

Power-sharing talks on Nepal govt end inconclusively

Kathmandu prepares to name first president

PTI, AFP, Kathmandu
A crucial power-sharing meeting between Maoists and the CPN-UML ended inconclusively here yesterday as the two parties failed to sort out differences over the key issue of the election of the president...

tion," he said after the meeting between Prachanda and CPN-UML general secretary Jhala Nath Khanal.
Though the talks were moving towards a positive direction, no decision was reached yet on electing the president, he said.

They seized from people we cannot cooperate with them in forming the new government, he told.
The Maoists are still carrying out acts of terror, violence, abduction and extortion, he said and asked the Maoist leadership to control their youth wing Young Communist League before forging any alliance, he said.

sion of forming and dissolving a government through a simple majority last week.
Meanwhile, Nepal's first president could be chosen later this week with the country's Maoists and other parties reporting some progress in ending a post-monarchy deadlock, officials said Tuesday.



An Indian vendor pushes his fruit-laden bicycle along a flooded street in Patna yesterday. Areas of the Indian state of Bihar are experiencing floods after several days of continuous monsoon rain.

Malaysia issues arrest warrant for Anwar

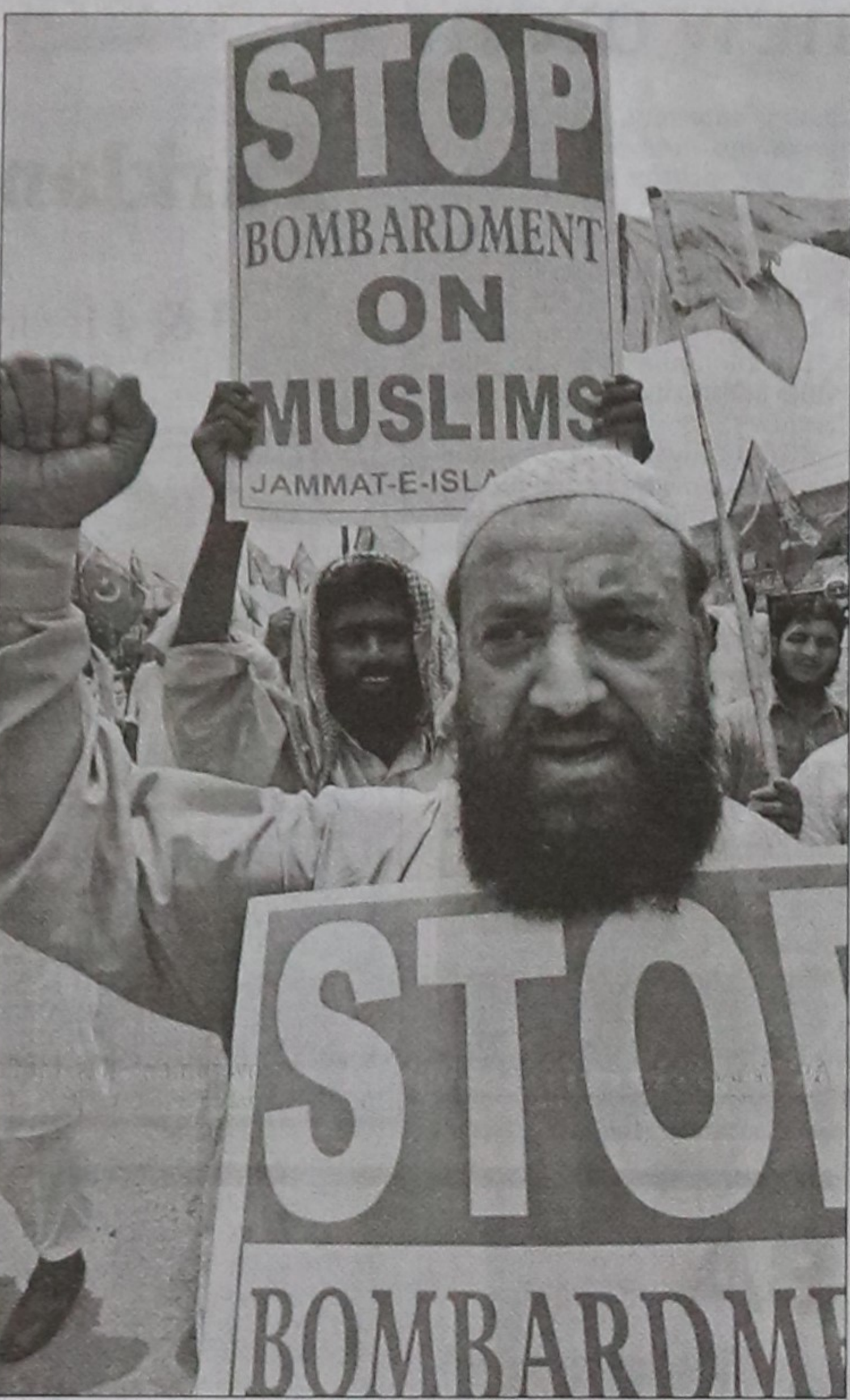
AP, Kuala Lumpur
Malaysian police issued an arrest warrant yesterday for opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim in connection with a sodomy accusation by a male former aide, his lawyer said.

