

## 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 not 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.

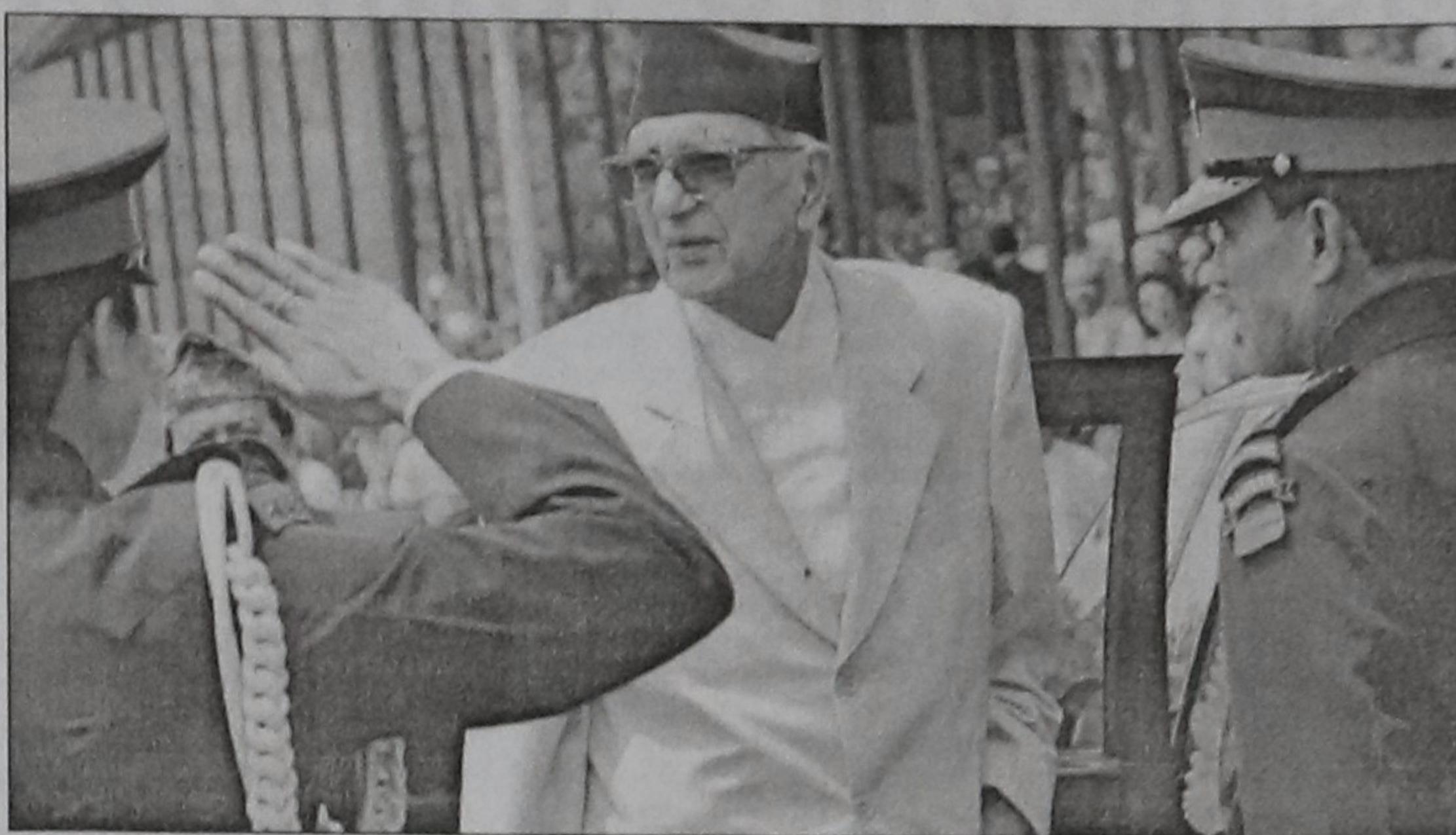


PHOTO: AFP  
Nepalese Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala (C) receives a salute from army officers as he arrives at the Army Parade Ground to attend celebrations for Democracy Day in Kathmandu yesterday. Nepalese ex-rebel Maoists are pushing to form a coalition government with mainstream rivals following 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.

