

Nepali Maoists threaten to go it alone in new govt

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.

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 impoverished Himalayan country sandwiched between China and India.

whether they should join the Maoists in government. Senior leaders from the Nepal 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 remain.

Koirala has called for the major parties and Maoists to start discussions on forming the new government, but formal talks are yet to begin, Mahara said.

Nepal agrees compensation for families of war dead

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.



Afghan policemen stand guard at a house where security forces clashed with suspected Taliban rebels in Kabul yesterday.



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.

Myanmar won't release Suu Kyi, says Thai PM

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 country.

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

7 killed in Afghan raid on Karzai attackers

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.

Karzai attack, with one of the dead rebels having bought and moved weapons to the hotel where the attack was launched. Saleh said his men used heavy weapons after the rebels killed the child because it was screaming.

ordered by government of Pakistan or not, we have no proof," he said. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid told AFP that two rebels named Attah Mohammad and Mirwais were killed in the operation, along with Mohammad's wife and baby daughter.

Pak govt gambles on peace with militants

As power shifts in Pakistan from US anti-terrorism ally President Pervez Musharraf, the new government is gambling on peace talks with Islamic militants to push back the tide of violent extremism.

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 rebuild and plan attacks in Afghanistan and the West.

said Haider Khan Hoti, chief minister of North West Frontier Province. "Once there is peace and stability in the area there can be a dialogue on such demands."

Legless lizard, other new species discovered

Scientists discovered legless lizard, a dwarf woodpecker and another 12 suspected new species in Brazil's fast-disappearing Cerrado grasslands, an environmental group said Tuesday.

Ecological Station, a 7,160 square kilometer (2,765 square mile) protected area that is Cerrado's second largest. The 14 suspected new species discovered include eight fish, three reptiles, one amphibian, one mammal and one bird, the group said.

Five killed in Thai south

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.

India urges Iran to work with IAEA

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.

"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.

Career Opportunity
AHZ Agro Industries (Pvt.) Ltd., FMCG manufacturing company, is going to launch its products in July 2008. The agro-based high quality food processing company incorporates state-of-the-art technology coupled with visionary leader. To run its operations smoothly the company is urgently searching for a knowledge-based management team.



Pro-Tibetan activists hold white and yellow flowers whilst demonstrating in front of the consular section of the Chinese Embassy in Kathmandu yesterday.

Iran not afraid of nuclear sanctions: Khamenei

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

tions and economic blockades and will further intensify their progress." Iran has been hit by three sets of UN Security Council sanctions over its nuclear programme, mainly targeting its ballistic missile and atomic industries.

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এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণকে জ্ঞাত করা যাইতেছে যে, ইসলামিক ফাইন্যান্স এন্ড ইনভেস্টমেন্ট লিমিটেড প্রিন্সিপাল শাখা, ঢাকা কর্তৃক ইলাত কম্পোজিট লিঃ যাহার প্রতিনিধিত্বকারী ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক জনাব মোঃ সাইফ উদ্দীন ও চেয়ারম্যান মিসেস আফিফা আক্তার লুবনা, যাহার কারখানা (১) তাদাম, টঙ্গী, গাজীপুর, (২) শাসন গাঁও, এনায়েত নগর, ফতুল্লা নারায়ণগঞ্জ এবং (৩) ভোলাইল, ফতুল্লা, নারায়ণগঞ্জ এর স্বাবর ও অস্বাবর 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 যথায় যথায় কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে হাইপোথিকোট করা এবং নিম্ন তফসিল বর্ণিত সম্পত্তি ব্যাংকের অনুকূলে রেজিস্ট্রার বন্ধক প্রদান করা হইয়াছে। ঢাকা ব্যাংক লিঃ ইহার ৭,৬৪,৬২,১০৫.০৯ (সাত কোটি চৌষট্টি লক্ষ বাষট্টি হাজার একশত পাঁচ টাকা নয় পয়সা) টাকা মাত্র ২৫/০২/২০০৭ইং তারিখের হিসাব পর্যন্ত আদায়ের জন্য ৩য় অর্ধবর্ষ আদালত, ঢাকা এ অর্ধবর্ষ মামলা নং ২/০৭ দায়ের করিয়াছেন যাহা বর্তমানে বিচারাদীন 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।