# INTERNATIONAL

## Hamas invites Abbas to Gaza for talks

Rice in shuttle talks with Israel, Palestinians

AFP, London/Jerusalem

Hamas chief Khaled Meshaal invited Palestinian President Mahmud Abbas to Gaza for unconditional talks on the two factions' divisions, in a television interview vesterday.

He also told British broadcaster Sky News that Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit, captured by Palestinian militants in June 2006, is still alive and being treated well.

"We invite Mahmud Abbas to come to Gaza to talk directly without any conditions... to work together to find a solution to the problems in Gaza and the West Bank," Meshaal said, speaking from an undisclosed location in Damascus.

The aim of the talks would be "get back our Palestinian union and find the reasons for our probproblem," he added.

The invitation comes after rival Palestinian factions Hamas and Abbas's Fatah reached a Yemenibrokered deal on March 23 to open their first direct talks since the Islamists seized control of the Gaza Strip nine months ago.

But within hours of signing that agreement, the two bitter rivals bickered over its meaning, with Hamas focusing on the first part of the statement while Fatah highlighted the second as a precondition for any talks.

And the day after the deal was struck, a senior Israeli official warned Abbas against striking a reconciliation deal with Hamas, saying it would effectively sink faltering Middle East peace talks.

The Hamas seizure of Gaza effectively split the Palestinian territories lems and to solve the security into two separate entities with the Shalit

Islamists controlling the impoverished coastal strip and Abbas ruling the occupied West Bank.

Islamic Resistance Movement pledged to the destruction of the Jewish state, a terror group and refuses to have any direct dealings with it.

On Shalit, Meshaal said: "Gilad is still alive and we are treating him in a good way while the Israelis treat our prisoners badly and everyone knows that."

Shalit was seized on June 25, 2006 from an army base near Gaza by militants from three groups including Hamas, which evicted Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas's Fatah group from the territory in a week of bloody clashes last June.

Last April, Hamas sent to Israel, through Egypt, a list of 450 prisoners it wanted freed in exchange for

Meanwhile, Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas said on Monday he will meet Israeli Prime Israel considers Hamas, the Minister Ehud Olmert on April 7, for their first talks in seven weeks.

"My meeting with the prime minister will be held soon, I believe it will be on April 7," Abbas told a joint news conference in Amman with US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice yesterday met with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert after her latest push for peace secured a pledge to remove some roadblocks in the occupiedWest Bank.

Rice also held three-way talks with top Palestinian negotiator Ahmed Qurei and Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni, and she was scheduled to meet with Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas in Amman for the Nasir Yousafzai, a high court lawsecond time in two days.

#### Freed top Pakistani judge wants job back

AP, Quetta

Pakistan's deposed chief justice arrived in his hometown Monday to a hero's welcome as he launched a drive to win back his old job and deal another blow to embattled President Pervez Musharraf.

Pakistan's new government freed Iftikhar Mohammed Chaudhry and other senior judges last week, more than four months after they were dismissed and put under house arrest by the USbacked president.

Hundreds of flag-waving political activists and black-suited lawyers gathered at Quetta's airport to greet Chaudhry as he began the first in a series of trips across the country to build support for the judges' reinstatement.

"I hope this is an important moment for the revival and independence of the judiciary," said yer. "We are on the verge of victory."



PHOTO: AFP

This handout picture taken on Monday shows Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf (top, C-L) administering the oath-taking ceremony of new cabinet members at President House in Islamabad as Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani (top, C-R) looks on.

Musharraf swears in Pak

### Clashes kill 42 in Lanka

AFP, Colombo

A series of clashes over the weekend between Sri Lankan troops and Tamil Tiger rebels left at least 39 separatists and three soldiers dead, the defence ministry said yesterday.

Government troops shot dead the rebels in the north during two days of fighting that ended Sunday, the ministry said, adding 15 soldiers were injured.

There was no immediate comment from the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), whose armed struggle for an independent state for minority Tamils in the island's north and east have left tens of thousands dead since 1972.

At least 2,456 rebels have been killed by security forces since January, while 150 government soldiers have died in action in the same period, according to defence ministry figures.

Casualty numbers given by both sides cannot be independently confirmed as Colombo bars journalists and rights groups from frontline areas.

