

NEWS IN brief

India SC orders curbs on acid sales

India's top court yesterday ruled that authorities must regulate the sale of acid used in a spate of attacks on women by jilted boyfriends and others. In an interim judgement, the court said each victim should be paid 300,000 rupees as well as have medical costs covered, pending a final ruling on the level of compensation. Earlier this month, the same court had rebuked the central government for failing to formulate a policy to reduce the number of acid attacks on women.

US heat wave kills 6

Heat in the Northeast USA has taken at least six lives, health officials said yesterday. Five have died in Maryland over the course of the summer of heat-related causes; one man died last week in New York. A heat wave has been hanging over the northeast and the Midwest since early this week, driving up the heat index over 100 degrees in many places.

Militants kill cop in Sinai

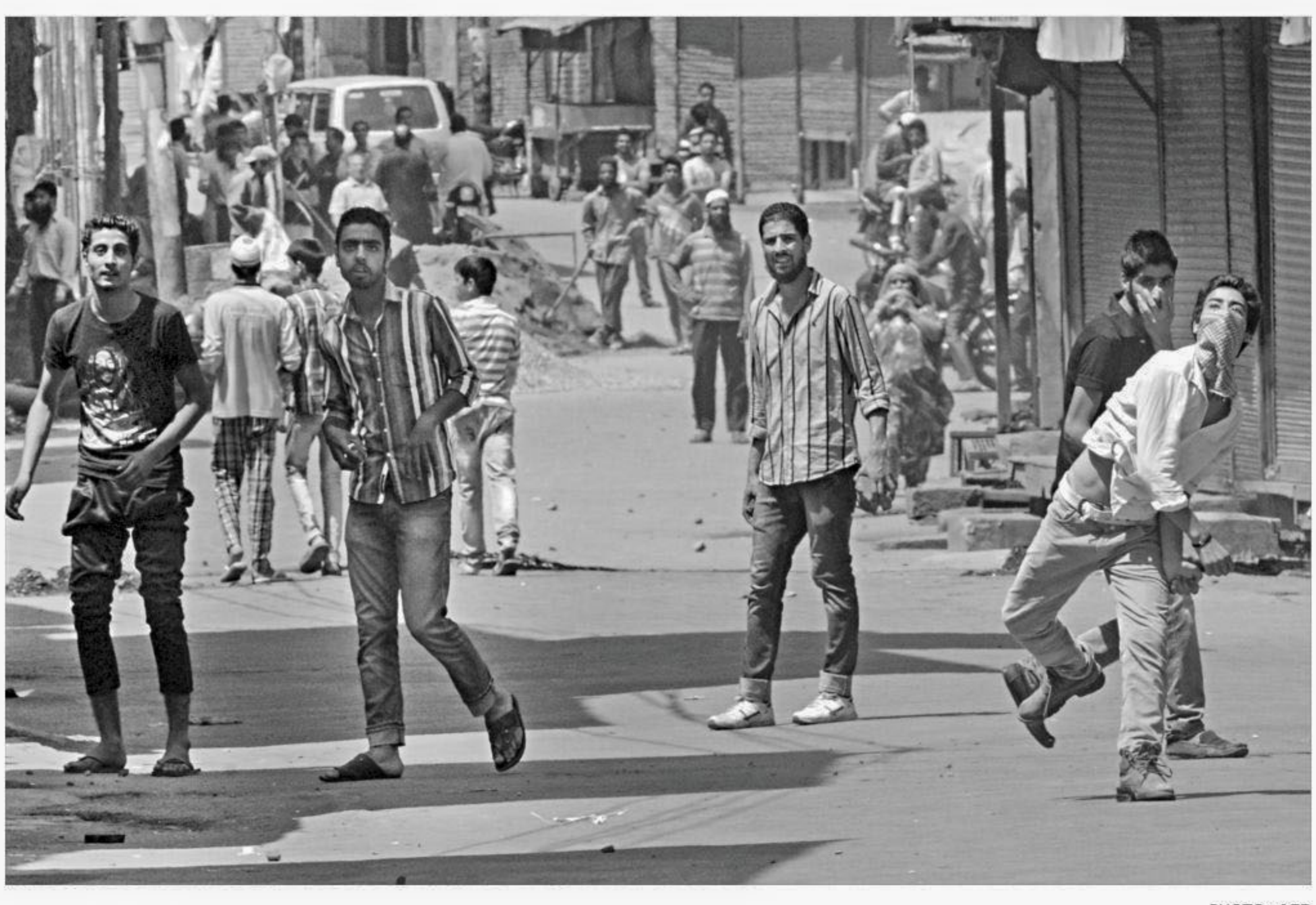
Gunmen shot dead a policeman on Wednesday in El-Arish, in Egypt's restive Sinai peninsula, medical sources said. The militants opened fire on the police conscript who was standing outside a police station in north Sinai's main town, hitting him in the neck before fleeing in their vehicle. This latest deadly attack in the increasingly lawless region, home to Egypt's luxury Red Sea resorts, came as Egyptian troops massed for an offensive against Islamist militants there.