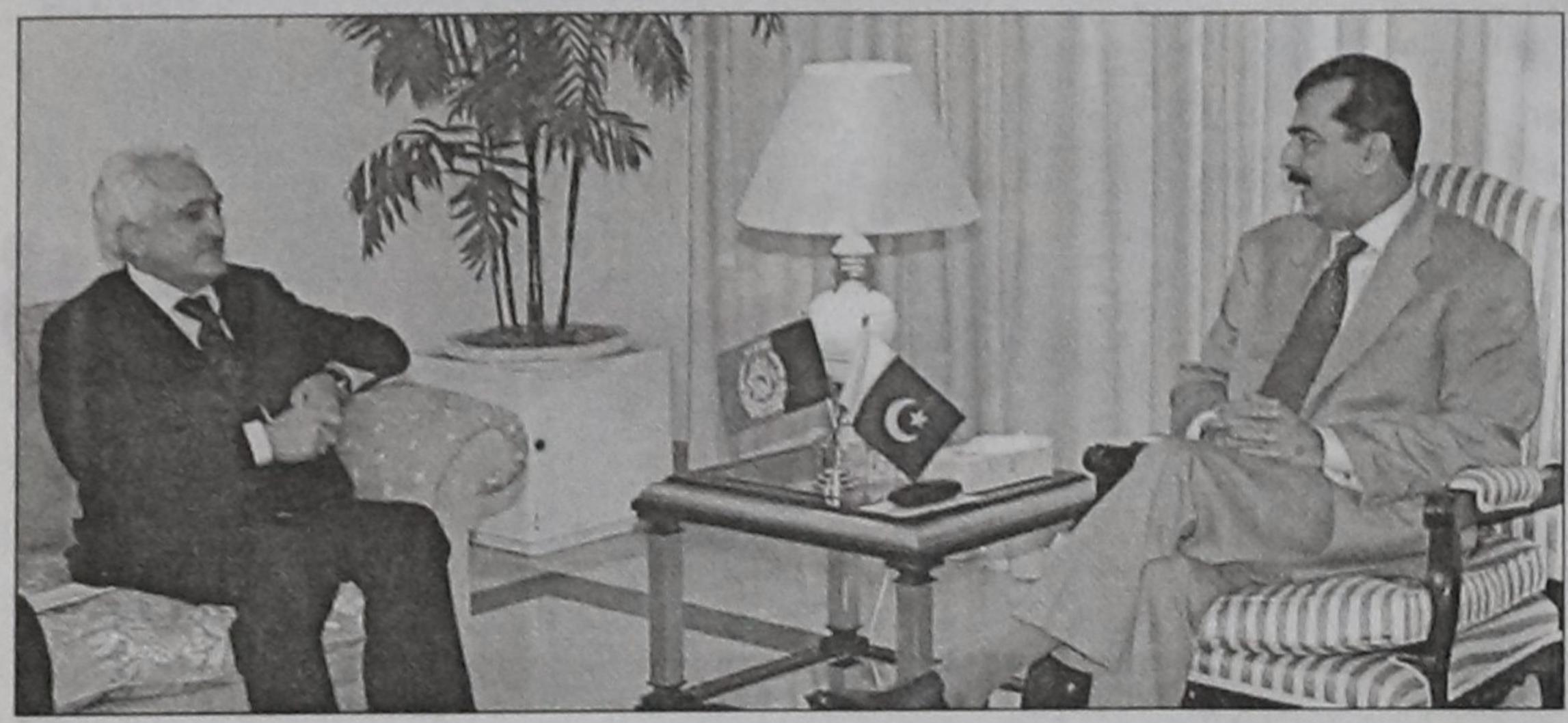


PHOTO: AFP  
Pakistan Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani (R) speaks with Afghan Foreign Minister Rangeen Dadfar Spanta during a meeting at the Prime Minister House in Islamabad yesterday. Spanta arrived in Pakistan to hold talks with new government leaders.

