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Chittagong polls results

Only Khaleda, Oli among former ministers return

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, June 13 Among the former ministers who contested Wednesday's polls only Begum Khaleda Zia and Oh Ahmed came out successful in Chittagong-1 and Chittagong-13 respectively. Following are the unofficial

Chittagong-1 (Mirersarai) Begum Khaleda Zia of BNP (66,336 votes) won, nearest rival Engr Mosharaf Hossain of Awami League (62,040 votes).

Chittagong-2 (Sitakunda) Abul Kasem of Awami League (45,476) won, nearest rival LK Siddiqi (43,119)

Chittagong-4 (Fatikchhari) Rafiqui Anwar of Awami League (72,536) won, nearest rival Jamaluddin Ahmed of BNP (55.701)Chittagong-5 (Hathazari)

Syed Wahidul Alam of BNP (57,005) won, nearest rival Abdus Salam of Awami League [42,298].

Chittagong-7 (Rangunia) Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury of BNP (39,296) won, nearest rival Sadek Chowdhury of

(Doublemooring-Kotwali-(99.171) won, nearest rival Abdullah Al Noman of BNP (85.146)

BNP (53.098) won, nearest rival Ataur Rahman Khan Kaiser of Awami League (41,901) Chittagong-13

Oli Ahmed of BNP (62,322) won, nearest rival Alhai Nazrul Islam Chowdhury of Awami League (30,728).

Chittagong-14 (Lohagara Satkania): Alhaj Oli Ahmed of BNP (75,865) won, nearest rival Shahjahan Chowdhury of

Analysis: A verdict

symbol 'boat' with 12 other winning candidates and BNP got 141 seats. JP bagged 35 seats, Jamaat 18. Workers Party, Islami Oikkya Jote and NDP one each and independent candidates won three

disenchantment, coupled with AL gather voters in the rural complacency and indiscipline within the BNP, and a spirited. efficient and people-oriented appear to

wheading the campaign for the caretaker government, the AL gained valuable political mileage by forcing the then BNP government to accept the demand and quit in the face of an Opposition movement

The oldest and one of the most well-organised political parties in the country, the AL also ran a more sober, systematic and matured election campaign. It avoided the strategies that did not work the last time, even to the exent of avoiding some sensitive ssues like repealing the In-

BNP enforces hartal in Feni

FEMI June 13: BNP activists enforced a dawn-todusk hartal in the town today protesting alleged vote rigging at different centres in the local constituency, reports UNB.

Ferdows Ahmed Qureshi. the BNP candidate for Feni-2 seat, called the hartal to protest rigging, harassment of voters and partisan behaviour of the administration."

The Election Commission postponed polls on Wednesday in two centres of the constituency and did not announce the result.

Awami League (34,753) Chittagong-9

Panchlaish-Chandgaon) : MA Mannan of Awami League

Chittagong-12 (Anwara

Patiya): Sarwar Jamal Nizam of

(Chandanaish-Satkania) : Alhai

Jamaat e Islami (41,410).

demnity Ordinance. The AL's campaign strategy of apologising for any past mistakes of the party and its pledge to run the country on the basis of a national consensus, if voted to power, also struck a positive chord among the voters. Its-election pledge to provide subsidy to the agri-A certain degree of voter cultural sector also helped the

> The single-most important factor for BNP's debacle in the polls was the party government's prolonged indecision in resolving the caretaker government issue that led to a lingering Opposition movement causing immense suffer-

ing to the people.

People seemed to have overwhelming support for the concept of polls under a caretaker government as the perception that elections under a party government may not be fair was quite strong. Public opinion fully swung in favour of the caretaker government concept after the 'controversial February 15 polls boycotted by the mainstream opposition. Other factors which appears to have had an impact on BNP's campaign include the party government's failure to make the fifth parliament effective. the fertilizer crisis of last year

and law and order problems. BNP's election campaign was also lacklustre and poorly coordinated and most of its election pledges did not seem to have much impact on the voters. BIP also failed to capitalise on the economic success

of the past five years. In the capital, BNP had a loss of face losing to AL seven of the eight seats it had won in the '91 election.