The Colombo government has outstanding cases of child recruitvowed to defeat the Tamil Tigers and has scrapped a ceasefire with February 2008.

the rebels this year. Meanwhile Sri Lanka's Tamil Tigers Monday said they had released 22 child soldiers and disputed figures from the United Nations Children's Fund that the rebels still had hundreds of underage fighters.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) said they were also trying to locate families of 20 children still within their ranks.

The guerrillas accused Unicef, which lists several hundred children in LTTE ranks, of not updating its database. The rebels said another 41 child

soldiers remained within their

ranks but could not be released because most of them did not have parents or guardians. Over the last two decades, the Tigers have promised to free children from their rank and file, but

they have been accused of failing to take concrete action. There was no immediate comment from Unicef to the Tigers' statement, but the agency's website said there were 1,428

ment by the rebels at the end of

Nepalese police detain Tibetan protesters during an anti-Chinese demonstration in front of the consular section of the Chinese Embassy in Kathmandu yesterday. Police detained more than 100 Tibetan protesters outside the Chinese embassy building in Kathmandu as the exiles tried to stage rally.

Lord Justice Scott Baker told jurors they can decide whether Diana and her boyfriend, Dodi Fayed, died as the result of an accident, or because of gross negligence by the paparazzi following their car or driver Henri Paul.

and Paul.

"There is no evidence that the

Fayed's father, Mohamed Al Fayed, has long claimed that his son and Diana were killed in a plot orchestrated by the intelligence services and masterminded by Philip, husband of Queen Elizabeth II. He repeated the claims in testimony to the inquest.

### No evidence UK govt killed Diana

AP, London

President Pervez Musharraf yester-The coroner leading the inquest day swore in a new Pakistani into the death of Princess Diana said Cabinet made up of political oppo-Monday that there is no evidence nents who have pledged to reduce that Prince Philip, the Secret the US-backed leader's once-Intelligence Service or any other sweeping powers. government agency had anything to do with her death in a 1997 car crash. oath from Musharraf during a low-

But he told jurors they do not have the option to find that Philip or anyone else staged the Paris car accident that killed Diana, Fayed

duke of Edinburgh (Prince Philip) ordered Diana's execution, and there is no evidence that the Secret Intelligence Service or any other government agency organized it," he said.

"war on terror", sat grim-faced alongside new prime minister and key Bhutto aide Yousuf Raza Gilani for the ceremony at the presidential palace in Islamabad. Members of Sharif's party wore black bands around their upper arms to show their defiance of

#### cabinet full of foes Musharraf, who ousted Sharif and his elected government in a military coup in 1999, state television showed.

served jail terms under his regime, PML-N spokesman Siddiqul Faroog said.

Gilani himself spent five years in prison under Musharraf's rule. The ceremony came a week

after Gilani was elected as prime was snubbed by leaders of the minister following the February 18 elections in which Musharraf's political allies were routed. No party head attended the

swearing-in, a government official Pashtun Awami National Party, one said. Coalition leaders boycotted last week's swearing-in of Gilani by Islam and one member from the Musharraf. Last Tuesday, Musharraf swore The cabinet includes two

in Yousaf Raza Gilani, a loyalist of slain ex-leader Benazir Bhutto. The incoming four-party coali-

tion needed another week to finalise its initial Cabinet lineup and is expected to add dozens more names in the coming weeks.

Among the key figures sworn in Musharraf, a key ally in the US on Tuesday, Shah Mehmood Qureshi, a Cambridge University educated aristocrat, becomes foreign minister; another Bhutto loyalist, Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar will be defense minister; and Ishaq Dar, an ally of former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, will be finance minister.

Ishaq Dar, the incoming finance minister, said the economic policies of the previous pro-Musharraf government would have to be Several of the new ministers reversed. "They are handing over the

economy in mutilated shape," Dar, who is from Sharif's party, told reporters on Sunday. The World Bank last week

warned that Pakistan faces an economic crisis unless it takes urgent action, especially to address rising prices of foodstuffs, fuel and commodities. Musharraf said late Sunday that

he would cooperate with the new government to help the country, which is in the grip of a wave of Islamic militant violence in addition to its economic strife.

"I would like to extend my cooperation to the government... with only one single-minded objective in mind -- the progress and development of the country and welfare and well-being of its people", the staterun Associated Press of Pakistan quoted Musharraf as saying.