## 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-oriented 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.

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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

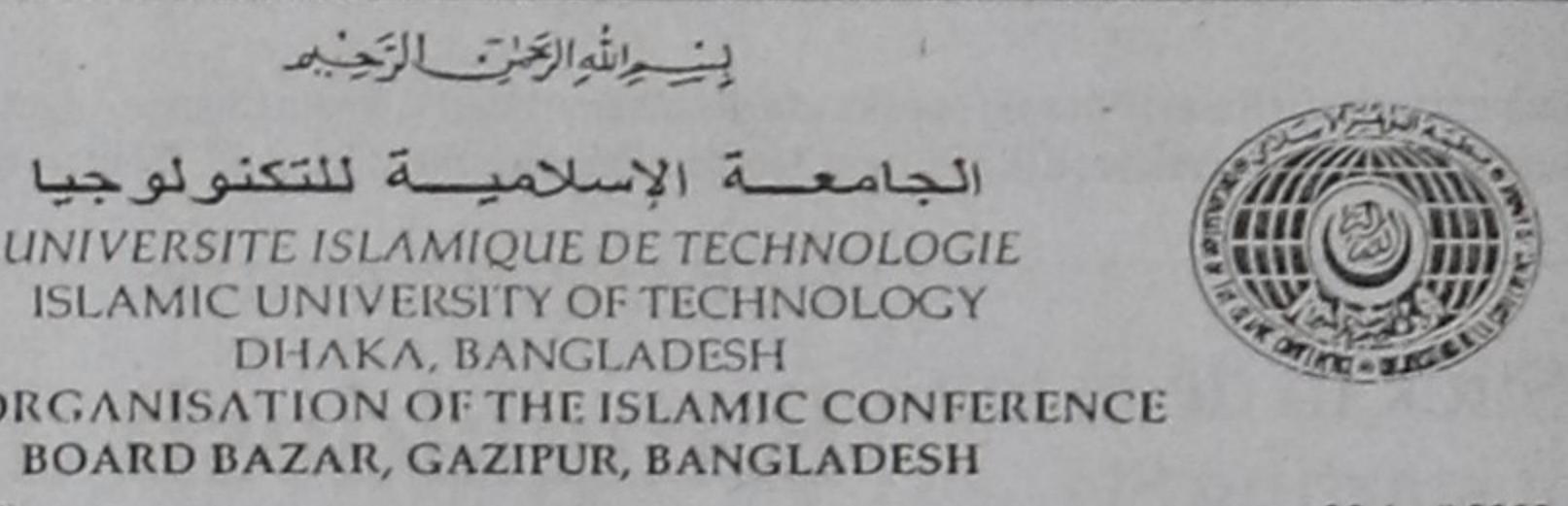
The new coalition government, which took over in February and pledged to restore the judges, is currently trying to iron out differences on the reinstatement of the judges.

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.

