

## Nepali Maoists look for allies to form coalition govt

AFP, Kathmandu

Nepal's Maoists were pushing yesterday to build a coalition government with rivals following the upset victory by the former rebels in landmark elections, with vote counting nearing completion.

"We will lead the government, there is no doubt about that, but we want other parties to join us in the government," senior Maoist leader Dinanath Sharma told AFP.

The Maoists are comfortably ahead in the vote for a 601-member constituent assembly, whose first job will be to abolish the 240-year-old monarchy.

Vote counting is expected to finish late Wednesday and the Maoists have already won 120 seats

of 240 available in the first-past-the-post part of the election.

Another 335 seats will be chosen by proportional representation, under which the Maoists have garnered around 30 per cent of the vote -- or another 100 plus seats, according to poll officials.

The remaining 26 seats will be allocated by the new government.

The traditionally strong Nepali Congress (NC) has won just 37 seats in the first-past-the-post system, and looks set to gain around 74 more from proportional representation.

"By Wednesday evening, we will get the results of all the votes in proportional representation but we might declare the final numbers on Thursday," election commission spokesman Laxman Bhattarai told

AFP.

The Congress and the Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist-Leninist, or CPN UML) have unexpectedly lost their domination of Nepal's politics. Both are now weighing whether to join the new coalition government.

"We have asked them to join us, but there are factions within both the NC and UML who are against it," said senior Maoist Sharma.

A senior newspaper editor said Wednesday it was in the best interests of the Maoists to form a coalition.

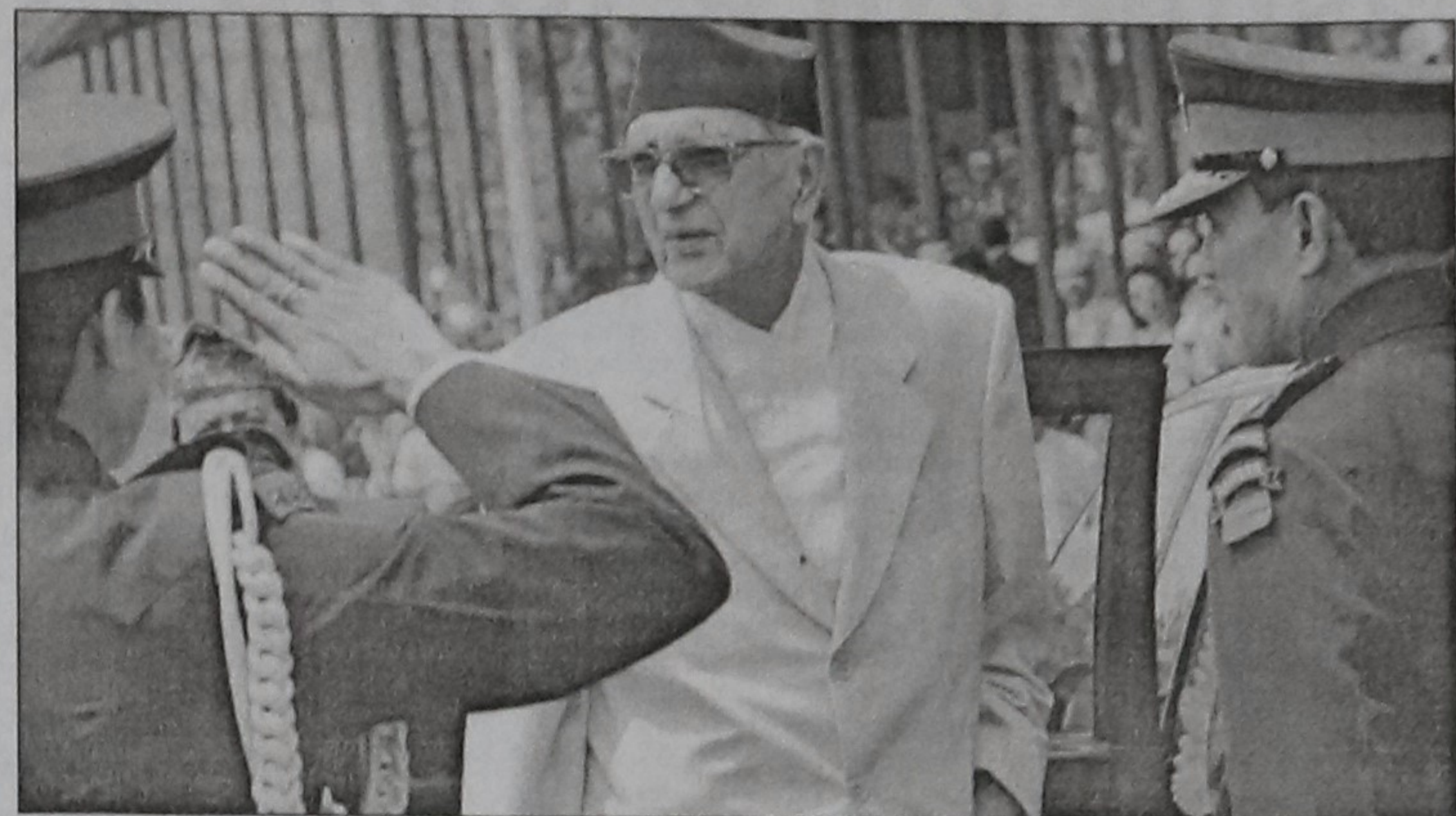
"Maoists want the NC and UML in the government to give it international legitimacy and to ensure that the constitution-drafting body can function smoothly," Ameet Dhakal of the Kathmandu Post told AFP.

