



## Romney eyes triple win to dash rival's chances

REUTERS, Milwaukee

Mitt Romney was set to take a big step toward the Republican US presidential nomination yesterday with victories in Wisconsin and two other contests that would increase the pressure on rival Rick Santorum to drop out of the race.

The grinding, months-long battle for the right to face Democratic President Barack Obama in the November 6 election turns to Wisconsin, Maryland and Washington DC, and Romney leads in all three.

A sweep would underscore front-runner Romney's growing strength and likely increase appeals from party leaders for Republicans to rally behind him despite deep reservations among many conservatives suspicious about whether he is one of them.

Practically, winning all three contests would give Romney 95 more delegates and put him at well over half of the 1,144 needed to clinch the nomination at the party's convention in August.

And it would set the tone for the next big date on the campaign calendar, April 24, when six states hold Republican presidential contests. Romney leads in five of them and plans to make an aggressive push in the sixth, Santorum's home state of Pennsylvania.

## Clashes raise questions over Syria peace deal

AFP, Beirut

Fierce clashes broke out between Syrian troops and rebels yesterday as the regime sent reinforcements into a number of hotspots despite President Bashar al-Assad's pledge to implement a peace plan.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said fighting gripped several parts of the country including the southern province of Daraa, northwest Idlib province, Homs in central Syria and near the capital.

At least 18 civilians were killed in the fighting along with seven soldiers and four rebels, the Britain-based group said.

The latest unrest came as Red Cross chief Jakob Kellenberger was on a fresh mission to Syria -- his third since last year when Damascus launched a crackdown on anti-government protests that the UN says has left more than 9,000 dead.

UN-Arab League envoy Kofi Annan on Monday said Assad had accepted an April 10 deadline to start implementing a peace plan. Annan told the UN Security Council that

Assad had agreed to "immediately" start pulling troops out of protest cities and complete a troop and heavy weapon withdrawal by April 10.

But Amnesty International cast doubt on the Syrian regime's commitment to stop the bloodshed, saying that arrests were continuing despite the pledge made to Annan.

"Arrests have been continuing in Syria only days after the Syrian government agreed to implement parts of Kofi Annan's six-point plan," the rights group said in a statement.

"There are thousands of people still in detention across Syria, many held incommunicado, in danger of being tortured, and without access to lawyers," said Ann Harrison, Amnesty International's Middle East and North Africa deputy head.

"Continuing to hold people in such conditions, and making new arrests like this, raises serious questions about how serious the government is about respecting its commitments under the Annan plan."

## France expels five Islamist radicals

AFP, Paris

France has expelled two Islamic radicals and plans to deport three more as part of its crackdown following last month's attacks by an Islamist who shot dead seven people, officials said Monday.

An Algerian radical and a Malian imam were sent back to their home countries on Monday, the interior ministry said in a statement.

A Saudi imam would not be let back into the country, a Turkish imam and a Tunisian radical would also shortly be expelled, and others would follow, the statement added.

At an election rally in the eastern city of Nancy on Monday, President Nicolas Sarkozy said he was sending a very clear message.

## W Africa hits Mali with sanctions

Islamists take control of north

AFP, Dakar

West African leaders slapped crippling sanctions on Mali's junta Monday on the eve of UN talks about the country, where half the territory has fallen to rebels and Islamist fighters.

As Mali slid further into chaos under military rulers who seized power on March 22, France called for an emergency meeting of the United Nations Security Council yesterday.

The 15-nation Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) tightened the stranglehold on the junta in a bid to force it to give up power.

"All diplomatic, economic, financial measures and others are applicable from today (Monday) and will not be lifted until the re-establishment of constitutional order," said the chairman of the 15-nation regional bloc, Ivory Coast President Alassane Ouattara.

The bloc will also put in place a military standby force, after earlier putting some 2,000 regional troops on alert, Ouattara said, calling the situation in Mali "extremely serious."

Mali's junta said late Monday that it had "taken note" of the regional embargo.

On Monday, witnesses reported that Islamist fighters chased the Tuareg rebels out of Timbuktu, one day after swept into the fabled city. As Kidal, Gao and then the ancient city of Timbuktu fell in the past three days, the bow-tie shaped nation was split in two.

As the situation deteriorated, both former colonial power France and Belgium urged their citizens to leave the country.

The swift rebel advance in the north sparked panic further south as some citizens saw soldiers fleeing their posts and followed suit.

More than 200,000 people have been forced from their homes by the fighting and aid groups have warned that the combination of civil war and drought could lead to one of the continent's worst humanitarian emergencies.



## Murdoch Jr quits as BSkyB chairman

AFP, London

James Murdoch resigned as chairman of British pay-TV giant BSkyB yesterday, saying he did not want it to become a "lightning rod" for the hacking scandal at his father Rupert's media empire.

The post was the last major role held in Britain by James Murdoch, who has faced growing pressure over what he knew about the illegal accessing of voicemails at the now-closed News of the World newspaper.

The satellite broadcaster, which is 39 percent owned by Rupert Murdoch's US-based News Corp, announced that James would be replaced by deputy chairman Nicholas Ferguson.

He will stay on as a non-executive director of BSkyB, the company added.

## Flying car cleared for takeoff

AFP, Washington

Drivers hoping to slip the surly and traffic congested bonds of Earth, moved a step closer to realizing their dream Monday, as a US firm said it had successfully tested a street-legal plane.

