



Supporters of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz pose as they celebrate a court decision outside the Supreme Court building in Islamabad yesterday. Pakistan suspended a court ban on opposition leader Nawaz Sharif and reinstated his party's government in a key province, in a move likely to ease political tensions in the troubled country.

## Pak court suspends ban on Sharif brothers

AFP, Islamabad

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The court decision on February 25 to disqualify Sharif and his brother from contesting elections and holding office sparked mass nationwide protests. Authorities detained hundreds of activists in response.

Under Western pressure to defuse the crisis, the government appealed the ban and agreed to reinstate chief justice

Ifkhar Muhammad Chaudhry, bowing to a key demand from Sharif -- now the country's most popular politician.

"The supreme court has suspended the February 25 decision," Syed Zafar Ali Shah, a lawyer and leader in Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) party, told reporters outside the court.

The decision allows the two-time former prime minister to contest elections and reinstates his brother, Shahbaz Sharif, as chief minister of the country's most important province, Punjab, while the court reviews the case against them.

Workers in PML-N, the second-largest

political party in the country, danced and handed out sweets in jubilation outside the court in the capital Islamabad, shouting "congratulations to the nation."

"Thanks to Allah, our stance was just. Today a new judiciary has come into being in Pakistan. We'll work day and night for the welfare of our people," Shahbaz Sharif told reporters from Lahore, the Punjab capital.

"I'll now be completing my agenda for people's welfare. A provincial cabinet meeting will be convened soon and we will consult our colleagues in the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) about the future course of action," he added.

Sanjay Dutt can't contest Lok Sabha polls

Rules SC

ANI, New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Monday disallowed Bollywood actor-turned-politician Sanjay Dutt to contest the general elections following his conviction in the 1993 Mumbai blasts case.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice K G Balakrishnan said: "We are not inclined to suspend his conviction."

"It is not a fit case to grant stay of conviction," the Bench also comprising Justices P Sathasivam and R M Lodha said.

## Indian PM dismisses Pakistani call for talks

AFP, ANI, New Delhi/Wagah Border

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said yesterday that no further peace talks would be held with Pakistan until it acted against those behind last year's attacks on the city of Mumbai.

Singh was reacting to comments by Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari, who expressed hope that the talks would be revived soon.

India views its neighbour with increasing alarm after the November attacks in Mumbai and recent militant strikes in the Pakistani city of Lahore,

which is close to the Indian border.

Pakistan had to show it was "doing everything possible to bring the culprits to book" over the Mumbai siege, Singh told reporters.

Ten attackers who were allegedly from the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba attacked a series of targets in Mumbai in November, leaving 165 people dead.

The assault raised tensions between India and Pakistan, with New Delhi accusing Islamabad of giving tacit support to militants.

India and Pakistan

launched peace talks in 2004 after agreeing a ceasefire in the disputed region of Kashmir.

Earlier as a consequence of the terrorist strike at the Police Academy in Lahore, the Border Security Force (BSF) has beefed up security along the Wagah border in Punjab.

Following the attack, senior BSF officials including Inspector General (Frontier) Himmat Singh visited the border posts to take a stock of the situation and held meetings with allied border security agencies including the customs and excise officers.

## Advani mocks Third Front, says it doesn't exist

PTI, New Delhi

Arguing that the mere presence of political parties which are neither with United Progressive Alliance (UPA) nor National Democratic Alliance (NDA) does not mean there is a Third Front, Bharatiya Janata Party's prime ministerial candidate LK Advani says

many of these regional parties would join NDA if it is in a position to form a government.

"The mere presence of political parties other than

those which are with the Congress or the BJP does not mean there is a Third Front. I don't think a Third Front exists," Advani said.