Jatiya Party did not fare as well as earlier predicted. Ja maat, fielding candidates in all the seats for the first time tested its own strength, get ting only two seats.

ple gave her party enough

seats to make it the largest

party in parliament, having the

responsibility of forming the

next government. "I would like

to reassure the nation that we

are fully prepared to assume

expecting from the new gov-

ernment in India Hasina

replied,"I will pursue for re-

spectable solution of Ganges

water sharing and other prob-

lems with India through fruit-

commitment of running the

country on the basis of national

consensus, she said,"We will

heal the wounds, not create

new ones, unite the nation, not

task of ensuring smooth trans-

the AL president stressed that

"there should be no attempt to

thwart the electoral verdict of

the people" and appealed to all

to maintain peace in the coun-

tranquility are pre-requisites

for economic growth and

nalists covering the elections.

she said "they helped us in

achieving transparency in the

Referring to foreign jour-

social progress.'

electoral process."

"In fact, peace and

fer of power was lying ahead

Noting that a more difficult

Reiterating her election

When asked what she was

this responsibility."

ful dialogues."

divide it.

Hasina: Invitation The AL chief said the peo-

From page 1

On insistence from newsmen she, however, said "We will seek every party's support" for building the nation.

"We will immediately initiate consultations with all the political forces in the country and begin a process of reconciliation." said the AL presi dent. "What the nation needs today is single-minded attention to resolve the economic and administrative problems. We are determined to get on with the job without losing any time," she added.

She said that Awami League was hopeful of gaining absolute majority by now but violence resorted to by a former ruling party forced postponement of elections in certain constituencies. Re-elections in these seats are scheduled to be held shortly, she pointed

Asked for her comment on allegations of polls rigging made by BNP, Hasina said, "everyone should respect people's verdict. The election was reasonably fair.

She thanked the Election Commission for their 'best efforts' for holding the elections. "There have been instances of false votes and intimidation but, given the enormity and complexity of the task, they seem to have made their best efforts.

taker government, law enforcing agencies and the armed forces for the role played by them to help ensure peaceful holding of the polls.

Political adviser to the AL She also thanked the carepresident Shah A M S Kibria and senior party leaders including Tofael Ahmed and Dr Mohammed Selim were also present at the press confer-

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Maudud alleges false voting in Noakhali 1 & 5

By Staff Correspondent

Party Presidium member, yesterday said that widespread violence and false voting sponsored by interested groups in the June 12 election.

to The Daily Star over tele phone last night Moudud contested from

Noakhali-1 and 5 constituen cies as the JP nominee

Chief Election Commissioner representation demanding fresh election. Moudud said. had earlier informed all con cerned including the CEC, the Returning Officer and the SP of Noakhali about my appre lence in my constituencies, but no action was taken

in these two constituencies were not free and fair. Moudud criticised the poll observers for certifying that the elections were free and fair. When told that all defeated

leaders speak of electoral manipulation and terrorism Moudud said, "all that I have said are true."

Noman demands re-polling in 40 centres

CHITTAGONG, June 13 Former minister and BNP can didate from Chittagong-9 (Kot Noman today demanded rethe constituency, reports BSS.

were widespread irregularities in some 40 centres out of 130 of Kotwali constituency He alleged that a large number of genuine female voters could not cast their votes

voters could not go to the polling centres being fright-

Reelection in Raozan

ened by terrorists, he said.

CHITTAGONG, June 13 Awami League and Jatiya Party candidates, in a joint press conference today, demanded of the caretaker government. and Chief Election Commissioner to Hold re-election in Raozan constituency, reports

Addressing a press confer ence at Chittagong Press Club. Fazley Karim Chowdhury and Ziauddin Ahmed Chowdhury (Bablu), respectively of AL and JP, alleged that there were massive malpractices like vote rigging, hijacking of ballot boxes and intimidation of Hindu and Buddhist voters in at least twenty centres of Raozan.

Raushan blames govt for biased attitude toward JP

blamed the caretaker government for not playing neutral role in conducting the election and showing biased attitude to

Jatiya Party, reports UNB. "I was surprised at the biased role of the caretaker government headed by Habibur Rahman," said the wife of former president HM Ershad

in a statement last night. She accused that the ad ministration was working in favour of particular political parties in some Jatiya Partydominated constituencies.

"Massive vote rigging took place in Sherpur-1 and Mymensingh-11 constituencies ... counting was not accurate in some places", said Rawshan Ershad, senior member of the

She demanded recount of the ballots in the two constituencies.

