was unable to verify the authenticity of the pictures and also that it was unknown if the bodies had been collected after a clean-up or were the result of a massacre.

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