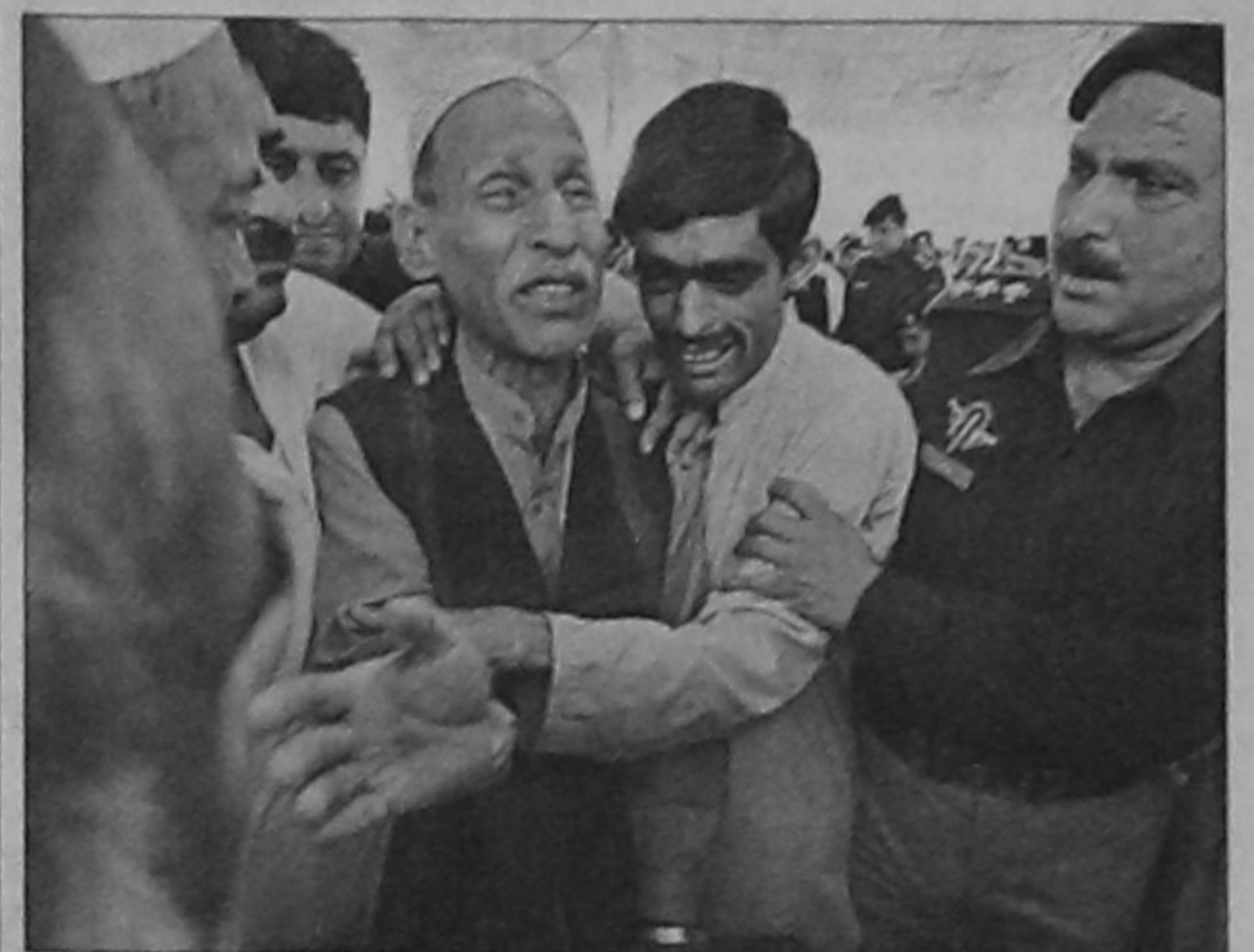
Advani said for most of these parties -- like the Left, Telugu Desam Party (TDP), Telangana Rashtriya Samithi (TRS), Biju Janata Dal (BJD) and Janata Dal-Secular (JD(S)) who call themselves the Third Front -- Congress was the main political opponent in the states where they had a strong presence.