Sudan fighting affects 100,000

Over 100,000 South Sudanese civilians are cut off from aid in the eastern state of Jonglei amid fierce fighting between rival ethnic groups, aid agencies and the United Nations warned Wednesday. Thousands of heavily armed gunmen from rival ethnic groups have been fighting for almost two weeks in the impoverished region, while government troops and UN peacekeepers have said their forces are unable to intervene as they would be overwhelmed.

Guinea violence death toll hits 50

The bodies of 54 people burned alive or hacked to death in ethnic clashes in the west African state of Guinea have been identified, medic said on Wednesday, indicating that the death toll would continue to rise. The violence broke out in the southern forest region early Monday when petrol station guards from the Guerze tribe in the town of Koule beat to death an ethnic Konianke youth they had accused of stealing.



Kashmiri protesters throw stones at police during a clash against the killing of six villagers, in Srinagar yesterday. Indian paramilitary troops shot dead six people protesting outside a Border Security Force station, two police officers said.

No MERS alert ahead of hajj

WHO decides not to raise alarm

The World Health Organization on Wednesday held off from calling for travel restrictions related to the MERS virus striking Saudi Arabia as the kingdom braces for the Muslim hajj pilgrimage. In a statement following a session of the UN health agency's emergency committee -- whose rarity underlined global concerns about MERS -- the WHO said there was currently no reason to step up its level of alert. The meeting came amid mounting concern over the potential impact of the annual hajj in October, when millions of people will head to Islam's two holiest sites of Mecca and Medina, providing a possible means for MERS to spread around the globe. "It is the unanimous decision of the committee that, with the information now available, and using a risk-assessment approach, the conditions for a public health emergency of international concern have not at present been met," it said. The WHO's stance so far has been that countries should remain vigilant, monitoring unusual respiratory infection patterns, notably if patients have been to the Middle East. However, the committee also said the WHO should help nations boost surveillance and laboratory capacity and inform the public about how to reduce the risks of infection, for example via good hygiene. While the WHO did not call for outright travel and trade restrictions, its health security chief Keiji Fukuda said it was poised to issue general recommendations.

'Taliban's office plot to break up Afghanistan'

The Taliban office in Doha was a plot to break up Afghanistan orchestrated by either Pakistan or the United States, a top aide to the Afghan president has said. Hamid Karzai's chief of staff said Kabul was concerned about growing closeness between Pakistan and the United States, and that there was still a huge rift with Washington despite top-level efforts to patch up the disastrous fall-out over the office. The remarks from someone so close to Karzai cast a spotlight on the depth of distrust between Kabul and Washington and between Kabul and Islamabad. They are also likely to play havoc with already troublesome efforts to find a peace deal to end 12 years of Taliban fighting. "The opening of the Qatar office, the way it happened was a plot and Afghanistan foiled that plot and this plot was aimed at splitting or breaking up Afghanistan," Karim Khorram told local ITV in an interview, the recording of which was obtained by AFP. When the Taliban opened their office on June 18, it was hailed as a first step towards a potential peace deal, but a furious Karzai slammed it as an unofficial embassy for a government-in-exile. He reacted by breaking off security talks with Washington and threatening to boycott any peace process altogether. "We have concerns and those concerns have increased since January, and that is over US closeness with Pakistan, specially over issues linked to Afghanistan," Khorram said. "I can't say 100 percent for sure, but you, yourself, can understand that one of these two countries is behind this (Doha office) plot," Khorram said. Khorram is one of Karzai's closest advisors and considered a key member of a more conservative faction around the Afghan president, deeply distrustful of both Pakistan and the United States. Karzai himself has frequently spoken out against US policy, contributing to a troubled relationship with the Obama administration. Echoing similar remarks from Karzai in the past, Khorram accused the United States of trying to prolong the war in Afghanistan and said there was "definitely" a serious rift between Kabul and Washington. He blamed the rift on US strategy in the war, lack of transparency in US policy towards Pakistan and on US reconstruction and economic support to Afghanistan.

