

US drone kills 3 in Pakistan

AFP, Miranshah
A US drone fired two missiles at a suspected militant compound in north-west Pakistan yesterday, killing three people, security officials said.
One missile hit a house in the Tappi area about 20 kilometres east of Miranshah, the main town in North Waziristan tribal district, which is a stronghold of Taliban and al-Qaeda-linked militants. The other hit a vehicle parked outside.
Earlier this month, cricket legend turned politician Imran Khan led thousands of supporters in a motorcade from the capital Islamabad to the edge of the tribal belt to protest against the US strikes.



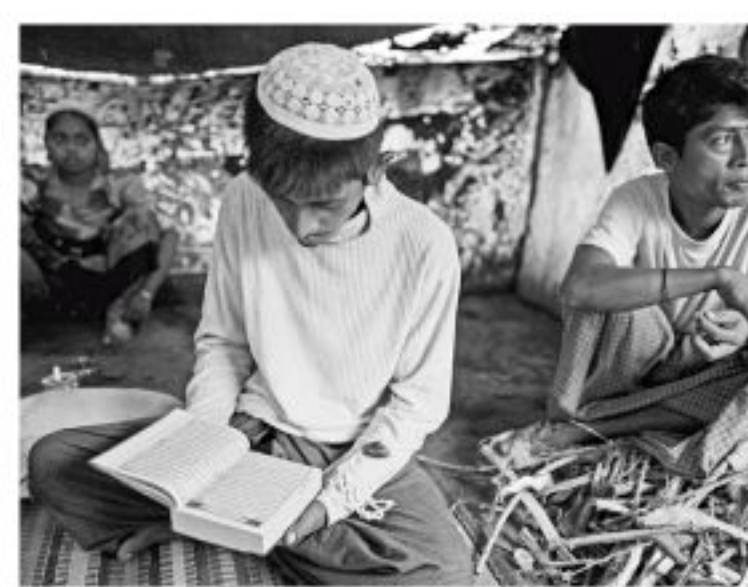
Fireworks-laden effigies of the Hindu demon king Ravana, centre, his brother Kumbhkuram, right, and son Meghanad are set alight as Hindu devotees gather for the Hindu festival of Dussehra in New Delhi yesterday. Dussehra, which is celebrated at the end of the Navratri (nine nights) festival, symbolises the victory of good over evil in Hindu mythology.

Love bridges Myanmar religious rift

AFP, Sittwe
Praying with a Quran on his knees in a mud-strewn camp, Rohin Mullah is one of thousands of Muslims uprooted by sectarian bloodshed in Myanmar. But the former monk's story is far from normal.
Born a Buddhist, he fell in love with a girl on the other side of the religious divide -- a member of the Rohingya minority group shunned by Myanmar society at large.
He has since been ostracised by his former neighbours, lost his home and lives in a camp for displaced people in western

Rakhine state.
Mullah, 37, who changed his name from Kyaw Tun Aung, has had no contact with his parents since he married 10 years ago.
His wife Amina, a round-faced 30-year-old with her hair tucked under a headscarf, said that despite the lack of tolerance for their marriage, they had "a very happy life" together.
However, she said since the June violence life has become little hard for them.
Mullah, a construction worker, lived with his wife and three children in Rayngwesu, a Muslim district of the Rakhine state capital Sittwe, until clashes engulfed their

neighbourhood in June.
He said the family's home was one of the first to be torched.
Mullah's background as a Rakhine Buddhist -- who spent four years as a monk before converting one-and-a-half decades ago -- did not help protect his home.
"Monks remembered me from the monastery, and they attacked my family and destroyed everything in my house," he said.
There are "not more than 100" mixed marriage couples, said Abu Tahay, a leader of the National Democratic Party for Development, which campaigns for the rights of the Rohingya --



Rohin Mullah considered by the United Nations to be one of the world's most persecuted minorities.
"Some people meet and fall in love in school or doing business," he said, but few opportunities for inter-religious courtship exist between the communities.



German Chancellor Angela Merkel (2ndL) shakes hands with death camp survivor Reinhard Florian during the unveiling of the memorial to the estimated half million Roma and Sinti murdered by the Nazis during World War II, in Berlin yesterday.

