

NEWS IN brief

Mali Qaeda leader killed

AFP, Paris

An Al-Qaeda source yesterday confirmed the death of one of the leaders of the organisation's north African wing, in the most significant success yet for the French-led operation against Islamist fighters in Mali.

Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) chief Abdelhamid Abou Zeid was killed as a result of a French bombing raid in the Ifoghas mountains. an AQIM militant told the private Mauritanian

26 killed in India, Nepal bus crash

AFP, New Delhi

A school bus collided with a truck laden with bricks in rural northwestern India yesterday morning, killing at least eleven children, police said. Nearly 30 children were travelling in the bus, local senior police officer Rajinder Singh told the agency.

In neighbouring Nepal, also known for its treacherous roads, at least 15 people were killed and 25 injured when a bus carrying passengers returning from a wedding veered off a narrow mountain road.

Karachi at standstill after bombing

AFP, Karachi

Thousands of Pakistanis attended funerals yesterday for victims of a bombing that killed 45 people in a Shia Muslim area of Karachi, the latest in a series of devastating attacks ahead of elections.

The bomb exploded in Abbas Town as worshippers came out of mosques, ripping through two apartment blocks, setting one of them on fire and

Priyanka Gandhi undergoes surgery

PTI, New Delhi

Priyanka Gandhi underwent a minor surgery in a private hospital here yesterday. 41-year-old Priyanka underwent a gall bladder surgery at Gangaram Hospital and is stable, sources said though officially

Israel warns Iran on nuke weapon

AFP, Washington

Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak warned Iran on Sunday that Israel would never allow Iranian leaders to develop a nuclear weapon, as he addressed a powerful US-Israel lobby.

"It is Iran's pursuit of a nuclear capability which is the greatest challenge facing Israel, the region and the world today," Barak told at the annual conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

World powers leading negotiations with Iran to rein in its suspect nuclear program concluded talks in Kazakhstan last week, after putting forward a proposal to ease biting sanctions if Tehran halts its uranium enrichment.

US, Saudi united on Syria, Iran

They agree to support Syrian rebels, warn Iran on nuke talks

AP, Riyadh

The United States and Saudi Arabia on Monday presented a united front to Iran and Syria. They warned Syrian President Bashar Assad that they will boost support to rebels fighting to oust him unless he steps down and put Iran's leadership on notice that time is running out for a diplomatic resolution to concerns about its nuclear program.

After a series of meetings in the Riyadh, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal told reporters at a joint news conference that Assad must understand that recent scud missile attacks on regime foes in the city of Aleppo would not be tolerated by the international community and that he had lost all claim to be Syria's legitimate leader.

Saud, whose country along with other Gulf states is widely believed to be supplying weapons to the Syrian rebels, said Saudi Arabia could not



ignore the brutality Assad is inflicting on his people, even after two years of escalating violence that has claimed 70,000 lives. He said that history had never seen a government use strategic missiles against its own people. "This cannot go on," he said. "He has lost all authority."

In his discussions with Kerry, Saudi said he had "stressed the importance of enabling the Syrian people to exercise its legitimate right to defend itself against the regime's killing onry to the Assad regime.

machine." Saudi also decried the fact that the Assad continued to get weapons from "third parties," a veiled reference to Russia and Iran, which have backed the regime through the conflict.

"Saudi Arabia will do everything within its capacity, and we do believe that what is happening in Syria is a slaughter, a slaughter of innocents" he said. "We can't bring ourselves to remain quiet. Morally we have a duty." The Obama administration has resisted appeals from the Syrian opposition to provide it with weapons and ammunitions over fears that they could fall into the hands of Islamist extremists who have gained support among Assad opponents.

But Kerry sidestepped a question about whether the arms reportedly being supplied to the rebels by Saudi Arabia and others were a concern. Instead, he criticized Iran, Hezbollah and Russia by name for giving weapons to the Assad regime.

15 killed in Kenya's vote violence

REUTERS, Kenya

At least 15 people were killed in attacks by machete-wielding gangs yesterday as Kenyans queued to vote in a presidential election they hope will rebuild the nation's image after a disputed 2007 poll unleashed weeks of tribal bloodshed.

Just hours before the start of voting at least nine security officers in Kenya's restive coastal region were hacked to death, and six attackers were also killed. The total toll had earlier put at 17.

Officials and candidates have made impassioned appeals to avoid a repeat of the tribal rampages that erupted five years ago when disputes over the poll result.

China defends growth in military spending

PTI, Beijing

China yesterday said that its defensive military policies played a "core role" in maintaining peace and stability in Asia, playing down speculation of a hefty rise in its defence spending amid standoff with Japan and others over disputed islands.

