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## Nepali Maoists threaten to go it alone in new govt

AFP, Kathmandu

Former rebel Maoists warned yesterday they will form a new government in Nepal with or without the help of the mainstream political parties they resoundingly defeated in landmark elections.

we are the biggest party," spokesman Krishna Bahadur Mahara told AFP on the sidelines of a Maoist Kathmandu.

"If the other parties don't want

selves," Mahara said. The ultra-leftists -- who waged a CPN UML) 103. bloody guerrilla war for a decade before a peace deal was brokered --

body that will chart Nepal's political future, twice the number of seats won by their nearest rival.

In coming weeks Nepal's constituent assembly is set to abolish the world's last Hindu monarchy in its first meeting, and then go on to write a new constitution for the impov-"We will lead the government as erished Himalayan country sandwiched between China and India.

Established political parties fared dismally in the elections, central committee meeting in despite predictions they would win were working against the mandate handsomely.

The traditionally dominant elections. to join us in a coalition, we will Nepali Congress (NC) garnered just form the government by our- 110 seats and the Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist-Leninist;

Both parties are currently holding internal meetings amid deep took 220 seats in a 601-member divisions in their ranks about

Pakistani lawyers and political activists shout slogans in front of burning effigies of President Pervez Musharraf and

politicians during a protest in Multan yesterday demanding the reinstatement of judges sacked by Musharraf.

Former prime minister Nawaz Sharif and co-chairman Pakistan Peoples' Party (PPP) Asif Ali Zardari, both leaders of

Pakistan's ruling coalition, were meeting yesterday in Dubai with their one-month alliance on the line amid a dead-

Pak govt gambles on peace

Initial results are encouraging:

There has been only one major

bombing in the past five weeks.

However, US officials note that past

peace deals failed and new accords

could simply give militants time to

militant demands for the army to

A senior official urged militants

withdraw from the tribal areas

to show flexibility. "At the moment,

the withdrawal of troops from the

tribal areas is next to impossible,"

along the Afghan-Pakistan border.

Afghanistan and the West.

lock over the reinstatement of sacked judges, party officials said.

with militants

AP, Islamabad

As power shifts in Pakistan from US

anti-terrorism ally President

Pervez Musharraf, the new govern-

ment is gambling on peace talks

with Islamic militants to push back

majority of Pakistan's 160 million

people, exhausted by bloodshed

many blame on Musharraf's

forceful tactics against the Taliban

and al-Qaeda along the Afghan

It's a strategy backed by the

the tide of violent extremism.

whether they should join the Maoists in government.

Senior leaders from the Nepali Congress, firm favourites before the shock results, have suggested that the current interim government, led by the architect of the peace process, Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala, should

Mahara said that those who wanted to retain the status quo given to the Maoists in the April 10

"The other parties said they were committed to democracy, but by suggesting they will not join the government and that we should not lead it, they are showing they are not committed to democracy," Mahara told AFP

said Haider Khan Hoti, chief minis

ter of North West Frontier Province.

"Once there is peace and stability

Musharraf, who retired as army

As president, he retains the title

of commander in chief of the

armed forces, but his successor as

army boss, Gen. Ashfaq Kayani, is

taking orders from the civilian

rulers, Kayani's spokesman says.

political allies routed in February

in the area there can be a dialogue

on such demands."

rebuild and plan attacks in chief in November and saw his

The talks appear snagged over elections, has been pushed to the

periphery.

#### Nepal agrees compensation for families of war dead

AFP, Kathmandu

Nepal will give the families of the 13,000 people killed in the country's decade-long civil war more than 1,500 dollars each in compensation, an official said Wednesday.

"The government has decided to give one hundred thousand rupees to each family of those killed, irrespective of whether they were killed by the state or by the Maoists," Shyam Sundar Sharma, spokesman at Nepal's ministry of peace and reconstruction, told AFP.

According to the Informal Sector Service Centre, a leading human rights agency in Nepal, security forces killed around 8,300 people and the insurgent Maoists around 5,000 in the war that ended with a 2006 peace deal.



Afghan policemen stand guard at a house where security forces clashed with suspected Taliban rebels in Kabul yesterday. Afghan security forces raided a house in Kabul, killing two Taliban militants involved in a weekend attack on a parade attended by President Hamid Karzai.

### Myanmar won't release Suu Kyi, says Thai PM

AFP, Bangkok

Myanmar will not release opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, Thai Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej said Wednesday after talks with his counterpart from the military-run

Koirala has called for the major

parties and Maoists to start discus-

sions on forming the new govern-

ment, but formal talks are yet to

will have to work with the former

rebels but are having difficulty

adjusting to their unexpected

trouncing, Krishna Jwala Devkota,

editor of the Nepalese daily Naya

and secure respectable positions in

government. It's also a tactic to

pressure the Maoists politically,"

"This is a bargaining phase to try

"Think of it this way: if the NC or

CPN (UML) had emerged as the

biggest parties, there would not be

any question of who would lead the

The larger mainstream parties

begin, Mahara said.

Patrika, told AFP.

said Devkota.

government," he said.

