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FRANCE: AN ALLIANCE OF HATE French neo-Nazis formed an alliance with militant Jewish groups on the Internet to publish a torrent of hate messages directed against Arabs and Muslims, according to a report by a leading antiracist group. Members of far-right groups were prepared to set aside their anti-Semitic feelings to share Web space and expertise with the pro-Israeli campaigners during the rise in violence in the Middle East, the study found. "This is a new phenomenon," said Mouloud Aounit, head of the antiracist group, MRAP, which published the report. The report said 26 Web sites, traced to far-right and Jewish militant groups in France, operated from the same server in the United States from 1999 until this March. Members of the groups also shared advice on how to send messages without leaving electronic trails. (Reuters)