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A Palestinian boy walks past the rubble of al-Taqwa mosque that was destroyed by Israel's three-week aggression on Gaza early this year. Gaza remains under total blockade by Israel where people are subjecting of a genocide and are unable to rebuild thousands of destroyed homes and hospitals as a result of the Israeli attacks, July 26, 2009.

Taliban to Disrupt Afghanistan Western Planned Election

The Taliban resistance in Afghanistan warned on Thursday it would attempt to derail next month's presidential election, calling on Afghans to boycott the poll and urging them to "join the trenches of jihad."

Western troops led by the US are continuing their attack on a

Taliban-led resistance across Afghanistan, with attacks escalating after thousands of US and British troops launched major offenses in southern Helmand province this month that killed thousands of Muslims there.

The increased violence

coincides with campaigning for the August 20 poll, the second direct vote for president since the fall of the Taliban government in 2001 after an invasion by the US.

A statement issued by the Taliban's leadership council and posted on a website it uses, said

the election was a US "invention" and urged voters to join them instead of taking part in a poll it labeled a farce.

"All mujahideen should strongly focus on making this process fail ... strike the enemy's

bases and stop people from taking part in the election," the statement, in Pashtu, said.

"All Afghans, due to their Islamic and national sentiments, need to totally boycott this

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Libya, Canada Sign Nuclear Deal

Libya and Canada have signed on Wednesday in Tripoli a memorandum of intent on nuclear power and the basis of cooperation between the two countries in such field.

The memorandum allows Libyan-Canadian cooperation in research, excavation, extracting and transport of uranium, enhancing radiation technology for the prevention and treatment of diseases, as well as the development and management of water

desalination technology that is used in nuclear energy and other useful applications.

The agreement also provides for the prioritizing of nuclear

safety, protection of environment and economy, and nuclear non-proliferation in accordance of laws and policies

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