But the mainstream parties, who had expected to take the lion's share of seats, are wary the Maoists will marginalise them.

"The parties are reluctant to join the government because they fear that the Maoists will take all the credit for positive achievements, and blame them for any failures," Dhakal said.

The polls were a central strand of the 2006 peace deal reached between the former insurgents and mainstream parties after 10 years of civil war that left at least 13,000 people dead.

The fate of King Gyanendra looks sealed following the victory of the ultra-republican Maoists, who launched a "people's war" aimed at toppling the monarchy in 1996.



Nepalese Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala (C) receives a salute from army officers as he arrives at the Army Parade Ground to attend celebrations for Democracy Day in Kathmandu yesterday. Nepal's ex-rebel Maoists are pushing to form a coalition government with mainstream rivals following an upset victory in landmark elections as vote counting neared completion.

## 3 militant commanders killed in Kashmir

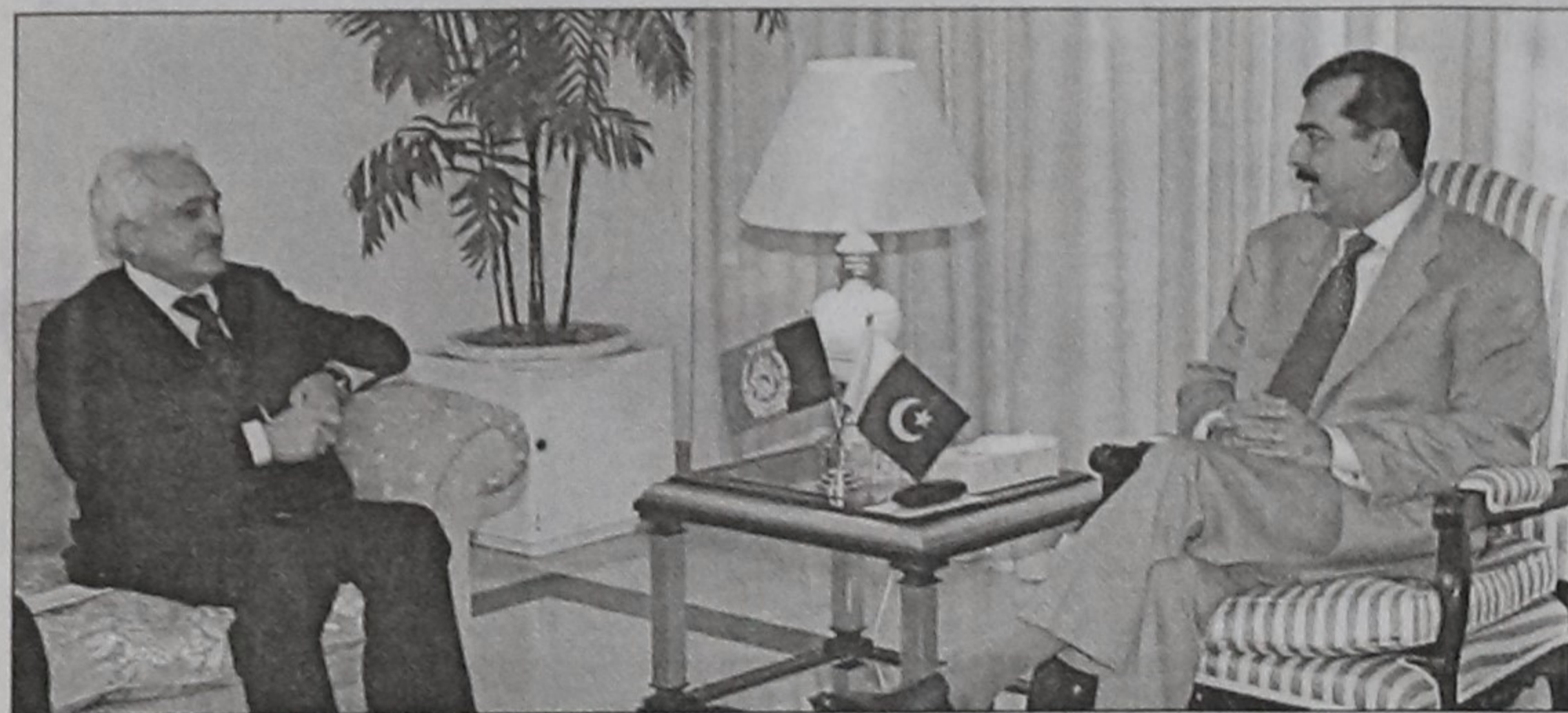
AFP, Srinagar

Indian security forces shot dead three top commanders of the main Islamic militant group fighting to merge Indian Kashmir with Pakistan, police said yesterday.

Two of the militants were killed in a gunbattle while the third was shot dead in a separate incident nearby, they said.

"The (two) militants were killed in a fierce gunbattle with police and soldiers in Khawaja Bagh" north of the summer capital Srinagar, senior superintendent of police Anand Jain told AFP.

The fighting erupted early Wednesday and carried on for several hours until police and soldiers raided a house where the rebels were hiding, Jain said. Two civilians were also wounded.



Pakistan Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani (R) speaks with Afghan Foreign Minister Ranganath Dadas during a meeting at the Prime Minister House in Islamabad yesterday. Spanta arrived in Pakistan to hold talks with new government leaders.

## Pakistan drafts peace deal with militants

AFP, Peshawar

Pakistan's new government has drafted a peace agreement with Taliban militants in its troubled tribal belt bordering Afghanistan, officials and a rebel spokesman said yesterday.

The government launched talks with the Islamist rebels soon after

