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RIOTS MAR BUSH VISIT

Indians burn vehicles during a protest in Lucknow and, right, Pakistanis set fire to a US flag in Karachi

Protests sweep Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: US President George W Bush arrived in Islamabad last night on his first visit to Pakistan as a wave of anti-US protests swept the nation, with crowds chanting "Death to America" and torching the Stars and Stripes.

In India, police reported rioting in the northern city of Lucknow that saw three people dead, dozens injured, cars, shops and vehicles torched and shops looted. The rioting was sparked when Muslims staged anti-US protests after Friday prayers. Bush and wife Laura flew in to the Chaklala military airbase from New Delhi on board Air Force One and were received by Pakistani Foreign Minister

Khurshid Kasuri. A banner strung across an airport building welcomed "President George W Bush, a friend of Pakistan". Security was very tight in Islamabad where anti-aircraft guns were set up on the hills and buildings near the base. Today, Bush will meet President Pervez Musharraf



while the two countries' delegations will then hold talks. The US leader was also due to hold a joint Press conference with Musharraf. Earlier, Bush said the new strategic partnership between the US and India could transform the world. The two countries, Bush said in a televised address from a 16th century fort in New Delhi, would rally in global efforts to push for democracy, fight terrorism and break down trade barriers.

The world this morning

2AM LATEST BREAKING NEWS

25 killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD: Dozens of suspected Sunni insurgents attacked a small town near Baghdad yesterday and killed at least 25 people and possibly many more, police said. Police recovered 21 bodies, mostly of Shi'ite migrant workers, from a brick factory at Nahrawan. A further four were brought from the local power station. Full report - Page 2

Sex leaflets near mosques

MANAMA: Leaflets promoting round-the-clock availability of prostitutes at certain coffee shops for only BD5 were openly distributed among worshippers after Friday prayers near some mosques in the Central Governorate, says a report in our sister paper *Akhbar Al Khaleej*. The Information Ministry's tourism affairs directorate is reportedly investigating.

Couple set off blasts in church

NAZARETH: A distraught Israeli couple entered one of Christianity's holiest sites yesterday and set off a series of explosions, sparking a large riot in this biblical town in northern Israel. Police said the couple, joined by a woman, were disguised as Christian pilgrims when they entered the Basilica of the Annunciation. Worshippers, threatened to lynch the trio, before police freed them.

Mussolini row

ROME: Italian member of the European Parliament Alessandra Mussolini stoked an increasingly bitter row with Libya yesterday, saying its people would still be riding camels if the country had not been occupied by Fascist forces under her grandfather, dictator Benito Mussolini. She was speaking after Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi threatened further attacks on Italians if Tripoli's compensation claim for decades of colonisation remained unheeded. Libyan rioters razed the Italian consulate in Benghazi on February 17, ostensibly over an Italian minister wearing a T-shirt satirising Prophet Mohammed.

Hamas condition for peace

MOSCOW: Hamas will not reach peace with Israel until it withdraws from Palestinian territory it occupied in 1967, the group's leader said yesterday after landmark first talks with Russia. Khaled Meshaal said that only if Israel declared its readiness to pull out of occupied land, return refugees, break down the security fence and free all prisoners, "then our side will take serious steps toward securing peace".

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