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## Clerics join hostage talks

### Taliban demands for release of 22 Koreans unclear

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**tribal leaders**  
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42-year-old pastor, was found slain with multiple gunshot wounds Wednesday. Authorities recovered the body of Bae Hyung-kyu in Garabagh district of Ghazni province, where the South Koreans were seized July 19.

Bae, a founder of the Ssemmai Presbyterian Church, led its volunteer work in Afghanistan and was killed on his birthday, South Korean church officials said.

An official at the South Korean Embassy in Kabul said authorities were arranging to repatriate the body. Relatives of other abductees, meanwhile, appealed anew for their relatives' release.

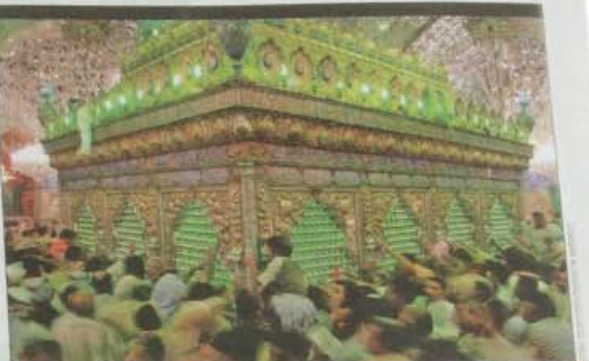
A local police chief said the talks have been difficult because the Taliban's demands were unclear.

"One says, 'Let's exchange them for my relative,' the others say, 'Let's release the women,' and yet another wants a deal for money," said Khwaja Mohammad Siddiqi, police chief in Garabagh.

"They have got problems among themselves."

The Taliban reiterated their demand that jailed militants be freed in exchange for the captives, and set the latest of several deadlines — midday Friday — for the condition to be met or more hostages would be killed.

One of the original group of 23 abducted Koreans, a



**COLOURFUL SHRINE** Worshipers visit the tomb of Imam Hussein, grandson of the Prophet Muhammad, who is buried in a shrine in the Shiite holy city of Karbala, 80 kilometers south of Baghdad yesterday. Thousands of visitors are expected to visit the shrine today to mark Imam Hussein's birth.

## 60 Taliban militants killed by coalition

### NATO soldier dies in separate clash

U.S.-led coalition forces and Afghan troops clashed with militants in two separate battles in southern Afghanistan, leaving more than 60 suspected Taliban dead, while a NATO soldier was killed in another incident, officials said yesterday.

Coalition forces and Afghan troops late Wednesday attacked a cluster of buildings in Helmand province that militants had used to launch attacks, triggering a 12-hour gunbattle.

"Coalition air support dropped two bombs on the compounds with the greatest concentration of insurgents," a coalition statement said. "Both compounds produced significant secondary explosions immediately sug-

**soldier death**  
A NATO soldier was also killed yesterday following a clash with militants in southern Afghanistan, the alliance said in a statement. The soldier's nationality and the exact location of the clash were not revealed.

gesting a large quantity of explosive material was present in each."

More than 50 Taliban were killed in the clash and a number of others were wounded, the coalition said.

The clash happened near the village of Musa Oala, where a peace deal struck last year with local elders effectively ended control of the area to Taliban fighters. Militants use the village and surrounding areas as a staging ground for raids against Afghan and foreign troops.

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### Relief may come for peanut allergies

**RESEARCH** Scientists at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University say they've found a way to deactivate peanut allergens in the lab. Researcher Mohammed Ahmedna tells ABC News the allergen is removed through processing rather than through breeding.

While lab tests have been successful, there have been no human trials. And many leading American researchers say that even if human trials are successful, it would likely be several years before a so-called safe peanut hit the market.

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### 5 British students sentenced to jail

**TERRORISM** British court has sentenced five students to jail today for collecting information on bomb-making and terrorism.

Government officials said the five had been convicted of possessing articles for terrorist purposes. Police who searched the men's computers found a U.S. military guide giving instructions on how to make explosive devices and a suicide bombing manual. Chatroom conversations that encouraged terrorism or martyrdom had also been found. The men denied the charges and insisted they were simply researching Islam.

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