## Indian kills 6 of his family in US town after quarrel

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Chennai

An Indian IT professional in the US opened fire at his family members following a quarrel with his brother-in-law, killing five people, including three children. He then shot himself dead, a relative in a Tamil Nadu village on said on Tuesday.

The shootout took place Monday night (IST) in Santa Clara, a town in the Silicon Valley.



A father (CL) and his son mourn at the coffin of his son, who was killed in an attack by gunmen at a police academy, during a funeral ceremony in Lahore yesterday. Pakistan questioned four suspects including an Afghan captured during the police academy siege that has fanned Western fears about the menace of extremism in the nuclear-armed state.

## Poverty not an issue for NDA, says Rahul

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Wardha, Maharashtra

Congress general secretary Rahul Gandhi Monday asserted that the common man had always been his party's focus and accused the opposition National Democratic Alliance (NDA) of ignoring the poor.

Addressing an election rally here ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, Gandhi promised that the Congress would work to alleviate poverty.

"We (Congress) see India from the common man's eyes. Our programmes are for the poor of India. Our thinking is to take forward the poor of the country... Our opposition does not see the world from the eyes of the poor," Gandhi told the gathering.

"I want to tell you that till there is a single poor in the country, the Congress party, (Prime Minister) Manmohan Singhji, (party president) Soniji and I will hear his voice," Rahul said.

Gandhi also criticised the Bharatiya Janata Party for fighting the 2004 elections on the "India Shining" campaign.

"This is the thinking of big people. They fight for privatisation, stock exchange but do not reach your homes. But if a leader reaches your home they ridicule him because they do not understand what the poor need," he said.

The Congress MP also came down on the NDA for harping on the issue of privatisation at the cost of the poor.

## End of Nepalese peace process in sight: PM

AFP, Oslo

Nepalese Prime Minister Prachanda said Monday the ongoing peace process in his country should wrap up "within four or five months," and could serve as a model for volatile South Asia.

"I think that how we're going to conclude this peace process within a couple of months," he told reporters in Oslo following a meeting with Norwegian International Development Minister Erik Solheim.

"We have already decided a timetable to lead this process to a conclusion within four or five months," he said.

He said it could serve as "a model of peace, particularly for South Asia because there are so many (...) difficult kinds of conflicts there."



Lawyer Anjali Waghmare (C), appointed to represent the lone surviving militant suspect captured by police during last year's Mumbai attacks, is escorted by Indian police as she leaves her residence in Mumbai yesterday. Dozens of supporters of the local Shiv Sena group shouted slogans and pelted stones at Anjali Waghmare's residence on Monday night, hours after she was selected from the state government legal aid team to defend Mohammed Ajmal Amir Iman, also known as Kasab.

## Anjali will fight Kasab case despite Shiv Sena threat

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE,

Mumbai, Mar 31 (IANS) Court-appointed lawyer Anjali Waghmare will represent Pakistani Ajmal Amir Kasab in the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks case, Maharashtra Home Minister Jayant Patil said Tuesday, hours after the Shiv Sena forced the advocate to withdraw from the assignment.

Patil termed as "unfortunate" the Shiv Sena opposition to her decision to accept Kasab's brief at the court's behest.

Speaking to reporters, Patil said after Monday night incidents of intimidation outside Anjali's residence, the police and government officials had mether.

## Gujarat CM picks tainted aspirants for polls

CNN-IBN, Ahmedabad

Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi is backing candidates with criminal antecedents in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in contradiction to his otherwise incorruptible image.

So is the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) opting for winnability rather than political merit?

Modi has over the past seven years carefully cultivated an image of being a tough incorruptible administrator who has taken a stand against criminalisation of politics.

But one look at the list of BJP candidates from Gujarat

that Modi has handpicked himself suggests that its winnability that has become the criteria this time, and not honesty in public life.

Bhavsinh Rathod, BJP's candidate from Patan, has been convicted and imprisoned in a narcotics smuggling case. He started off his criminal career with house-breaking. He got a ticket a day after resigning as Congress MLA.