Post-polls violence in Ctg: 2 hurt

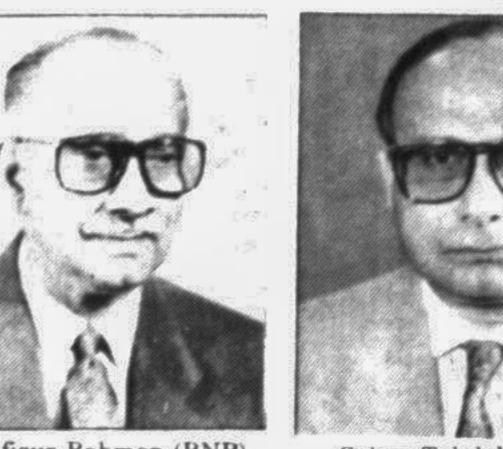
CHITTAGONG, June 13: Two persons were injured while six shops looted in postpolls violence here last night and today.

Police said, one Nurul Absar, reportedly a BNP activist, received bullet wounds during a clash with rivals at Mirersarai after 12 last night. He was admitted to the local health complex.

har this afternoon, one Kamal Uddin, 22, received stab injuries. He was admitted to the

Chittagong Medical College Hospital

Stalwarts who lost polls



Mostafizur Rahman (BNP)

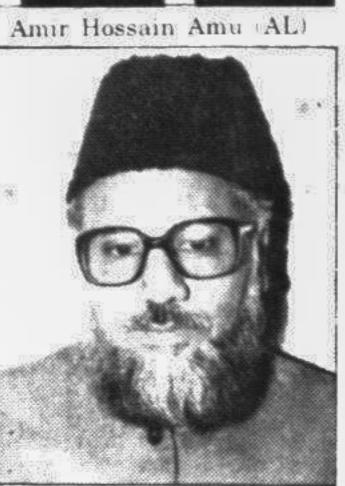


Maj (Rtd) A Mannan (BNP



Moudud Ahmed JP





M Rahman Nizami (Jamaat)

From page 1

of BNP: 42,360

33.765

92, result available 82, post-

poned 10. Kazi Shah Mofazzal

Hossain (Kaikobad) of JP:

47.297 Md. Rafiqul Islam Mia

67. result available 62. post-

poned 5, Alhaj Eng Manjurul

Ahsan Munshi of BNP: 42,480

ABM Golam Mustafa of JP:

51, result available 46, post

poned: 5. Prof M Ali Ashraf of

AL: 33.172 Redwan Ahmed of

BNP: 29.070 Abdur Rashid

58, result available 55, post-

poned 3. Muhammad Abdul

Hakim MP of AL: 40,869 AKM

60, result available 56, post-

poned 4, Lt Col Akbar Hossain

of BNP: 45,303 ATM Shamsul

51, result available 45, post-

poned 6, Ahmed Mostafa

Kamal of AL 48,438 Manirul

Haq Chowdhury of JP: 45,750.

77, result available 62, post-

poned 15, Muhammad Tajul

Islam of AL: 36,216 ATM

9. Comilla-12: Total centre

11. Sylhet-1: To centre

131, result available 130

postponed 1. Saifur Rahman of

13. Sylhet-4: Total centre:

64, result available 62, post-

poned 2. Muhammad Saifur

Rahman of BNP: 22,115 Imran

66, result available 57, post

poned 9. Muhammad Mujibul

Alamgir of BNP: 31.593.

8. Comilla-10: Total centre:

6. Comilla-8: Total centre:

7. Comilla-9: Total centre:

Abu Taher of BNP: 37.078

Haque of AL: 35,677.

5. Comilla-7: Total centre,

Khandaker of FP: 20.202

3. Comilla-4: Total centre:

4. Comilla-6: Total centre:





Salam Talukdar (BNP)







Suranjit Sengupta (AL.)