Violence surge on Israel-Gaza frontier

AFP, Gaza City, Palestinian Territories
Tensions soared around Gaza yesterday after Israeli air raids killed four militants and Palestinian armed groups fired more than 70 rockets at southern Israel, seriously wounding two people.
It was the biggest surge in cross-border violence since June, and prompted both Israel and Gaza militant groups to vow they would not allow the attacks to go unanswered.
The latest escalation began on Tuesday evening, shortly after the end of a high-profile visit to Gaza by the emir of Qatar, when militants fired six rockets at southern Israel.
Israel immediately carried out twin air strikes over northern Gaza, killing two militants from Hamas's armed wing, the Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades, and injured another seven people, medics said, sparking more rocket fire in response.
Another Israeli raid near the southern city of Rafah early yesterday killed a third militant, and later in the morning, medics said an armed Palestinian who was seriously wounded in one of the evening strikes had died of his injuries.
Updated figures from the Israeli military showed that 72 rockets and mortar shells were fired at Israel since midnight (2200 GMT), leaving six people injured, two seriously and four lightly.
Police confirmed that two Thai nationals working in the fields near the Gaza border were "seriously to critically wounded" while a third sustained light injuries.
The other injured were all Israelis.

ROHINGYA-RAKHINE CONFLICT Curfew imposed as tension flares

REUTERS, Yangon
Authorities in Myanmar imposed a night-time curfew in at least two towns in northwestern Rakhine state after renewed deadly unrest between Buddhists and Muslim Rohingyas in an area where more than 80 people were killed in June.
Official media said yesterday that two people had been killed and eight injured in the violence since Sunday, while 1,039 homes had been burned down. Unconfirmed reports from other sources put the death toll higher.
Up to 800,000 Rohingyas live in abject conditions along Myanmar's border with Bangladesh. Neither country recognises them as citizens and the Bangladeshi authorities turned away boatloads of Rohingyas fleeing the violence in June.
Most people in Myanmar regard them as illegal immigrants from South Asia. Even Aung San Suu Kyi, a Nobel peace laureate who led the fight for democracy, has side-stepped questions on how to tackle the problem.
Hla Thein, spokesman for the Rakhine State government, told Reuters curfews had been imposed in the townships of Minbya and Mrauk Oo from Monday. Some local sources reported reinforcement of armed police in these towns.
"The local Rohingyas prepared boats for escape. Just before escape, they started setting fires. Then the Arakans (local Rakhine people) chased them down, seized one of the Rohingyas who had started a fire and also burnt the Rohingyas' boats prepared for escape," he said, quoting an uncle in the area. It was unclear what had set off the arson and killing.
On Oct 15, the government decided against letting the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation open an office in Myanmar to investigate the alleged rights violations there.

China, India are partners: Beijing

AFP, Beijing
Beijing stressed yesterday that India and China were "partners instead of rivals" with common interests in development, striking a conciliatory note on the 50th anniversary of a war between the neighbours.
"The current road has undergone deep and profound changes," China's foreign ministry spokesman Hong Lei said while remarking on the war anniversary.
"As the two most populous developing countries and emerging economies, both China and India face important opportunities of development (and) the two countries are cooperation partners instead of rivals."
"Common ground far outweighs disputes and common interests outnumber conflicts... the world has enough space for the common development of China and India."
The border between India and China has been the subject of 14 rounds of fruitless talks since the war.

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Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project, Bangladesh (Component A)
Invitation for Bids for Procurement of Motorised Fibre Reinforced Plastic (FRP) Fishing Boats
Credit No. 4507 – BD, Project ID No. UTF/BGD/040/BGD, Bid Package No.3G7.F
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 Motorised Fibre Reinforced Plastic (FRP) Fishing Boats. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of 30 Nos. of Motorised Fibre Reinforced Plastic (FRP) Fishing Boats under Package No. 3G7.F. Bidders having a minimum of 3 (three) years of experience in the supply of similar goods and related services are only encouraged to participate. The delivery period is 14 weeks to 30 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 and inspect the bidding documents from the ECRPP office of FAO Representation in Bangladesh (Hs. # 27, Rd. # 9A, Apt. # A1, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1209, Tel. 8130758/104, 01761-496222) during office hours i.e. 08:00 Hrs. to 16:30 Hrs. A complete set of bidding documents in English 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 of Tk.3000.00. 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 of Bangladesh Tk. 800,000 (Taka Eight Hundred Thousand)
Bids shall be delivered to the address below by 02:00 Hrs. on 22 November 2012. 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.
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India cabinet reshuffle likely on Sunday

ANI, New Delhi
The Union Cabinet is likely to be reshuffled this Sunday (October 28).
Speculation has been rife about a possible reshuffle in the wake of the exit of Trinamool Congress ministers and two DMK representatives in the last two years.
Reports of an eminent reshuffle gained fresh momentum after Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi met President Pranab Mukherjee separately recently.
Rumors abound that some young faces could be included in the Cabinet.
The latest reshuffle exercise could see some of the ministers holding charges of two ministries losing one of the portfolios.