Massachusetts-based firm Terrafugia said their production prototype "Transition" car-plane had completed an eight-minute test flight, clearing the way for it to hit the market within a year.

"With this flight, the team demonstrated an ability to accomplish what had been called an impossible dream," said founder Carl Dietrich.

The successful test flight has given hope to aficionados that this staple of science fiction is a step closer to reality.

The two-seater craft, which has the rounded features of a Fiat 500 and collapsible wings, is on

**'Flying car'**

A US firm is a step closer to delivering its flying car after a prototype production completed an eight-minute test flight

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Cruise speed: 172 kph

Cost: \$279,000 each  
Orders: About 100 planes ordered so far  
Maker: Terrafugia  
Base: Massachusetts, US  
License requirement: Both driver's and pilot's license (min. 20 hours of flying time)

AFP Source: Terrafugia

presale for \$279,000 and some 100 vehicles have already been ordered.

The Transition will offer unparalleled freedom of movement, with a range of 787 kilometers and without the need to check bags.

But to take advantage, would-be owners will need to have both a driver's and pilot's license -- with a minimum of 20 hours of flying time.

The craft needs 2,500 feet of runway for takeoff, meaning pulling onto the shoulder and escaping the traffic is not really an option.

Winfield Keller, vice president of The International Flying Car Association, said they are hoping to make the flying car a reality within 10 to 15 years.

Manufacturers hope their invention will appeal to border security agencies, the police or the military, as well as hobbyists.

## Yemeni forces kill 38 Qaeda suspects

AFP, Aden

Yemen's armed forces killed 38 suspected members of al-Qaeda in two days of air raids and shelling of their hideouts in the country's south, a government official said yesterday.

"Thirty-eight members of al-Qaeda were killed in shelling and air strikes that targeted their positions in Huroor throughout the past 48 hours," said the official who spoke from the nearby al-Qaeda stronghold of Jaar.

The town of Huroor lies on the crossroads between the provinces of Lahij and Abyan, where the terror network has a strong presence.

An army officer on ground told AFP that US forces backed the Yemeni military operation.

"The al-Qaeda militants withdrew from Mallah," in Lahij, where they took over an army post on Saturday, "following shelling and air raids by the Yemeni air force with US help," he said, without elaborating.

## Seven killed in shooting at US college

AFP, Oakland

Seven people were killed and three injured Monday when a gunman went on a shooting rampage at a private California religious college near San Francisco, police said.

The suspect -- a local ethnic Korean resident who surrendered soon after the attacks -- stood up in a classroom at Oikos University in East Oakland and shot one person at point blank range in the chest, then sprayed the room with bullets, a witness recounted.

Some 35 people were in or near the building at the time. Of those, 10 were hit and five were pronounced dead at the scene. Two others died later in hospital.

## Nuclear Missile in Human Body, Iodine Particles Implantation Kills Cancer!

### I live Again by Implanting Several Particles!

An 80 years old lady surnamed Huang suffered from left chest wall metastatic cancer. Before she was admitted to our hospital, the tumor on her left chest was getting bigger and the pain increased. The positive Mrs. Huang was tortured heavily, poor sleep and appetite. Eventually, her family sent her to Modern Cancer Hospital Guangzhou.



Having all examinations done, Mrs. Huang accepted Professor Liu Yuansheng's suggestion of Iodine 125 particle Implantation. Less than 3 days after the treatment, Mrs. Huang well recovered from the illness: the chest pain from the tumor had released a lot, better sleep, and better appetite; she can go to toilet without any help. In front of the ward bed, reporter asked Mrs. Huang how she felt right now. This cute elderly lady got up with a quick move, and said: "You can see how well I am now." "I should give my many thanks to Professor Liu Yuansheng, without him, I won't know when I can get well!"

Another cancer patient, Mr. Gao, 77 years old, was too weak to have surgery, but the size of tumor became larger rather than smaller after

chemotherapy. After professors of Modern Cancer Hospital Guangzhou held a group discussion, they decided to perform Iodine 125 implantation for Mr. Gao. That's to say, Iodine 125 will be implanted exactly into the tumor by puncture, which takes one hour for the whole process. Patient won't experience any side effect and no impact will show on daily diet and life.

According to Professor Liu Yuansheng from Modern Hospital Guangzhou, a lot of people have known well about surgery, medicine and injection to treat cancer. However, they hardly know radiation can kill cancer.

Everyone knows tumor is one kind of cell dysplasia. Tumor cells come from normal cells, but different from normal cells, because they greatly differ each other in structure, function and metabolism. To destroy tumor cells and to stop their growth are two things to completely cure cancer. Iodine 125 particle has radiation, and it can radiate rays to destroy the DNA in the cell cord of the tumor, so as to make tumor cells completely lose the ability to reproduce and reach the treatment effect.

As Professor Liu Yuansheng said, the biggest advantage for Iodine 125 particle implantation is the good treatment effect, by which patient can recover soon and reduce the pain and torture from cancer. The follow-up treatments can be performed at the same time, which can not only shorten treatment duration but also reduce the treatment cost, especially for those who are aged and too weak or having too many complications to have surgery. Iodine 125 particle implantation is an unquestionable method for patients who are willing to maintain organ functions or unwilling to accept surgery. For therapy treatment consultation, advice please contact with us on this number +88 01730622222, or visit our office, 9/C, Navana Tower, Gulshan-1, Dhaka. (from 9 am to 5 pm) online visit: www.asiancancer.com

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