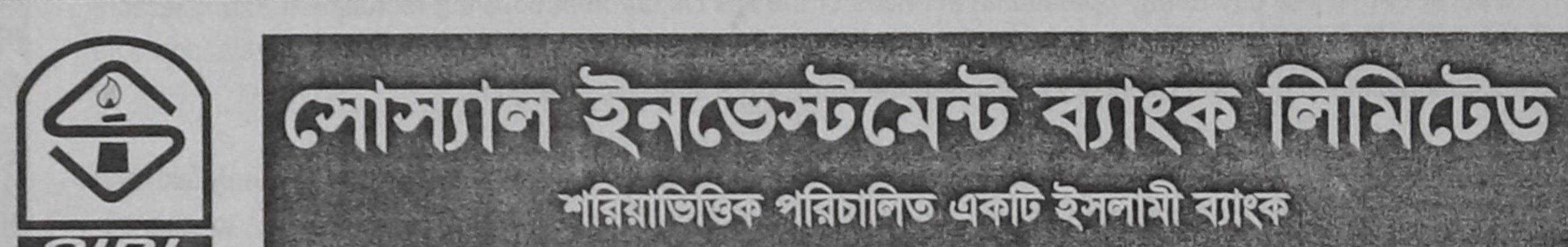
"It will not be appropriate for the United States to stick its nose into it," US Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy and Human Rights David Kramer told a news conference after talks with government officials and lawyers.



22 April 2008

### Invitation for International Tenders

1. Project Name	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. Source of Funds	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 2nd Academic Building. A part of the proceeds of this financing will be applied to pay to the Suppliers for which this invitation to 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 guidelines 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.	
3. Tender Package Nos.	Package-I Multimedia, Computer and Accessories Package-II Chemistry and Chemical Process Equipment Package-III CNC, CAD/CAM, Mechanics and Materials Equipment Package-IV Electrical and Electronic Trainers Package-V Electronics, Microwave communication and Control Equipment Package-VI Test & Measurement and Telecommunication Trainers Package-VII Materials, Thermodynamics, Structural and Hydraulics Equipment Package-VIII Renewable Energy Lab. Equipment Package-IX Civil Engineering (Transportation, Concrete and Survey) Equipment Package-X Geotech and Environmental Engineering Lab. Equipment Package-XI Electro-Medical Equipment, Sensors and Miscellaneous	
4. Invitation for Tenders Ref. & Date	IUT/IDB/EP/BD-131 Dated: 22 April 2008	
5. Tender Name	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Laboratory Equipment at Islamic University of Technology(IUT)	
6. Brief Description of Equipment and Services	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Laboratory Equipment in Eleven Different Packages.	
7. Time for Completion of Delivery	180 days from the date of issuance of Work order	
8. Eligibility of Tenderers	a) All bonafide Manufacturers/Importers/Distributors/ suppliers or local agent of scientific Laboratory Equipment b) All Tenderers from member countries of Islamic Development Bank and high-tech equipment manufacturing non-member countries except Israel. 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. 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. 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.	
9. Price of Tender Document	BTK. 5,000.00 (Bangladesh Taka Five Thousand) only for each Package , - Cash and Non Refundable.	
10. Amount of Tender Security	2 1/2 % (Two and a half percent) of quoted price.	
11. Name and address of the Office(s) Selling Tender Document	1. Comptroller Islamic University of Technology Board Bazar, Gazipur-1704, Bangladesh 2. Managing Director Engineering & Planning Consultants Ltd. 7/4 Lalmaia, Block-A, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh	
12. Name and address of the Office(s) Receiving Tender Document	Vice Chancellor Islamic University of Technology (IUT) Board Bazar, Gazipur-1704, Bangladesh.	
13. Name and address of the Office Opening Tenders	Vice Chancellor Islamic University of Technology (IUT) Board Bazar, Gazipur-1704, Bangladesh.	
14. Last Date and Time for Selling Tender Document	05 June 2008 up to 04:00 PM.	
15. Last Date and Time for Submission of Tenders	10 June 2008 up to 12:00 Noon	
16. Date and Time for Opening of Tenders	10 June 2008 at 02:30 PM.	
17. Special Instruction	a. Tenderer/Tenderer's authorised representatives are allowed (one person for each tender) to remain Present at the time of Tender opening. b. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all tenders prior to acceptance. c. This Tender is called subject to approval of the Financing Agency, Islamic Development Bank (IDB) [Conditions may be changed/relaxed].	



### INVITATION FOR TENDERS

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, Narayangonj.	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, Narayangonj.	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