17. Chittagong-15: Total centre: 83. reuslt available 79, postponed 4. Jafarul Islam Chowdhury of BNP: 41,441 Sultanul Kabir Chowdhury of AL: 32,593

tre 85, result available 84, postponed 1. Lt Gen (rtd) Noor Uddin Khan of AL: 78.155 Sakhawat Hossain Bakul of BNP: 76,638 19. Narayanganj-2: Total centre: 69, result available 63,

18. Narsingdi-4: Total cen

Khan of BNP: 53.257 Emdadul Haq Bhuiyan of AL: 49,802 20. Chandpur-1: Total centre: 54, result available 48, postponed 5. (Ballot papers snatched from one centre) Abu Nasar M Ehsanul Haq of BNP: 27.492 Alhaj Mesbahuddin

postponed 6, Ataur Rahman

21. Chandpur-3: Total centre: 51, reuslt available 49, postponed 2, GM Fazlul Haque of BNP: 37,390 Flight Lt (rtd) AB Siddique: 30,957 22. Brahmanbaria-3: Total

centre: 123, result available

119, postponed 4. Harun-al

Khan of AL: 26,434

Rashid of BNP: 73,566 Lutful Hai Sachchu of AL: 68.101 23. Faridpur-2: Total centre: 62, result available 59," postponed 2. (Prsiding officer of did not report in 1 centre) KM Obaidur Rahman of BNP: 51,820 Sajeda Chowdhury of

AL: 51,128 24. Jamalpur-2: Total centre 68, result available 61. postponed 7, Haji Rashed Mosharraf of AL: 37,230 Muhammad Sultan Mahmud Babu of BNP: 32,319

25. Barisal (2: Total centre:

73, result available 72, postponed 1. Syed Moazzem Hossain Alal of BNP, 31,396 Syed Mainul Haque of AL: 30,294 26. Patukhali-2: Total centre: 76, result available 75,

postponed 1. ASM Firoz of AL:

45,109 Md. Shahidul Alam

Talukdwar of BNP: 44,865 27. Siraigani 7: Total centre: 55, result available 52, postponed 3. Dr Mazharul Islam of AL: 50,265 Hasibur Rahman Swapan of BNP: 48,223



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Indonesian jet bursts into flames: 3 killed

TOKYO, June 13: An Indonesian passenger jet filled with vacationers aborted its takeoff and burst into flames after skidding into a muddy field in southern Japan Thursday. Three people died and 108 were hurt, officials said reports AP.

But nearly all of the 275 people aboard, mostly Japanese, managed to flee before leaping flames gutted the Garuda Indonesian Airways DC-10, bound from the southern city of Fukuoka to the resort island of Bali and then on to the Indonesian capital of

Passengers said the plane was airborne for only a few seconds, jerking and bouncing violently as it rose from the runway. As it jolted back to earth, luggage spilled from overhead, the cabin ceiling partially collapsed and smoke began pouring in, they said

"I heard this terrible metal lic scraping noise when the plane hit the ground," passen ger Kazumi Yoshitake, 28, told Ryodo News. "I heard a woman scream Another passenger yelled that the plane was on fire and to get out quickly."

The jetliner plowed through a fence and careened across an access road, cutting a wide brown swath through a green field at the runway's end. It stopped just short of another roadway, coming to rest on its belly, with pieces of the landing gear and fuselage strewn over 100 yards (meters).

Ashrawi minister in self-rule govt

NABLUS, West Bank, June 13: Hanan Ashrawi, a deputy in the elected Palestinian legislature and regular critic of President Yasser Arafat, said today that she had accepted a post as a minister in his selfrule government, reports AFP. "I have been offered a posi-

tion (in the cabinet), we are still talking about exactly which one," Ashrawi told AFP on the sidelines of a legislative council meeting in this northern West Bank city. Ashrawi, a Christian, came

to prominence as spokeswoman for the Palestinian delegation which attended the Madrid peace conference in She later founded an independent Palestinian human

ights commission and has often spoken out against alleged abuse of power under the autonomous Palestinian authority She was elected to the council in January from a East

Under Palestinian election law, 80 per cent of cabinet members must be chosen from among the deputies.

Jerusalem constituency.

The meeting was held in a

He said no individual was blamed for the Congress' worst electoral debacle in the April-May general elections and corruption was only discussed in a

day for "self-introspection." Today's meeting had been called to discuss in detail the

ernment, sources said. They had warned that dis-

ing chief seemed quite unhappy about he Supreme Court's directive barring Ershad from addressing the electorates before the polls. "JP lost its goodwill by the judgement denying our party

torates," Chowdhury said.