The incoming coalition plans to change the constitution to remove Musharraf's power to dissolve parliament and fire the government. It has also promised to reinstate judges removed by Musharraf in November to halt legal challenges to his re-election as president the previous month.

#### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics Planning Division



Parishankhan Bhaban E-27/A, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.

#### Corrigendum

It is hereby corrected and notified for all concerned that a tenderer may purchase and submit Tender Document on or before 15/4/2008 and 16/4/2008 respectively against Tender Notice No. 04/2007-08. Which was published on March 27, 2008 in the "The Daily Star".

All other terms and conditions of the tender shall remain unchanged.

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(Durga Pada Bhattacharjee) Joint Director (C.C.)

## SINGER®

## Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 28th Annual General Meeting of Singer Bangladesh Limited will be held on Monday, April 28, 2008 at 3.00 p.m. at National Shooting Complex, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212 to transact the following business.

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. To receive and adopt the Directors' & Auditors' Report and the Audited Accounts of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2007.
- 2. To declare Dividend for the year ended December 31, 2007.
- 3. To elect Directors.
- 4. To appoint Auditors and to fix their remuneration.

By Order of the Board Sd/-

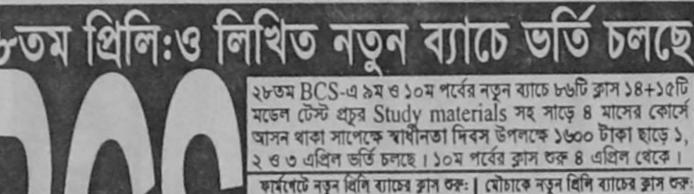
Mohd. Sanaullah Company Secretary February 25, 2008

Registered Office 39, Dilkusha C/A. Dhaka-1000

#### Notes:

- · March 25, 2008 is the record date. Shareholders whose name will appear in the Members Register of the Company or in the Depository Register on that date will be eligible to attend the Annual General Meeting and receive dividend.
- A member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting may appoint a proxy in his stead. The proxy form, duly stamped with a revenue stamp of Tk. 8 must be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company not later than 48 hours before the meeting.
- · Admission to the hall will be only on production of the attendance slip sent with the notice.

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बाह SLO-4 रिकाम वर्ते-वर्ते 03/8/04 त्यरक बाह SLO-5 मचा वर्ते-अते 03/8/04 त्यरक ব্দি তি নতুন ব্যাচসমূহ ফার্মণেটে ১-১১টা, ৩-৫টা, ৭-৯টা মৌচাকে সকাল ১১-১টা ও ৫-৭টা সাইল ল্যাবে ৩-৫টা ও ঢাকার বাইরে সকল শাৰায় ৩-৫টা ব্যাচে ভৰ্তি চলছে। ৩ এপ্ৰিলের পর পুরাতন প্রিলি সম্পন্ন ছাত্র-ছাত্রীদের ৮৪৬০ টাকায় লিখিড কোর্সে ভর্তি হতে হবে। ক্লাস তরু ৪/৪/০৮

বি দ্র, সকল শাখায় দ্রি ফরম পুরুপ, পদ নির্বাচন, প্রিলি ও Written প্রস্তৃতি বিষয়ক পরামর্শ। শীঘ্রই উনুক্ত Workshop. ১ প্রপ্রিল ২০০৮ পার্যানক লাইব্রেরী শওকত ওসমান মিলনায়তনে ফরম পুরুপ ও পদ নির্বাচন বিষয়ক উনুক্ত সেমিনার ও ১১ ও ১২ প্রপ্রিল জাতীয় শিক্ষা মেলা ২০০৮ বসুদ্ধরা সিটি লেবেল ৭-এর ৮০ নম্বর স্টলে আপনারা স্বান্ধরে আমন্ত্রিত। বিসিএস-এ অনলাইনে ১০০০ টাকার জিতে ২০টি মডেল টেস্ট দেওয়ার সুকর্ণ সুযোগ। যোগাযোগ: ০১৯২২১০১৫২০ বা www.bcsconfidence.com

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AP, AFP, Islamabad

Twenty-four ministers took the

The cabinet includes 11 minis-

ters from the PPP and nine from the

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from the hardline Jamiat Ulema-e-

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said after the ministers followed

him in repeating the oath of alle-

"Thank you and congratula-

PML-N.

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