

Pak, Afghan govts to start joint peace commission

AFP, Islamabad
Pakistan and Afghanistan will establish a joint commission of civil and military officials aimed at bringing peace to the region, Pakistani foreign minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi said yesterday.
"We have agreed that we will set up a two-tier joint commission at foreign ministers and senior official level," Qureshi told a joint press conference with his Afghan counterpart Zalmi Rasoul in Islamabad.
Rasoul arrived from Kabul in the morning for talks with top political leadership on ways to expand bilateral cooperation and to promote stability and reconciliation in Afghanistan.
"The commission will have officials from

foreign offices, military and intelligence services of the two countries," Qureshi said, adding "officials will jointly engage with each other to achieve regional peace and security."
Relations between Afghanistan and Pakistan have been plagued by mutual suspicion, although bilateral ties have recently improved.
Taliban insurgents fighting against the Western-backed government in Kabul have rear bases in Pakistan, where Afghan and US officials say their leaders enjoy at least some measure of protection from Pakistan.
Islamabad flatly denies collusion and says more than 2,420 of its soldiers have been killed fighting Islamist militants since 2002.



PHOTO: AFP
Afghan Foreign Minister Zalmi Rasoul (L) greets Pakistani Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani on his arrival for a meeting in Islamabad yesterday.

Pakistan forces kill 12 militants

AFP, Khar
At least 12 militants including two suicide bombers were killed yesterday in separate incidents in Pakistan's northwestern tribal belt bordering Afghanistan, officials said.
In one incident Pakistan troops and helicopter gunships killed 10 rebels in a raid on militant hideouts in Mohmand tribal district.
"At least 10 militants were killed in an operation by security forces in Inzaree village," Zakir Hussain Afridi, administration chief of neighbouring Bajaur tribal district, whose main town is Khar, told AFP.

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US raises stakes on global arms control deal

AFP, Geneva
The United States yesterday signalled that deadlock in global arms control talks should be broken this year to get a deal banning the production of new nuclear bomb-making material off the ground.
Top US disarmament negotiator Rose Gottemoeller suggested that it might be the best opportunity for more reluctant states to keep leverage in drawing up a Fissile Material Cut Off Treaty, which is supported by the major nuclear powers.
Pakistan this week reiterated its lone public opposition to starting negotiations on a treaty in the Conference on Disarmament, after two years of deadlock in the consensus-bound 65 nation body.
"Let me just place full emphasis and priority today on my main message, which is to launch the negotiations this year on a Fissile Material Cut off Treaty (FMCT) in the Conference on Disarmament," Gottemoeller told journalists.
"I think that is a kind of general timeframe," she said, while adding that it was not a "specific deadline."
The US Assistant Secretary of State for Arms Control told the conference yesterday that waiting indefinitely was "not a viable option."

Hillary to visit India in April

IANS, Washington
US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has said she looks forward to visiting India in April to advance the two nations' efforts to forge an even stronger strategic partnership to promote a secure and stable world.
"I look forward to my visit to India in April to advance our efforts during the next session of our Strategic Dialogue," she said in a message greeting India on its 62nd Republic Day Wednesday.
"I join President (Barack) Obama and the American people in congratulating the people of India as they celebrate the 62nd anniversary of Republic Day this January 26," Clinton said.
The two nations, she said, were "bound together by mutual respect, shared values, and the freedoms enshrined in our constitutions."
"Our people and governments are forging an even stronger strategic partnership to promote a secure and stable world, and support even greater cooperation on economic development, open government, and democratic values," she said.

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