"China's peaceful foreign policies and its defensive military policies are conducive to security and peace of Asia," Fu Ying, spokesperson for the first session of the National People's Congress (NPC), told a press conference here ahead of the release of budgetary allocations on Tuesday. "It's not good news to the world that a country as large as China is unable to protect itself," Fu, a former vice-foreign minister, said.

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centres' they included forced labour camps where prisoners made supplies for the war.

They also included sites called 'care' centres in which pregnant women were made to have abortions or their babies murdered shortly after birth.

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Poland. Previous data has shown just the existence of individual camps on a fragmented basis.

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A reflective Romney emerges from seclusion

REUTERS, Washington

Four months after his bitter election defeat, a reflective Mitt Romney said it "kills" him not to be president and admitted mistakes were made in his losing White House campaign - particularly his failure to win over minority voters.

In his first television interview since November's loss to President Barack Obama, Romney leveled a fresh blast of criticism at Obama for failing to lead and putting politics ahead of results in the confrontation with congressional Republicans over the budget and spending cuts.

"It kills me not to be there, not to be in the White House doing what needs to be done," Romney said in an interview on the "Fox News Sunday" program, adding that



Obama was still campaigning rather than bringing people together to craft a deal.

"I don't see that kind of leadership happening right now," the 2012 Republican presidential candidate said. "The hardest thing about losing is watching this critical moment, this golden moment slip away with politics."

Romney's interview was the first step in a slow public re-entry for the former Massachusetts governor, who has been largely secluded at his southern California home with his wife Ann since the November loss.

In two weeks, Romney will make his first public speech since the election, to a conference of conservative activists in Washington.

HIV cured in baby for first time

AFP, Washington

Researchers say they have, for the first time, cured a baby born with HIV -- a development that could help improve treatment of babies infected at birth.

There is an important technical nuance: researchers insist on calling it a "functional cure" rather than a complete cure.

That is because the virus is not totally eradicated. Still, its presence is reduced to such a low level that a body can control it without the need for standard drug treatment.

Holocaust 'worse than thought'

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Shockingly, they discovered 42,500 camps across large swathes of German-controlled Europe. The researchers predict that up to 20 million people died

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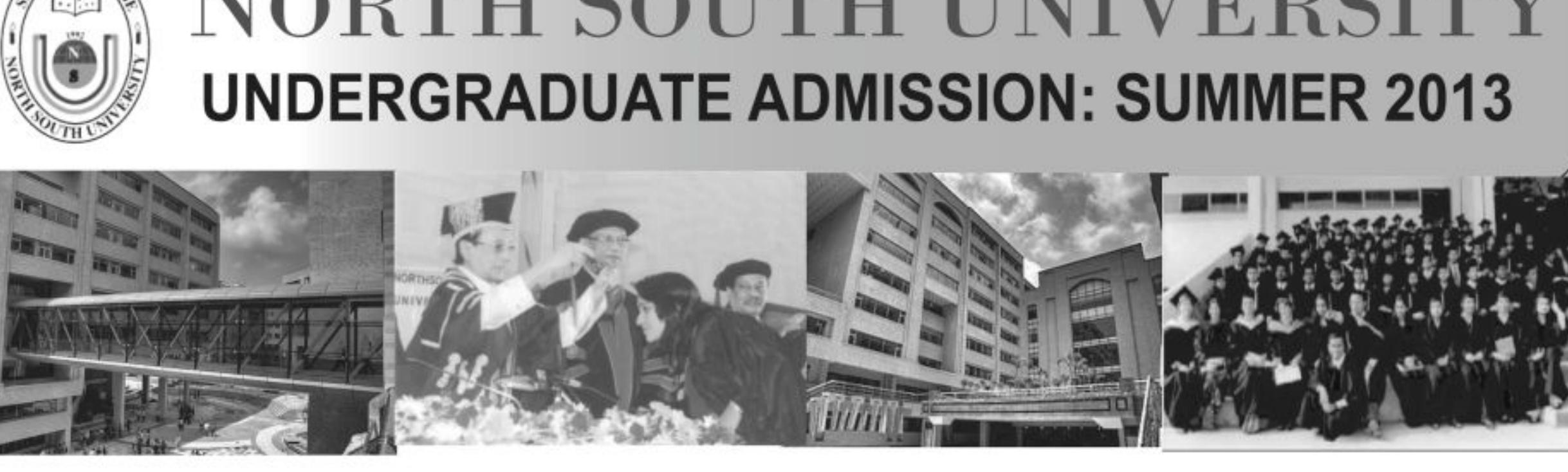
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(ii) SSC/O'Level certificate (mandatory)

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