winning elections in February, amid concerns that the military-orientated tactics of President Pervez Musharraf were spawning more violence.

The aim is to transform a month-long lull in a wave of suicide bombings into a permanent peace with the rebels, who have fought the government since Islamabad

joined the US-led "war on terror" in 2001.

"Work is in progress swiftly on a new peace agreement with the Taliban Movement of Pakistan," a senior security official told AFP, adding that "indirect negotiations" through tribal elders were ongoing.

## Tehran to cooperate with IAEA over alleged weaponisation studies

AFP, Vienna/Sarajevo

The UN's nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, said Wednesday it had reached an agreement with Iran to examine allegations that Tehran has studied how to design nuclear weapons.

"An agreement was reached during the meetings in Tehran on a process that aims to clarify the so-called alleged studies during the month of May," IAEA spokeswoman Melissa Fleming said in a statement.

IAEA deputy director general Olli Heinonen held closed-door talks with Iranian officials in Tehran Monday and Tuesday but no information filtered out on the contents of the discussions amid an apparent media blackout.

The aim of the two-day visit was to press Iran over claims it has carried out alleged "weaponisation studies", the Vienna-based watchdog said earlier.

In a closed-door briefing to diplomats at IAEA headquarters in Vienna on February 25, Heinonen presented detailed evidence sug-

gesting that Iran could have been studying how to use its nuclear technology to make a warhead.

Western diplomats present at the meeting subsequently said the new evidence of alleged "weaponisation studies" was troubling.

Iran, which insists its nuclear programme is entirely peaceful and aimed solely at generating energy, at the time furiously denounced the claims as fake.

Iran's refusal to suspend sensitive uranium enrichment operations -- which the West fears could be used to make a nuclear weapon -- has already led to three sets of UN Security Council sanctions against Tehran.

Meanwhile UN atomic watchdog chief Mohamed ElBaradei said Wednesday that Iran has agreed to clarify claims it has studied how to design nuclear weapons by the end of May.

"It is my understanding that hopefully by the end of May we will be in a position to get an explanation and clarification from Iran as to these alleged studies," ElBaradei told reporters during a visit to Bosnia.