The JP leader argued that Ershad was an under-trial prisoner and, therefore, eligible to get bail under the existing law of the land.

caretaker government relating to the court action, he said: "(It) seems the caretaker government is taking care of all parties excepting the Jativa "But we accept the verdict

survives in the country and takes an institutional shape. he added. Chowdhury, who did not contest in the Wednesday's election, had no complaint

of the people and shall do our

best to ensure that democracy

'abuse of money" in election. "You can't imagine what amount of cash money were distributed, money was put on holy Quran and then handed over to poor people to pur-

the election, Chowdhury said it signalled that people were increasingly becoming conscious

Former home minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury said at the press conference that the local administration had "helped" his Awami League rival in the polls to commit massive rigging.

manipulated results They demanded re-polling

I'he Midnight File

Rocket attack on Kabul: 5 killed

ISLAMABAD. June 13: At least five people were killed and seven injured in a rocket attack on Kabul, the governmentcontrolled radio Kabul said today. The radio, monitored here, said an unspecified number of rockets hit residential areas in the capital. It blamed the rival Taliban Islamic militia for the attack, reports AFP.

Rao wards off fresh challenge to leadership

NEW DELHI, June 13: Former Indian Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao today warded off a fresh challenge to his leadership of the Congress (I) when a key party meeting overlooked two corruption scandals in which he had been named, reports AFP.

Sources said the Congress Working Committee (CWC). the party think tank, decided to hold a session of the All India Congress Committee in July, but did not question Rao's leadership of the 111year old party

very cordial atmosphere. spokesman Vithal Gadgil said here "It was very smooth "

general context Gadgil said the 17-member CWC would meet again Satur-

party's support in parliament on Wednesday to the united front coalition government which won a confidence vote and whether to join the gov-

sension could erupt at the

Jatiya Party From page 1

destabilised and was allowed to complete its full five-year Only some mid-ranking JP leaders, including Sayeed

Tareq and Mahbubul Haq Dolon, were present at the press conference. The party stalwarts, excepting Manirul Hug Chowdhury, were absent. On Wednesday's parliamentary election. JP had no major complaint. But the party's act-

chairman of his constitutional right to address his elec-

He added that there was a 'psychological breakdown" on the part of JP workers and leaders following the Supreme Court action which, according to him, resulted in loss of

many seats for the party.

Insinuating a role of the

about rigging and irregularities in voting, but spoke of the

chase their votes," he said. Asked to comment on the debacle of Jamaat-e-Islami in

BNP: Admn

He also accused some NGOs of working during the election to serve the interest of a particular party.

Barrister Abul Hasnat, Mirza

Abbas, Salahuddin Ahmed, Lt. Gen fretd) Mir Shawkat Ali and Ekhias Uddin Mollah, who lost the election in the city, alleged that they had become victims of vote-rigging and

in their respective constituen cies as what they said the results of Wednesday's polling were not acceptable to them. Chairman of the BNP na tional election coordination committee A M Zahiruddin

Khan and committee members

Anwar Zahid, Haris Chowdhury

and Rezaul Karim were pre-

meeting, widely expected to be a stormy affair. Gadgil had admitted for the first time Wednesday that the number of Rao's detractors

Yes they seem to be growing in number," he said. "The dissidents are likely to be aggressive in the meeting. What shape it takes remains to be

Rao's defenders, however said he would emerge unscathed and added that a 38million-dollar urea scandal allegedly involving his son, was being investigated with no wrongdoing proved yet.

Violence

From page 1 Mujibar Rahman who was standing at a corner of the bazar received bullet injuries. He was immediately taken to hospital where doctors declared him dead

also received bullet injuries in the clash. Rafiq was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital and Masum to a local During the clash, at least 5 shops were damaged.

Local BNP leaders claimed

Masum, 13, and Rafiq. 20.

that Rahman was a member of Juba Dal' but his elder brother said Rahman had no political affiliation. Our DMCH Correspondent adds: At least seven persons were injured while an unidentified gang stabbed a

young man in separate post;

polls violence in the city yes-Two persons - Sri Banash Chandra, 32, and Amir Mohammad, 28 - received bullet wounds when the supporters of two political parties were locked in a clash in Sutrapur area at about 1:30 am. The victims were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), hospital sources

In another incident, Md Hossain, 35, a BNP activist, was stabbed seriously following an altercation over the election results in Sipahibagh area. Khilgaon yesterday morning. He was admitted to the DMCH.