India forces kill six in Kashmir

At least six people were killed yesterday as security forces opened fire on protesters in Indian-administered Kashmir, said officials. It is unclear what sparked the protest. Some reports suggest it came after troops entered a local mosque. Angry crowds then gathered outside the Border Security Force (BSF) camp in Ramban district in Jammu. Kashmir, claimed by India and Pakistan, has seen protests and an insurgency against Indian rule since 1989. Local reports say that many were injured when the police opened fire on Thursday. Some are in a critical condition. "The BSF soldiers fired indiscriminately, downing protesters left, right and centre," one witness who did not want to be identified told the Agence France-Presse news agency by phone. Protests have spread across Kashmir, with angry crowds on the streets in the capital, Srinagar, too.

Delay moves to stop settlement funds

Israel urges EU; US admits setback in talks. Israeli President Shimon Peres yesterday urged the EU to delay stopping funding of projects involving settlements in the occupied territories as Palestinians and Israelis inch toward fresh peace talks. "The coming days are critical," his office quoted him as saying. "Wait with your decision, give priority to peace." The European Union is to publish new guidelines for its 28 member states on Friday that will block all funding of, or dealings with, Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank, including annexed east Jerusalem. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Wednesday called US Secretary of State John Kerry, who is in neighbouring Jordan on his latest bid to revive direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians and warned that the EU was "damaging efforts to restart the talks". Peres said there were signs of progress in Kerry's shuttle diplomacy. The EU's office in Israel said that Kerry, Peres and Netanyahu all called European Commission chief Jose Manuel Barroso late on Wednesday to discuss the guidelines. It said that the EU stood ready to negotiate with Israel regarding their planned entry into force from January 1 next year. Netanyahu convened an emergency ministerial meeting on Tuesday after the EU approved the guidelines. Meanwhile, Palestinian politicians rebuffed a hard-fought peace blueprint thrashed out by US Secretary of State John Kerry with president Mahmud Abbas in a major blow to his marathon peace efforts. A US official acknowledged that Kerry was now unlikely to be able to announce a resumption of direct peace negotiations with the Palestinians despite extending until Friday his sixth visit to the region in as many months.



Shimon Peres



Indian school children light candles as they pay tribute to school children that died from food poisoning in Saran district of Bihar state, at a government school in Amritsar yesterday. Thousands of schoolchildren yesterday refused to eat free meals in poverty-stricken eastern India after 23 children died from eating lunch apparently contaminated with insecticide, officials said.

Taliban kill eight Afghans

Taliban gunmen yesterday shot dead eight Afghan civilians on their way to jobs at a US military base south of Kabul, officials said. "Eight Afghan workers who were working in Camp Shank were killed this morning by Taliban," said the deputy police chief in Logar province, Rais Khan Sadeq. Logar is a Taliban stronghold that neighbours the Afghan capital. Their bodies were found with their eyes blindfolded, the police officer said, describing them as "ordinary civilian workers" on the base.

Syria No-fly zone without ground control useless

Says British army boss. Britain's outgoing army chief has warned that attempts to impose a no-fly zone over Syria would be unsuccessful without establishing ground control, in an interview published in yesterday's Daily Telegraph. Britain is at the forefront of international efforts to topple the regime of President Bashar al-Assad, and has promised to supply rebels with equipment to protect them against chemical weapons attacks. But in his interview with the Telegraph, general David Richards said: "If you wanted to have the material impact on the Syrian regime's calculations that some people seek, a no-fly zone per se is insufficient. "You have to be able, as we did successfully in Libya, to hit ground targets. You have to take out their air defences." Richards stressed that a "ground control zone" would need to be established and that tanks and armoured personnel carriers would have to be "taken out". A lack of international consensus and the splintered nature of rebel forces made it difficult to forge a military solution, the 61-year-old general added. Richards retires yesterday after a military career spanning more than 40 years. British Foreign Secretary William Hague has promised lawmakers that the government would seek parliament's consent before deciding to arm the rebels. There has been concern that the weapons could fall into the hands of radical Islamist opposition groups.

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