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SYRIA Govt warns on chemical arms

The Syrian government threatened on Monday to use its chemical and biological weapons in case of a foreign attack, in its first ever acknowledgement that it possesses weapons of mass destruction.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Jihad Makdissi stressed, however, that Damascus would not use its unconventional arms against its own citizens

NORWAY **Oslo remembers** shooting victims

Some 50,000 people attended a concert in Oslo on Sunday evening to mark the first anniversary of the gun and bomb rampage by Norwegian right-wing extremist Anders Behring Breivik, which claimed 77 lives. Prime Minister Jens

Stoltenberg had earlier led tributes to the victims of the massacre during ceremonies at the two attack sites on the island of Utoeya, and during a church service

INDIA 30,000 villagers flee clashes

About 30,000 villagers have fled their homes in northeast India amid clashes between Bodo tribal groups and Muslim settlers that have seen 19 people killed so far, police said on Monday.

Soldiers were out in force in the state of Assam to try to stop the violence over land rights, in which houses have been set ablaze and villagers forced to shelter in government buildings and schools to avoid the fighting

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By AGENCIES in Baghdad

At least 107 people were killed in bomb and gun attacks in Iraq on Monday after 20 died in blasts the previous day in a coordinated surge of violence against mostly Shiite Muslim targets. The bloodshed coincided with an

intensifying of the conflict in neighboring Syria.

As well as the dozens of deaths at least 223 people were wounded in bomb attacks in Shiite areas of Baghdad, the Shiite town of Taji to the north, the mixed northern city of Kirkuk and elsewhere, hospital and police sources said, making it one of Iraq's bloodiest days in weeks.

No group has claimed responsibility for the latest wave of assaults but a senior Iraqi security official blamed the local wing of al-Qaida, made up of Sunni Muslim militants hostile to the Shiiteled government, which is friendly with Iran.

"Recent attacks are a clear message that al-Qaida in Iraq is determined to

spark a bloody sectarian war," the official said, asking not to be named.

"With what's going on in Syria, these attacks should be taken seriously as a potential threat to our country. Al-Qaida is trying to push Iraq to the verge of Shiite-Sunni war," he said. "They want things to be as bad as in Syria.

The last two days of bombings and shootings shattered a two-week lull in violence in the run-up to the Muslim holy fasting month of Ramadan, which started in Iraq on Saturday.

Sectarian slaughter peaked in 2006-07 but deadly attacks have persisted while political tensions among Iraq's main Shiite, Sunni and Kurdish factions have mounted since US troops left the country in December.

Resurging violence

"I heard explosions in the distance so I left my house and I saw a car outside," said 40-year-old Taji resident Abu Mohammed, who added that police inspectors concluded the vehi-



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Residents gather at the site of a car bomb attack in Mahmudiya, 30 km south of Baghdad, on Monday.

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Bomb, gun attacks kill 107 in Iraq

"We asked the neighbors to leave their houses, but when they were leaving, the bomb went off."

Abu Mohammed said he saw an elderly woman carrying a newborn

baby die, as well as the policeman who first concluded the car was packed with explosives.

An AFP reporter at the scene said a row of houses was destroyed, and residents were rummaging through the rubble in search of victims and their belongings.

In Baghdad, meanwhile, a car bomb outside a government office responsible for producing identity papers in the Shiite bastion of Sadr City killed at least 12 people and wounded 22 others, security and medical officials said.

"This attack is a terrible crime against humanity, because they did it during Ramadan, while people are fasting," said one elderly witness who declined to be identified.

An AFP journalist said eight nearby cars were badly burned and many of the victims of the earlier attack could not be identified because their papers were inside the offices that were targeted.

Two other explosions in the Baghdad neighborhoods of Husseiniyah and Yarmuk killed at least three people and left 21 others wounded, while a car bomb in the town of Tarmiyah, just north of Baghdad, injured nine people, officials said

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Govt probe of Japan nuclear crisis criticizes TEPCO

By AGENCIES in Tokyo

Experts investigating Japan's nuclear disaster said on Monday that the operator of the crippled plant continues to drag its feet in investigations and has tried to understate the true amount of damage at the complex.

The report, by a governmentappointed panel, is the latest of several to fault Tokyo Electric Power Co and the government for doing too little to protect the Fukushima Daiichi plant from the massive earthquake and tsunami that set off three meltdowns there

in the world's worst nuclear accident since Chernobyl.

The panel, of 10 independent experts in fields including radiation protection, medicine and law, also said the utility has yet to address problems within its own culture that contributed to its failings in the crisis - including employees "not fully trained to think for themselves".

"We still don't perceive much enthusiasm in the accident investigation from" the company, the report said. "TEPCO must take our findings sincerely and resolve the problems to

achieve a higher level of safety culture across the company."

The panel said TEPCO covered up unfavorable data in a computer analysis attempting to measure the extent of damage inside the reactors earlier this year. It said that in a hearing, TEPCO officials acknowledged the simulation was inadequate, but they have yet to make another attempt. "The fundamental problem lies in the fact that utilities, including TEPCO and the government, have failed to see the danger as reality as they were bound by a myth of nuclear safety and the notion that severe acci-

dents do not happen at nuclear plants in our country," it said.

The 450-page report is the fourth inquiry into the worst nuclear accident in a generation which occurred after the huge tsunami of March 2011 crashed into the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power station.

Reactors went into meltdown, sending clouds of radiation over a wide area, forcing tens of thousands of people from their homes, some possibly for the rest of their lives.

A damning parliamentary study that said the disaster was "man-made" was

released earlier this month, following a private report by a group of journalists and scholars.

An investigation by TEPCO largely cleared itself of blame, saying the size of the earthquake and tsunami was beyond all expectations and could not reasonably have been foreseen.

The latest report said however that TEPCO and the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency were ill-prepared to cope with a tsunami or severe accidents, and that the government bungled the evacuation.











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