



PHOTO: AFP  
Anti-nuclear activists wearing masks react as they burn a mock nuclear power plant reactor during a protest outside the Bataan Nuclear Power plant in Morong town, Bataan province, northwest of Manila yesterday.

## Clinton calls for reform in post-Ben Ali Tunisia

REUTERS, Tunis

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton urged Tunisia yesterday to carry out economic and political reform as it emerges from authoritarian rule and praised the country for aiding refugees from fighting in Libya.

Protests that forced former President Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali to flee Tunisia on January 14 have sparked uprisings across the Arab world, including in Libya where rebels are trying to fend off an offensive by veteran leader Muammar Gaddafi.

Making her final stop on a trip that included Egypt, where former President Hosni Mubarak fell from power on February 11, Clinton stressed the United States' desire to help Tunisia with its internal challenges and the refugee flows from Libya.

Touring a Red Crescent training center, Clinton said Tunisia needed to focus on creating jobs for the thousands of people whose meager prospects helped fuel its revolution.

## Dalai Lama rejects pleas to reconsider retirement

AFP, Dharamshala

The Dalai Lama rejected yesterday calls from the Tibetan parliament in exile urging him to reconsider his decision to retire as political head of the movement.

The 75-year-old spiritual leader announced last week that he wanted to shed his role as political chief of the government-in-exile and hand his responsibilities to the next prime minister, who will be elected on Sunday.

The overwhelming majority of members of the 43-seat assembly have called for the decision to be reconsidered, with many arguing that the cause for greater freedom in Tibet will be undermined.

"No (I will not reconsider). I gave serious

consideration for many years... my decision for the long run is best," he told AFP during an interview.

"Rule by spiritual leaders or by kings, these are now out of date," he said, adding that he wanted to set an example of a non-elected leader who was happy to relinquish power.

The comments come amid turmoil in the Middle East where royal families, particularly Bahrain, are under pressure from pro-democracy demonstrators.

"The world is changing," he said.

In a letter read out to the parliament on Monday, the Dalai Lama argued that the Tibetan movement was now mature enough for an elected political leader with greater power and responsibilities.

## Civilians 'among 35 dead' in US strike in Pakistan

AFP, Miranshah

Civilians and police were among 35 people killed when US missiles ploughed into a militant training compound in Pakistan's Taliban and Al Qaeda-hit northwest yesterday, officials said.

It was the most lethal drone strike to hit the lawless region since August 2008 when the covert campaign escalated in the areas bordering Afghanistan, and the seventh such attack in nine days.

The governor of northwestern Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province, where the drone struck, condemned the killings.

"I strongly condemn this drone attack. A tribal jirga (council) was targeted in which several tribal elders and tribal policemen

were martyred," said Syed Masood Kausar, the federal representative of the troubled province.

Although the drones operate with the tacit consent of Islamabad, Kausar said the government "will not tolerate such attacks".

"These attacks are against the sovereignty of Pakistan," he added.

Two security officials in Peshawar said that 35 people, mostly militants, were killed when four missiles hit a house in Datta Khel town, 40 kilometres west of Miranshah, the main town in tribal North Waziristan.

Two intelligence officials in Miranshah confirmed the toll.

"We have reports of a few civilian casualties, but most of those killed were local militants," one Miranshah official said.

## \$2m deal heals US-Pakistan spy row but scars ties

AFP, Islamabad

A blood money deal to secure the release of a CIA contractor accused of murder in Pakistan has ended a damaging spy row but eroded a thin veneer of trust between the suspicious allies, analysts say.

The sudden freeing of American Raymond Davis on Wednesday, seven weeks after he shot dead two men in Lahore, has sparked small angry demonstrations in protest at authorities' decision to bow to the demands of the super-power ally.

The United States persistently argued that Davis enjoyed full diplomatic immunity as a member of its embassy staff but secured his release only after \$2m compensation was paid to the families of the dead men.

Pakistani media was quick to denounce the deal with populist right-wing newspaper The Nation decrying it as a "Sell Out".