Pakistan wants more restrictions on AQ Khan, says lawyer

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan's government is seeking to tighten restrictions on nuclear scientist Abdul Qadeer Khan in response to a legal challenge seeking his release from house arrest, his lawyer said yesterday.
Khan, the father of the country's atomic bomb, has been effectively under house arrest in Islamabad since February 2004 when he confessed that he transferred nuclear secrets to Iran, Libya and North Korea.

The government has been saying that Khan was not under detention, but now it has told the court that it wants to increase the restrictions. Khan's lawyer Javed Iqbal Jaffery told reporters outside Islamabad High Court.
The government has said that telephone and Internet facilities should be withdrawn, he said, following a relaxation on his links to the outside world after a new anti-Musharraf government won elections in February.



Activists of Pakistan's main fundamentalist Islamic party of Jamaat-i-Islami (JI) carry placards as they shout slogans during an anti-US rally in Lahore yesterday. Hundreds of Islamists held the rally against the operations of US forces in Iraq and Afghanistan and demanded their withdrawal.

Indian govt behind anti-Maoist attacks Says HR Watch

AFP, New Delhi

At least 100,000 villagers in eastern India have been forced to flee their homes in spiralling violence spurred by a state-backed anti-Maoist vigilante group, a US-based rights group said yesterday.
Human Rights Watch accused government forces of taking part in some of the violence, in which vigilantes allegedly attacked and killed supporters of banned left-wing rebels in the Maoist heartland of Chhattisgarh state.

The rights group is calling for the state government to immediately end its support of the vigilantes and investigate rights abuses by its forces, as well as protect villagers who want to return home.
"it is 100 percent certain that government forces were involved," said Jo Becker, director of children's advocacy at Human Rights Watch, ahead of the group's release on Tuesday of a report on rights abuses in the state.

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are undermining efforts to destroy surplus weapons by creating new markets for countries to sell their unwanted firearms, according to a survey published here Monday.
Although the world is witnessing "the largest systematic destruction of military small arms and light weapons since the end of World War II," countries that would normally have destroyed their surplus weapons are now being encouraged to export them, the Small Arms Survey 2008 said.

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Shiromani Akali Dal to vote against UPA govt

Manmohan confident of winning trust vote

PTI, Chandigarh New Delhi

Putting to rest all speculation on party's stand on the nuclear deal, the Shiromani Akali Dal, which has eight members in the Lok Sabha, yesterday said it would vote against the Congress-led UPA government during the trust vote.
"The SAD has a clear-cut policy against the Congress. After detailed discussions, the party has decided not to support the Congress-led government during the trust vote," SAD president Parkash Singh Badal said.

confidence vote," the Punjab Chief Minister told meet the press programme here.
He categorically said the party would not abstain from voting, adding "our MPs will not run away from the battlefield."
Badal said the SAD would also not issue any whip as there were no differences among party MPs on the nuclear issue.
Slamming the ruling UPA, Badal said it had not taken the Akalis into confidence on the India-US nuclear deal.

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Meanwhile, a week ahead of the Lok Sabha trust vote, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh yesterday expressed confidence that the UPA coalition will win in the trial of strength triggered by the Indo-US nuclear deal which "will in no way impinge" on India's strategic programme.

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AP, Vienna

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has circulated among the 35 nations on the governing board.
The board's approval would open the way for India's civilian nuclear programme to do business with 45 nations that export nuclear fuel and technology.

years to demonstrate its readiness to join the international monitoring system, so it can gain access to foreign-produced reactor fuel and nuclear technology as it scrambles to find enough uranium to supply both its energy sector and its nuclear weapons facilities.

Advertisement for Dhaka City Corporation (ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন) regarding recruitment for various positions. It lists job titles like 'Traffic Inspector' and 'Traffic Constable' along with their respective salaries and application procedures.

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