CR Patil is the BJP's candidate from Navsari. Several years ago, he was suspended from the police force for bootlegging. More recently, he spent six months in jail for defaulting the Diamond Jubilee Co-operative Bank.

বাংলাদেশ বিজ্ঞান ও শিল্প গবেষণা পরিষদ

**“সেবা প্রদান বিজ্ঞপ্তি”**

“ইনস্টিটিউট অব মাইনিং, মিনারেলোজি এন্ড মেটালার্জি (আইএমএমএম), বিসিএসআইআর, জয়পুরহাট” কর্তৃক দেশের বিভিন্ন শিল্প কলকারখানা, বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, সরকারী, আধাসরকারী, বেসরকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহ ও ব্যক্তি পর্যায়ে নিম্নবর্ণিত সেবা প্রদান করা হয়ে থাকে।

ক্রঃ নং	সেবাসমূহের নাম	নমুনাসমূহের নাম
১.	মৌল সনাক্তকরণ।	কাদা, বালু, পাথর, পাউডার, সিমেন্ট ইত্যাদি।
২.	মৌলিক গঠন নিরূপণ।	খনিজ বস্তু, অ্যালয়, তরল পদার্থ ইত্যাদি।
৩.	থার্মোগ্রাভিমিট্রিক, ডিফারেনশিয়াল থার্মাল ও ডিফারেনশিয়াল স্ক্যানিং ক্যালোরিমিট্রিক বিশ্লেষণ।	কঠিন এবং তরল পদার্থ।
৪.	কম্প্রেশিভ এবং টেনসাইল স্ট্রেন্থ, মডিউলস অব ইলাস্টিসিটি, পয়শন'স রেশিও নির্ণয়।	খনিজ বস্তু, অ্যালয়, রড, কনক্রিট, সিলিস্তার, ইট, সিরামিক ইত্যাদি।
৫.	মৌলিক গঠন পর্যবেক্ষণ ও সনাক্তকরণ।	ধাতব বস্তু, খনিজ, পাথর, আকরিক ইত্যাদি।
৬.	সাপোর্ট ডিজাইন ও নির্ধারণ, ত্রি-মাত্রিক স্ট্রেস বিশ্লেষণ, আভারহাউন্ড ওয়েজ, পিলার স্ট্যাবিলিটি, স্লো স্ট্যাবিলিটি ইত্যাদি।	খনি বিষয়ক তথ্য-উপাত্ত, নমুনা ইত্যাদি।
৭.	ক্যালরিফিক ভ্যালু, সালফারের পরিমাণ নিরূপণ।	কয়লা, জ্বালানি, তেল ইত্যাদি।
৮.	গ্রাইভিং, মিলিং ও মাইক্রোসকপিং ড্রাইভ তৈরীকরণ।	পাথর, খনিজ, কয়লা, আকরিক, বালু ইত্যাদি।
৯.	ভঙ্গুরতা ও কাঠিন্য নিরূপণ।	অ্যালয়, ধাতব পদার্থ, কম্পোজিট ইত্যাদি।
১০.	রিফ্রাকটিভ ইনডেক্স (R.I.), মোট দ্রবীভূত কঠিন পদার্থ (TSS)।	তেল, পানি, ফলের রস, দুধ, মধু ইত্যাদি।
১১.	বিভিন্ন আকারের বায়ুকনা ও চুম্বকীয় খনিজ পৃথকীকরণ।	খনিজ বালু, লুজ সেডিমেন্ট ইত্যাদি।
১২.	পালভারাইজিং করণ।	জৈব ও অজৈব পদার্থ।
১৩.	ডিসকোপিটি ইনডেক্স নির্ণয়।	তরল জ্বালানি, গ্রীজ, আলকাতরা, বিটুমিন ইত্যাদি।
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১৬.	কাঠিং।	কাঠ-আয়রণ, অ্যালুমিনিয়াম, পিতল (Brass), তামা ইত্যাদি।

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