

# Gunmen storm India's Parliament—13 dead, 17 wounded

**By Associated Press INTERNATIONAL**  
NEW DELHI, India — Half a dozen armed men stormed India's Parliament today, leaving at least 13 dead and 17 wounded during the more than half-hour shootout, authorities said.  
Police Chief Ajai Raj Sharma said six officers and an army commando died. Pramod Mahajan, India's parliamentary affairs minister, told CNBC India that "all six terrorists" were killed in what is being called the worst breach of government security since the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1984. Officials did not identify the gunmen.  
Parliament had adjourned, but most lawmakers and several Cabinet ministers were still inside.

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LOS ANGELES — The chairman of the Jewish Defense League and a member of the extremist organization are accused of a bombing scheme aimed at the office of an Arab-Ameri-

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can congressman and a prominent Los Angeles mosque.  
JDL chairman Irv Rubin, 56, and Earl Krugel, 59, were held without bail Wednesday after being charged with the failed bombing plot.  
Authorities said the two men held a series of meetings in October to plan the bombing of the King Fahd Mosque and the San Clemente office of freshman Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif.  
During one secretly audiotaped meeting, Krugel allegedly said Arabs "need a wakeup call" and the JDL needed to do something to one of their "filthy" mosques, according to an affidavit.  
Investigators also say Rubin wanted to "blow up an entire building" but lacked the technology.  
The pair was arrested Tuesday night after explosive powder was delivered to Krugel's home by a longtime JDL

member who had turned federal informant, U.S. Attorney John Gordon said. Other bomb components and weapons were seized at the Los Angeles home.  
U.S. Magistrate Judge Victor Kenton ordered both held without bail and set a preliminary hearing for Dec. 27.  
**SPACE CENTER, Houston** — Space shuttle Endeavour's extra day at the international space station means the newest crew will have more time to conduct science experiments instead of simply focusing on basic upkeep tasks.  
Space station Alpha's new crew had already planned to replace an air conditioner compressor inside one of the orbiting outposts' Russian modules. But with additional help aboard an extra day, the task is set to be done Friday, a day before the shuttle leaves.  
One experiment planned during the crew's six-month stay measures radia-

tion levels astronauts experience during spacewalks and another is related to development of a plant research unit for Alpha.  
Endeavour will undock on Saturday for the return trip to Earth.  
The shuttle was supposed to leave Friday, but NASA approved an extra day at the space station thanks to power-conserving efforts.  
**WASHINGTON** — Concessions by Republicans and Democrats invigorated bargaining over economic stimulus legislation that would grant broad benefits to the unemployed and cut taxes for individuals and businesses.  
Talks resumed Wednesday night shortly after Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle offered to back a modest acceleration of income tax cuts. He also said a deal no longer had to pass muster with two-thirds of the 50 Senate Democrats, which Republicans had insisted would effectively block their tax cuts.

"What helped us was the agreement it wouldn't be the two-thirds thing," House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Thomas, R-Calif., said.  
Those moves by Daschle followed important concessions by President Bush on unemployment benefits and health insurance aid sought by Democrats.  
Bush gained some support from centrist Senate Democrats by bringing aid in his stimulus plan to the unemployed to nearly \$30 billion. His revised proposal includes a new 50 percent health insurance tax credit that could be paid to jobless people in advance and a 13-week extension of unemployment benefits. Bush also eased up on his income tax proposal.  
**WASHINGTON** — The nation's obesity epidemic has gotten so bad it soon may overtake tobacco as the leading cause of preventable deaths, the surgeon general said Thursday. He called for changes in policies — from

schools to the fast-food industry — to trim Americans' waistlines.  
Some 300,000 people a year die from illnesses directly caused or worsened by being overweight. The toll threatens to wipe out progress fighting cancer and heart disease, and could even exceed cigarettes' harm, Surgeon General David Satcher warned.  
Some 60 percent of adults are overweight or obese, as are nearly 13 percent of children, rates that have steadily risen over the past decade. The reason isn't a mystery: People eat more calories — too often by shunning fruits and vegetables in favor of super-sized junk foods — than they work off. But how to solve the problem is vexing, as warning after warning from health officials has gone unheeded.  
Satcher said a key is treating obesity not just as a personal responsibility but one shared by the community and industry. He called for a national attack on obesity like the one federal health officials declared on smoking.



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