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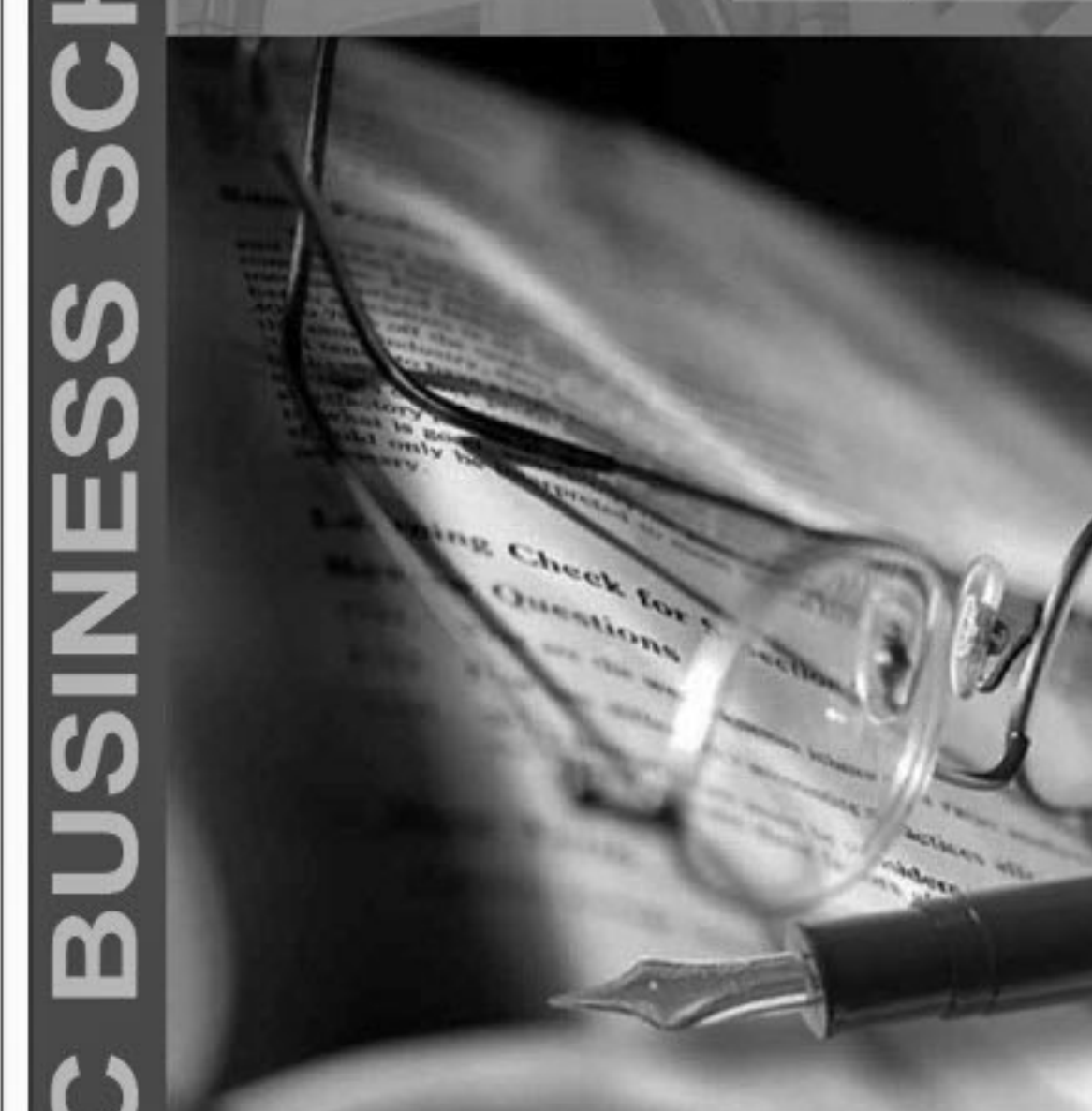
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### Nepal jails minister for corruption

AFP, Kathmandu

Nepal has jailed a former government minister for corruption while in office, a court spokesman said yesterday.

This verdict is first of its kind for a nation fighting an ingrained culture of graft.

The Supreme Court handed down an 18-month prison sentence and 40 million rupees fine to Chiranjibi Wagle, a senior leader of the Nepali Congress party who held a series of ministerial portfolios.

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