Samak said Prime Minister General Thein Sein confirmed to him that the junta would not release the Nobel peace laureate, who has spent most of the past 18 years under house arrest or in jail.

"He said they will not free her as they do not want to deal with her... even if the foreigners praise her," Samak told reporters after their meeting.

Samak also confirmed that Aung San Suu Kyi would be barred from elections under a draft constitution, which is being put to a referendum on May 10.

"The constitution already stipulates that she cannot run in the election since she was married to a foreigner," Samak said.

Scientists discovered legless lizard, a

dwarf woodpecker and another 12

suspected new species in Brazil's

fast-disappearing Cerrado grass-

lands, an environmental group said

during a 29-day expedition by US

and Brazilian scientists in Brazil's

vast wooded grasslands, one of the

world's 34 biodiversity conserva-

tion hotspots, Conservation

by encroaching farmland; the

The grasslands are threatened

the Serra Geral do Tocantins Proceratophrys.

International said in a statement.

The discoveries were made said.

AFP, Washington

species discovered

Aung San Suu Kyi is the widow of Briton Michael Aris, an expert on

Samak said the general had reiterated that after the referendum, Myanmar would set up political parties to contest elections the junta says will be held in 2010.

The referendum will be the first balloting in Myanmar since 1990, when Aung San Suu Kyi led her National League for Democracy to a landslide victory, which was never recognised by the military rulers.

Thailand, which is one of the biggest investors and trading partners in Myanmar, opposes sanctions and says putting pressure on the junta to change is counterpro-

Samak said Thailand would also take the opportunity when it assumes the chairmanship of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) in December to explain the situation in Myanmar to its fellow members.

Ecological Station, a 7,160 square

kilometer (2,765 square mile)

protected area that is Cerrado's

discovered include eight fish, three

reptiles, one amphibian, one

mammal and one bird, the group

genus, resembles a snake due to its

lack of legs and uses its pointed

snout to move about its predomi-

ings include a dwarf woodpecker

of the genus Picumnus, and a

Other outstanding new find-

nantly sandy environment.

The legless lizard, of the Bachia

The 14 suspected new species

second largest.

## Killed in Afghan raid on Karzai attackers

AFP, Kabul

Afghan security forces Wednesday raided the Kabul hideout of Taliban militants behind an attack on President Hamid Karzai, sparking a battle that left seven people dead including a woman and child.

Two rebels and three government agents were also among the dead after fierce clashes involving rockets and machine-guns raged for around 10 hours at a "safe house" in the west of the capital, the country's spy chief said.

The Taliban confirmed the deaths of the two insurgents and the woman and the child, adding that both the dead men took part in an attack on a military parade at the weekend which was attended by Karzai and foreign diplomats.

Spy chief Amrullah Saleh said the "very sophisticated terrorist cell" had a direct link to Sunday's

rebels having bought and moved or not, we have no proof," he said. weapons to the hotel where the attack was launched.

weapons after the rebels killed the child because it was screaming. The soldiers then laid waste to the building after the three agents were killed while trying to go in and cuted Sunday's attack on the miliarrest the militants.

and had come to the country to of their friends were killed that carry out a suicide attack, he said.

The spy chief said they had evidence that the "terrorists" received orders for the attack on Karzai from sources in Pakistan's lawless tribal belt and were receiving orders from there up to the very last minute.

"There were telephone numbers, exchange of messages and proof

Karzai attack, with one of the dead ordered by government of Pakistan

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid told AFP that two rebels Saleh said his men used heavy named Attah Mohammad and Mirwais were killed in the operation, along with Mohammad's wife and baby daughter. "They had planned and exe-

tary parade and had managed to The woman was not an Afghan escape after the attack while three day," Mujahid said by telephone. The Taliban spokesman said

another rebel had escaped Wednesday's government raid on a house in the Guzargah suburb in the Afghan capital.

An AFP photographer saw intelligence agents drive three men away in handcuffs as the gunfire that they were receiving orders from and explosions continued earlier in across our borders. Whether they the day. The fighting died off were receiving these guidance aroundlunchtime.

#### Five killed in Legless lizard, other new Thai south

AFP, Yala

Three policemen were killed on Wednesday in a bombing in Thailand's insurgency-wracked south, police said, while two people were killed in other separatist violence.

Militants detonated the 20 kilogram (44-pound) device by remote control shortly after midday near a bridge in Yarang district of Pattani province after they lured the police by setting fire to a telephone

booth, police said. Six police officers and two villagers were caught in the blast, and three policemen later died in hospital, said Wattana Wattanayagorn, director of Yala provincial hospital where the victims were being treated.

### India urges Iran to work with IAEA

AFP, New Delhi

India on Tuesday said Iran had the right to peaceful use of atomic energy but asked Tehran to cooperate with the United Nations nuclear watchdog, an official said.

foreign secretary Shivshankar Menonsaid. Menon.

"very clear" view on the situation, Menon added after the Iranian leader's talks here on the final leg of a three-nation South Asian tour.

