Warns army chief as turmoil drags on; death toll rises to 52

AFP, Cairo

Egypt's military chief yesterday warned that the political crisis sweeping the country could lead to the collapse of the state, as thousands defied curfews and the death toll from days of rioting rose to 52.

"The continuing conflict between political forces and their differences concerning the management of the country could lead to a collapse of the state and threaten future generations," General Abdel Fattah al-Sissi, who is also defence minister, said on his Facebook page.

He further warned that the political, economic, social and security problems facing Egypt constitute "a threat to the country's security and stability," and vowed to defend vital infrastructure, including the Suez Canal.

Sissi's warning comes as medics reported another three people killed in the violence sweeping Egypt, pushing to at least 52 the death toll from five days of clashes.

AFP, Tokyo

Television.

AFP, Mogadishu

AFP, Washington

campaign promises.

AFP, New York

AFP, Seoul

AFP, Madrid

Japan PM suggests China summit

Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe yesterday sug-

gested a summit with China would improve a rela-

there is a problem. If necessary, there might be a

need to build the... relationship again, starting

with a summit meeting," Abe told Nippon

Blast hits Somali PM's office; kills 6

At least six people were killed when a suicide

bomber blew himself up amongst a group of

security officials outside the Somali prime minis-

his office at the time when the attacker struck, officials

for the blast, but the al-Qaeda linked Shebab

insurgents have conducted a series of guerrilla

The State Department has shut down the office of

its special envoy for the closure of Guantanamo

Bay, a US official said Monday, in a sign of the

But his plan was thwarted when some coun-

tries were reluctant to accept the return of their

nationals and when US lawmakers banned the

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Apple yesterday unveiled a new iPad with twice

the storage capacity as the existing model in an

effort to score business with companies that

Apple's new iPad will have a capacity of 128

gigabytes compared with the current model,

which comes with different memory capacities

The new iPad model will go on sale on

February 5, with a suggested price of \$799 for the

iPad with Wi-Fi capacity and \$929 for iPad with

Google unveils detailed N Korea map

Weeks after its chairman Eric Schmidt's secretive

visit to North Korea, Google has rolled out a

detailed map of the isolated state that even labels

Ironically, the people least able to benefit from

the Google publication are the North Koreans

themselves, who live in one of the most isolated

and highly censored societies on the planet.

Tourist numbers exceed 1b in 2012

some of its remote and infamous gulags.

States for trial or sending them abroad.

share large amounts of data.

but has a maximum of 64 gigabytes.

Double-memory iPad unveiled

in his office said, but he was not harmed by the blast.

Prime Minister Abdi Farah Shirdon Said was in

No group immediately claimed responsibility

ter's office yesterday, army officials said.

US shuts Guantanamo office

fading hopes of shuttering the jail.

"A high-level meeting should be held because

tionship that has been badly troubled for months.

Two people died in fighting between protesters and security forces in the riot-hit canal city of Port Said, and one was shot dead in Cairo when protesters and police clashed near Tahrir Square, the capital's iconic hub of protest.

On Sunday, President Mohamed Morsi imposed a month-long state of emergency and night-time curfews on Port Said, Ismailiya and Suez, the three provinces most affected by the rioting.

But witnesses said thousands of demonstrators flooded the streets of the three Suez Canal cities Monday night in defiance of the curfews.

Opposition groups and disgruntled Egyptians accuse Morsi, the Muslim Brotherhood and other Islamists of monopolising power and say the revolution failed to reach its goals of social justice.

The violence first erupted on Thursday. It gained momentum on Friday, when protests marking the second anniversary of the start of the

uprising that toppled long-time president Hosni Mubarak turned into clashes around the country.

On Saturday, violence exploded in Port Said after a court sentenced to death 21 supporters of a local football club for their involvement in a deadly soccer riot last year.

Soon after the verdicts, rioters attacked police stations and the prison where the defendants were being held, sparking clashes with security forces that left 42 people dead at the weekend.

The crisis looks set to deepen after the National Salvation Front, a coalition of mainly liberal and leftist movements, called for countrywide protests on Friday after rejecting an offer from Morsi to hold talks.

The unrest highlights a deep split between Morsi's mainly Islamist allies, and an opposition of leftists, liberals, Christians and Muslims calling for freedoms and the separation of the state from religion.

Plane crash kills 22 in Kazakhstan

REUTERS, Kyzyl Tu

A passenger plane crashed in thick fog near Kazakhstan's commercial capital of Almaty yesterday, killing all 22 people on board, an emergency services official said.

The Canadian-built Bombardier Challenger CRJ-200 was en route from the city of Kokshetau in northern Kazakhstan to Almaty in the southeast when it crashed near the village of Kyzyl Tu, Deputy Almaty Mayor Maulen Mukashev said.

"There was no fire, no explosion. The plane just plunged to the earth," Yuri Ilyin, deputy head of the city's emergencies department, told Reuters near the scene. Ilyin put the death toll at 22.

Efrain Rios



This picture shows a baby elephant staying close to a dead pygmy elephant in the Gunung Rara Forest Reserve, some 130 kilometers from Tawau in Malaysia's Sabah state. Ten endangered pygmy elephants have been found dead this month in Malaysian Borneo and are thought to have been poisoned, conservation officials said yesterday. Wildlife authorities in Sabah have formed a taskforce together with the police and WWF to investigate the deaths.



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NEW SIN brief 65 executed bodies found in Syria

AFP, Aleppo

The bodies of at least 65 young men and boys, all executed with a single gunshot to the head or neck, were found yesterday in a river in the Syrian city of Aleppo, a watchdog and rebels said.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 65 bodies were found in the Quweiq River and said that the toll could rise significantly.

A Free Syrian Army officer at the scene said at least 68 bodies had been recovered and that many more were still being dragged from the water, in a rebel-held area.

A senior government security source accused "terrorists" for carrying out the executions.

Most have their hands are tied behind their backs and pools of blood trail from their heads. Their faces are white and bodies bloated.

Guatemala ex-dictator to be tried for genocide

AFP, Guatemala City

A Guatemalan judge on Monday ordered former dictator Efrain Rios Montt to stand trial on charges of genocide for the slaughter of more than 1,750 native Maya people during his 1982-83 regime.

The retired general, now 86, sat stoically as Judge Miguel Galvez ordered the opening of a

humanity.

The landmark decision marks the first time that genocide proceedings have been brought in the Central American country over the 36-year civil war that ended in 1996, leaving an estimated 200,000 people dead, according to the UN.

trial "for the crimes of genocide" and crimes against

Outside the courthouse in Guatemala City, relatives of victims -- some wearing red carnations and clutching photographs of their loved ones -- lit firecrackers in celebration after the ruling was read out.

Rios Montt is accused of orchestrating the massacre of more than 1,750 indigenous Ixil Maya people in Quiche department during his time in power.

Rios Montt is known for his "scorched earth" campaign against people the government claimed were leftist rebels, but who were often indigenous Maya community members not involved in the conflict.

Rights advocates have worked for years to see Rios Montt tried, but he avoided court action, at one point by getting elected to Guatemala's congress -- and thereby winning parliamentary immunity.

Human Rights Watch called the decision to prosecute Rios Montt a "major step forward for accountability in Guatemala.

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