

India, Pakistan restart arms race

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The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — South Asia appeared closer to a full-blown arms race after Pakistan tested its second nuclear-capable missile in two days Thursday, upping the ante on its rival India.

The latest test was of the Shaheen I, a surface-to-surface missile with a range of 450 miles, considerably shorter than the Ghauri II, tested by Pakistan the day before.

The Ghauri II was tested in apparent response to India's test flight of its Agni II missile on Sunday. Each missile, with a range of about 1,200 miles, can strike anywhere in the other country's territory.

All three missiles can carry a nuclear or conventional payload of 2,200 pounds.

Pakistan's Foreign Ministry said its series of missile tests was

over "for now" — but that did little to allay fears that the round of tests had put the two countries firmly on a spiral of missile one-upmanship.

That is what the international community has been trying to avert ever since the two neighbors exploded nuclear devices last year. India and Pakistan have fought three wars in the past 51 years and it is feared that in a new confrontation they could turn to nuclear weapons.

After Wednesday's test, both countries moved to allay those fears. Pakistan's foreign ministry issued a statement explaining that the tests "will help in maintaining a strategic balance in South Asia."

India's Foreign Minister Jaswant Singh said only: "There is no arms race in South Asia."

Officials said the Shaheen I's six-

minute test flight was conducted at 9:58 a.m. (9:58 p.m. PDT) at the Sonmiani naval base, 30 miles from Pakistan's southern port city of Karachi on the Arabian Sea coast.

Official sources said the more advanced Shaheen II missile, with a range of 1,400 miles, was ready and waiting to be tested. But there was no word on when or if that might occur.

After the test, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan called for an international agreement on controls on missile development, his spokesman said.

Annan "feels strongly that the recent tests by India and Pakistan of medium-range missiles ... have underscored the need for multilaterally negotiated norms against the development of such weapons," U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said.

News Briefs

Conference promotes eco-awareness

Students and community members are invited to attend the 5th Annual H.O.P.E.S. Eco Design Conference beginning today and continuing through Saturday and Sunday. The Eco Design Conference is the only one of its kind in the United States.

Events will include lectures, workshops, exhibits and panels addressing social equality and promoting environmental consciousness in man-made structures and the natural world.

On Thursday, Michael Singer, a nationally recognized designer, launched a charrette, an intensive investigation into possible solutions for a design project. The charrette will finish today at 4 p.m. before Singer's keynote address. The cost of the charrette is free to students and \$5 for community members.

Students from the 4J School District and home schoolers will design and glaze tiles for future use on campus. Some of the tile

will be incorporated into a cob bench that will be built on Saturday and Sunday by conference participants. Participants in one of the seminars will design the bench, which will be erected behind Lawrence Hall facing Franklin Boulevard as a permanent addition to the campus.

In two other workshops, participants will learn about bamboo cultivation and building techniques that will be applied to a bamboo structure that will cover and protect the cob bench.

Other workshops include textile printing, alternative paper-making and sun trackers and time markers.

Workshops are individually priced from \$5 to \$15 for students with an ID or \$45 to \$60 for community members. People interested in the conference can call 346-0719 or email hopes@laz.uoregon.edu.

The conference is cosponsored by the University's School of Architecture and Allied Arts and Holistic Options for Planet Earth Sustainability, a student-initiated and organized group.

Election

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numerous elections violations."

Reed and Swanson have filed grievances with the Constitution Court concerning illegal placement of Chen and Anoushiravani posters. Chen denies knowing who put up the posters.

He responded casually to the allegations.

"I think they can do what they want. The students can still choose who they want as their execs. We can have a million elections."

After five hours of counting votes, the Elections Board is ready to do it again next week.

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