"We have said that Iran has the right to peaceful use of nuclear energy while fulfilling her various Iranian President Mahmoud obligations, and that the right way Ahmedinejad and Indian Prime to do that is through the IAEA Minister Manmohan Singh had a (International Atomic Energy "short discussion on" the Agency) to assure the world that nuclear issue, said New Delhi's she is fulfilling her obligations,"

India's comments came a day India, which tested nuclear after the IAEA's deputy chief Olli weapons in 1998 and is yet to sign Heinonen held fresh talks with the non-proliferation treaty, had a Iranian officials.

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PHOTO: AFP

Pro-Tibetan activists hold white and yellow flowers whilst demonstrating in front of the consular section of the Chinese Embassy in Kathmandu yesterday. At least 70 Tibetan protesters were detained in Nepal's capital after authorities prevented them from protesting in front of a Chinese embassy building, police said.

### Iran not afraid of nuclear sanctions: Khamenei

AFP, Tehran

Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei yesterday declared Iran was "not afraid" of sanctions over its contested nuclear programme and would further step up its prog-

"We are not afraid of Western sanctions," he told thousands of people in a speech in the southern city of Shiraz broadcast by state

God, will resist in the face of sanc- programme.

tions and economic blockades and will further intensify their prog-

Iran has been hit by three sets of UN Security Council sanctions over its nuclear programme, mainly targeting its ballistic missile and atomic industries.

More significantly for the wider economy, the United States has also pressured European firms and banks to reduce their dealings with Iran as another lever with which to "The Iranian people, thanks to exert pressure over the nuclear

#### সতর্কীকরণ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণকে জ্ঞাত করা যাইতেছে যে, ইসলামিক ফাইন্যান্স এভ ইনভেস্টমেন্ট লিঃ প্রিন্সিপাল শাখা, ঢাকা কর্তক ইলাত কম্পোজিট লিঃ যাহার প্রতিনিধিত্বকারী ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক জনাব মোঃ সাইফ উদ্দীন ও চেয়ারম্যান মিসেস আকিফা আক্তার লুবনা, যাহার কারখানা (১) ভাদাম, টঙ্গী, গাজীপুর, (২) শাসন গাঁও, এনায়েত নগর, ফতুল্লা নারায়ণগঞ্জ এবং (৩) ভোলাইল, ফতুল্লা, নারায়ণগঞ্জ এর স্থাবর ও অস্থাবর সম্পত্তি বিক্রয় করিবার জন্য গত ০৩/০৪/২০০৮ইং তারিখে দ্যা ডেইলী স্টার (The Daily Star) পত্রিকায় এক নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রচার করিয়া আগামী ০৪/০৫/২০০৮ইং তারিখ নিলামের জন্য দিন ধার্য্য করিয়াছেন। ঢাকা ব্যাংক লিঃ, লোকাল অফিস ঢাকা এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলকে অবহিত করিতেছে যে, ইলাত কম্পোজিট লিঃ এর সমস্ত মেশিনারীজ ঢাকা ব্যাংক লিঃ, লোকাল অফিস ঢাকার অনুকূলে যথাযথ কর্তপক্ষের মাধ্যমে হাইপোথিকেট করা এবং নিমু তফসিল বর্ণিত সম্পত্তি ব্যাংকের অনুকূলে রেজিষ্ট্রার্ড বন্ধক প্রদান করা হইয়াছে। ঢাকা ব্যাংক লিঃ ইহার ৭,৬৪,৬২,১০৫.০৯ (সাত কোটি চৌষ্টি লক্ষ বাষটি হাজার একশত পাঁচ টাকা নয় পয়সা) টাকা মাত্র ২৫/০২/২০০৭ইং তারিখের হিসাব পর্যন্ত আদায়ের জন্য ৩য় অর্থঋণ আদালত, ঢাকা এ অর্থঋণ মামলা নং ২১/০৭ দায়ের করিয়াছেন যাহা বর্তমানে বিচারাধীন পর্যায়ে আছে। এমতাবস্থায় সর্বসাধারণকে ০৪/০৫/২০০৮ইং তারিখের সর্ব প্রকার নিলাম কাজে অংশ গ্রহণ করা হইতে বিরত থাকার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হইল। যদি কেহ উল্লেখিত তারিখে নিলাম কাজে অংশ গ্রহণ করিয়া থাকেন তাহা হইলে তাহা তিনি নিজ দায়িত্বে করিবেন ইহাতে ঢাকা ব্যাংক লিঃ লোকাল অফিসের কোন রূপ দায় দায়িত্ব থাকিবেনা।

#### বন্ধকী সম্পত্তির তফসিল পরিচয়

All that piece and parcel of land measuring 51 (fifty one) decimals together with building and structures thereon situated within District-Gazipur, P.S & Sub-Registry Office- Tongi, under Mohal No. 9, JL No. sabek 122, Hal-29, Mouza- bhadam under C.S. Khatian No. 32, S.A. Khatian No. 55 and R.S. Khatian No. 136 in C.S. and S.A. Plot No. 36 (thirty six) corresponding R.S. Plot No. 41 (forty one).

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