Meanwhile, at least five

persons were injured when an

unidentified gang attacked the

office of the bus drivers association at Sayedabad yesterday morning. Of the victims, four were identified as Nurul Haq. 40, Fayezuddin, 50, Mayenuddin.

30. and Tofayel, 30. They were admitted to the DMCH. Party stalwarts

From page 1 The routed Awami League top notches are Syeda Zohra Tajuddin, Mohiuddin Ahmed. Amir Hossain Amu, Suranjit Sengupta, Sudhangshu She-

JP leader Barrister Moudud

Ahmed, Kazi Zafar Ahmed, Shah Moazzem Hossain and Sarder Amjad Hossain were trounced in the general elec-Moulana Abbas Ali Khan party secretary general Mou-

lana Matiur Rahman Nizami,

Maulana Abdus Sobhan, Mohd

Qamruzzaman, and Sheikh

Ansar Ali of Jamaat also were

khar Halder and Abdul Jalil.

crest-fallen. AL largest

From page 1

Jativa Party with its 29 seats so far bagged is likely to appear as the decisive factor in coming days' crucial politics of formation of government. According to political observers, Jatiya Party may be

the kingmaker Jamaat, with two seats to its credit, is likely to face a disastrous end Islamic Oikya Jote, Jatiya

Samaitantrik Dal (JSD-Rab) and independent have so far got one seat each Results of two more constituencies, withheld for technical reasons, are expected to be announced by to-

Commission. The constituencies are Brahmanbaria-1 and Satkhira

Out of the remaining 27

day (Friday) or tomorrow, ac-

cording to the Election

constituencies where elections were postponed because of various incidents on the polling day and repolling will be held on June 19, Awami League is leading the probable Awami League candidates

are leading in 12 constituencies. BNP in 10, Jatiya Party in four and Workers' Party in one constituency, according to the partial unofficial results announced by the EC

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Moudud Ahmed, a Jatiya were responsible for his defeat

He was giving his reactions

Claiming to have sent to the

Alleging that the elections

wali) constituency Abdullah-Alelection in some 40 centres of Addressing a press conference at the Chittagong Press Club, Noman alleged that there

as their votes were earlier cast by false voters in a planned At least ten polling centres were captured by armed cadres of his rival candidate as a result of which the innocent

demanded

BSS.

Begum Rawshan Ershad

Haque of AL: 43,550 Dr Syed Abdullah Muhammad Taher: 25,854 From Staff Correspondent 10. Feni-2: Total centre: 91, result available 89, postponed 2. Jainal Abedin Hazari of AL: 65.139 Ferdous Ahmed Qureshi of BNP: 61,9

BNP: 58,755 Humayun Rashid Chowdhury of AL 58,850. 12. Sylhet-3: Total centre: 78, result available 77, postponed 1. Abdul Mukti Khan of JP: 26,443 Mahmud-us-Samad Chowdhury of AL: 25.814 In another clash at Halisha-Shaffuddin Ahmed Chowdhury of BNP:25.862

Repolling in 27 constituencies Ahmed of AL: 21.059 14. Sylhet-5: Total centre: 85. result available 84, post-

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Jamaat: 29,669 Hafiz Ahmad

16. Chittagong -11: Total centre: 84 result available 80. postponed 4, Gazi Muhammad Shahjahan of BNP :45,374 Moslem Uddin Ahmed of AL

23 states set to join

disarmament

conference

GEVEVA, June 13: Twentythree countries, including Israel, Iraq, North Korea and Syria, are set to join the UN disarmament conference, key ambassadors said today, reports Reuter. Expansion of the 38-mem-

ber forum in Geneva was made

possible after Iran lifted its ob-

jection to admitting Israel, the

envoys said. A preliminary de-

cision was expected shortly, to

be followed by a formal decla-

ration next Tuesday

erivoys in Geneva.

The move to expand the conference, contained in a proposal by South Africa, comes as negotiators push to wrap up a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) by June 28. The breakthrough was reached in an exchange between South Africa's President

Nelson Mandela and Iranian

Rafsanjani, according to senior

"We will not hold up expan

President Akbar Hashemi

sion," Iran's ambassador Sirous Nasseri told Reuters. "We will put a reservation about the inclusion of Israel to put our concerns on record. Jacob Selebi, South Africa's disarmament ambassador who has been behind the initiative to bring in the 23 states in-

cluding his own, told Reuters:

"I trust there is enough

goodwill to get it through next