

Key players in Pakistan's political crisis



PRESIDENT PERVEZ MUSHARRAF

Ousted Prime Minister **Nawaz Sharif** in bloodless coup in 1999. Musharraf's bid to win new presidential term requires support of opposition **Pakistan People's Party (PPP)** to change constitution. Ruling **Pakistan Muslim League-Q (PML-Q)** fiercely opposes deal with PPP. Legal challenges would go to increasingly defiant **Supreme Court**

BENAZIR BHUTTO – PPP LEADER

Twice prime minister (1988-90 and 1993-96) has lived in self-imposed exile in London and Dubai since 1999 after being accused of corruption in Pakistan. **Wants change to constitution to grant her immunity from prosecution and lifting of ban on PMs standing for third term in exchange for PPP supporting Musharraf's presidential bid**



NAWAZ SHARIF

Prime minister (1990-93 and 1997-99) lived in exile in Saudi Arabia after being sentenced to 14 years in prison for corruption and treason following 1999 coup. **Plans to return home to lead Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) following ruling by Supreme Court**

Seats in National Assembly

Muttahida Qaumi Movement: 17
In talks with PML-Q

PML-Q: 126

PPP: 81

Muttahida Majlis-e-Amal: 63
Opposes Musharraf support for U.S.-led war on terror

PML-N: 19
Opposes constitutional changes

Other: 36

Total 342

Amending constitution requires two-thirds majority