

MIDNIGHT WORLD NEWS HIGHLIGHTS  
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1. MANILA: Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad meets with Philippine President Fidel Ramos shortly after his arrival here Friday to discuss the economic crisis pounding the region.

2. JAKARTA: Companies controlled by a grandson of Indonesian President Suharto and a son of tycoon Sudono Salim are granted contracts Friday to operate Jakarta's water supply.

3. BEIRUT: UN Secretary General Kofi Annan says in a newspaper interview published Friday that the use of force should be the "last resort" to force Iraq to abide by international resolutions.

4. JERUSALEM: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu calls Friday for urgent world action to halt Iranian efforts to develop arms of mass destruction, saying Iran poses as great a threat to peace as Iraq.

5. BAGHDAD: Iraq accuses Britain and the United States on Friday of being determined to attack it and insists that the rest of the world is opposed to a military strike over the arms crisis.

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