

Shia shrine blasts

The two minarets of the al-Askari shrine in Iraq, one of the holiest sites in Shia Islam, have been largely destroyed. The bombing of the golden dome at the mosque last February sparked sectarian violence which has claimed more than 18,800 lives



SAMARRA: Shrine contains graves of descendants of Prophet Muhammad – *Imam Ali bin Muhammad al-Hadi*, and his son, *Imam al-Hasan al-Askari*