

Pakistan warned back down

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Three U.S. delegations are through Pakistan this week, bringing the same message for the neighboring India: "The heat."

Last month's hijacking of an Airlines plane unleashed a war of words between the countries.

Pakistan's military leader, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, has warned not a man to turn the other cheek, a relentless "flak from across the S.K. Singh, a former top India's Foreign Ministry, regarded as "a threat, which very seriously."

Analysts fear the verbal could take both countries, have fought three wars, but battlefields.

"There is a very real danger of conflict, because you become an enemy of your own rhetoric and you end up doing things you plan to do," said Riffat Hussain, a political analyst at Pakistan's Azam University.

"We are in for a period of high tension," said Dr. Tariq Aziz, Pakistan's Institute of Studies. "Both countries can manage the tension — but never know."

That uncertainty explains the visits to Pakistan by three high-ranking Americans. Assistant Secretary of State Inderfurth is to arrive Thursday, the highest U.S. official to visit military throat out the election in October.

He follows Republican Sen. Pat Brownback of Kansas, who is four Senate Democrats — leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota, Christopher Dodd of Connecticut, Harry Reid of Nevada and Akaka of Hawaii.

Israel to disclose information about unclaimed Holocaust-era accounts

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel will publish a list of 1,000 unclaimed bank accounts from the Holocaust era in an effort to help survivors and their heirs recover assets.

The dormant accounts, none containing more than the equivalent of about \$150, have been held by the state for over 50 years, Custodian General Shmuel Tsur told reporters yesterday.

Some 14,000 bank accounts and other types of assets held by the government, worth about \$58 million, however, will not be released for another year, Tsur said. He said it will take that long to examine the files, of which 7,900 are presumed to belong to Holocaust victims.

The announcement comes just days after Israel's largest bank, Bank Leumi, posted thousands of its dormant accounts dating back to World War II on the Internet.

Yoram Dori, spokesman for the World Jewish Restitution Organization, which is fighting to restore Holocaust-era property in 23 countries, called the announcement "an important step in the right direction."

In the uncertain days leading up to and during the war, European Jews deposited assets in banks in British-mandated Palestine to protect their property from Nazi confiscation.

At the outbreak of World War II, Britain issued a "Trading with the Enemy Order" freezing the assets of people living in Germany or Nazi-occupied countries.

After the war, several thousand accounts remained unclaimed — mostly, it is presumed, because their owners were among the 6 million Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

With the birth of the state of Israel in 1948, the accounts were transferred to Israel's Finance Ministry and later to the General Custodian for Wards, which handles unclaimed assets.

The 1,000 accounts will be posted on the Internet within two or three months, Tsur said.

Aided by religious leaders, pope follows through on dream to unite Christians by opening symbolic doors

ROME (AP) — With a push from the spiritual leader of Anglicans and another hard tap from an Orthodox prelate, Pope John Paul II opened a symbolic door yesterday in a ceremony that grew out of his dream of uniting Christians.

The archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, and Metropolitan Athanasios, sent by Bartholomew I, the spiritual leader of the world's Orthodox, were the most prominently featured of the more than 20 non-Catholic participants in the service to open the Holy Door of St. Paul's Outside the Walls Basilica.

Starting on Christmas Eve in St. Peter's Basilica, the pope by himself had opened the special doors of three basilicas to mark the start of the Vatican's Holy Year of pilgrimages and indulgences.

To highlight his goal of healing divisions among Christians, he saved the last basilica door to be opened together with non-Catholics.

Carey broke into a smile after the door was opened, and he and Athanasios got down on their knees just behind the 79-year-old pope, who was the only one offered a cushion against the hard stone floor.

Orthodox in black robes came up to him one by one to offer a double-cheeked kiss of peace or take his hand in a sign of respect.

Participants included Lutherans and Pentecostals.

Among the Orthodox leaders who sent representatives was the patriarch of Moscow, Alexy II, who himself in the past has snubbed occasions for groundbreaking meetings with the pope.

Orthodox, who split from Rome nearly 1,000 years ago, have been especially irritated with Catholics since the breakup of the communist Soviet bloc.

They accuse priests of being too aggressive in converting faithful to Catholicism.

Despite the divisions, the pope said they are now on a path that leads to full unity.

"We ask pardon of Christ for all that which in the history of the church prejudiced his design of unity," the pope said during his ceremony.

"The wish that springs from my heart ... is that in a not far-off future, Christians, finally reconciled.



POPE

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