## US will not dictate to new Pak govt over judges

AFP, Islamabad

A United States envoy said Tuesday Washington will not dictate to the new Pakistani government on the restoration of judges sacked by President Pervez Musharraf.

Musharraf deposed the country's chief justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry and dozens of other judges under a state of emergency in November when it

appeared the Supreme Court was about to overturn his re-election as president.


The new coalition government, which took over in February and pledged to restore the judges, is currently trying to iron out differences on the reinstatement of the judges.

If the chief justice is restored he could take up fresh challenges to Musharraf's position.


The issue has become divisive

because it could lead to a direct stand-off with Musharraf, risking further instability in the militancy-hit, nuclear-armed nation.

"It will not be appropriate for the United States to stick its nose into it," US Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy and Human Rights David Kramer told a news conference after talks with government officials and lawyers.



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### Invitation for International Tenders

1.	<b>Project Name</b>	Construction of Second Academic Building of Islamic University of Technology (IUT) Under the Financial Assistance of IDB (BD-131) - Equipment for different Laboratories of IUT.																						
2.	<b>Source of Funds</b>	Islamic University of Technology (IUT) has received financing from the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), an amount of US\$ 3,764 million towards the cost of the Project 'Construction of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Academic Building'. A part of the proceeds of this financing will be applied to pay to the Suppliers for which this Invitation for Tender is issued. Disbursement of funds by IDB will be subject to fulfillment of all the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, including the guide lines for procurement under Bank's financing except as the Bank may specifically otherwise agree, no party other than the recipient shall derive any rights from the financing agreement or have any rights to the credit proceeds.																						
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6.	<b>Brief Description of Equipment and Services</b>	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Laboratory Equipment in Eleven Different Packages.																						
7.	<b>Time for Completion of Delivery</b>	180 days from the date of issuance of Work order																						
8.	<b>Eligibility of Tenderers</b>	<p>a) All bonafide Manufacturers/Importers/Distributors/ suppliers or local agent of scientific laboratory Equipment</p> <p>b) All Tenderers from member countries of Islamic Development Bank and high-tech equipment manufacturing non-member countries except Israel.</p> <p>c) The minimum years of overall experience of the Tenderer in the supply of Equipment and related services shall be at least 3 (three) years.</p> <p>d) The minimum number of years of specific experience of the Tenderer in the supply of similar Equipment and related services shall be at least 2 (two) years.</p> <p>Prospective Tenderers should have technical facilities and at least one appropriate qualified, experienced and trained personnel in the relevant field for providing after sale service.</p>																						
9.	<b>Price of Tender Document</b>	BTK. 5,000.00 (Bangladesh Taka Five Thousand) only for each Package, - Cash and Non Refundable.																						
10.	<b>Amount of Tender Security</b>	2 ½ % (Two and a half percent) of quoted price.																						
11.	<b>Name and address of the Office(s) Selling Tender Document</b>	<p>1. Comptroller Islamic University of Technology Board Bazar, Gazipur-1704, Bangladesh</p> <p>2. Managing Director Engineering &amp; Planning Consultants Ltd. 7/4 Lalmaia, Block-A, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh</p>																						
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17.	<b>Special Instruction</b>	<p>a. Tenderer/Tenderers's authorised representatives are allowed (one person for each tender) to remain Present at the time of Tender opening.</p> <p>b. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all tenders prior to acceptance.</p> <p>c. This Tender is called subject to approval of the Financing Agency, Islamic Development Bank (IDB) [Conditions may be changed/relaxed].</p>																						

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### INVITATION FOR TENDERS

Ref: SIBL/HO/GSD/2008/139

Date: 22/04/2008

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the eligible, genuine & experienced vendors/bidders as described in the tender documents of the under mentioned work as per terms and conditions stated below:

Tender Name	Price per Schedule (Non-refundable)	Rate of Earnest money on quoted price (Refundable)	Availability of Tender document/ Schedule (Within office hours)	Date of submission of tender	Time & Date of opening.
			From To		
1. Supply & Installation of Air Conditioners in Fatulla Branch, Fatullah Bazar, Narayanganj.	Tk 500/-	2.50%	27/04/08 06/05/08	07/05/08 up to 3.30 pm.	4.00 pm on 07/05/08
2. Supply & Installation of Air Conditioners in Hasnabad Branch, Keraniganj, Dhaka.	Tk 500/-	2.50%	27/04/08 06/05/08	07/05/08 up to 3.30 pm.	4.00 pm on 07/05/08
3. Supply & Installation of Air Conditioners in Sonargaon Branch, Mograpara, Narayanganj.	Tk 500/-	2.50%	27/04/08 06/05/08	07/05/08 up to 3.30 pm.	4.00 pm on 07/05/08
4. Appointment of private security firm	Tk 1000/-	2.50%	27/04/08 06/05/08	07/05/08 up to 3.30 pm.	4.00 pm on 07/05/08
5. Appointment of private cleaning firm	Tk 200/-	2.50%	27/04/08 06/05/08	07/05/08 up to 3.30 pm.	4.00 pm on 07/05/08
6. Renovation of IDB Bhaban Branch	Tk 1000/-	2.50%	27/04/08 07/05/08	08/05/08 up to 3.30 pm.	4.00 pm on 08/05/08
7. Auction Sale of 3 used photocopiers of Head Office	Tk 0/-	10.00%	27/04/08 07/05/08	08/05/08 up to 3.30 pm.	4.00 pm on 08/04/08

- Schedule price has to be submitted in the form of payment order favoring "Social Investment Bank Limited" from any scheduled Bank.
- Schedules are to be collected from the General Services Department, Head Office, 15 Dilkusha C/A (4<sup>th</sup> floor), Dhaka and it will be submitted in the Tender Box kept in the same Department.
- Eligibility: The bidders have to have common eligibility of having valid trade license, VAT Registration, TIN, Bank Solvency & Professional Membership Certificates (if any). Moreover,
  - For participating in the first 3 tenders the contractor must have sound knowledge and at least 10 years experience in supplying and installation of split type air conditioners in large institutions/enterprises like Banks, Government Offices, Foreign Embassies etc.
  - The private security firms must have the eligibility to get license as per 'Private Security Service Act-2006' and 'Private Security Service Rule-2007'. Moreover, the bidder must have a minimum 5 years of working experience in any Bank. Proof of providing at least 100 guards against a single contract/work order must be submitted. They must have last 2 year's clearance for payment of Income Tax from NBR. The firms that has license for private security service as per law are encouraged to buy schedule.
  - The private cleaning firms must have a minimum 5 years of working experience in any big organization like Banks.
  - For participating in the tender of renovation of IDB Bhaban Branch must have at least 5 years experience in renovation or decoration works. Only the bidder who have finished renovation works of minimum work order value of Tk 10.00 lac within last three years can participate in the bid,
  - For participating in the auction sale of the photocopiers, individuals can submit tender and general eligibility will not be applied to them.
- Special Instruction: Social Investment bank Limited Reserves the right to reject any/all tender(s) prior to acceptance. Bidders must produce necessary papers along with tender.

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## Afghan suicide bombings, attacks kill 13

AP, Kandahar

A spate of suicide bombings and other attacks on security forces in southern Afghanistan Wednesday left 13 people dead and 24 others wounded, officials said.

In Kandahar province, a suicide bomber blew himself up next to a vehicle carrying intelligence agents in the border town of Spin Boldak, killing three civilians, Kandahar Gov. Assadullah Khalid said.

Two children and three intelligence agents were among the 14 hurt, Khalid said. He blamed the Taliban for the attack.

In neighbouring Helmand province, a suicide bomber struck a police convoy, killing two officers and wounding three, said district police chief Khairudin Shuhja. Shuhja was in the convoy but was not injured in the attack.

## Mother's diet can help determine sex of child

AFP, Paris

Oysters may excite the libido, but there is nothing like a hearty breakfast laced with sugar to boost a woman's chances of conceiving a son, according to a study released Wednesday.

Likewise, a low-energy diet that skimps on calories, minerals and nutrients is more likely to yield a female of the human species, says the study published in Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences, Britain's de facto academy of sciences.

Fiona Mathews of the University of Exeter in Britain and colleagues wanted to find out if a woman's diet has an impact on the sex of her offspring.

So they asked 740 first-time mothers who did not know if their unborn foetuses were male or female to provide detailed records of eating habits before and after they became pregnant. The women were split into three groups according to the number of calories they consumed per day around the time of conception.

Fifty-six percent of the women in the group with the highest energy intake had sons, compared to 45 percent in the least-well fed cohort.

Beside racking up a higher calorie count, the group who produced more males were also more likely to have eaten a wider range of nutrients, including potassium, calcium and vitamins C, E and B12.