

Musharraf impeachment

In a move that will almost certainly plunge Pakistan into a new bout of political instability, the country's ruling coalition parties have agreed to begin impeachment proceedings against President Pervez Musharraf



STEPS TO IMPEACHMENT

■ Charge sheet on Musharraf's performance as president submitted to parliament needs signatures of 50 percent of all MPs in coming days

■ President given notice of impeachment and asked to defend his position within seven to 15 days

■ If resolution presented, joint session of Senate and National Assembly must approve it with two-thirds majority

To prevent impeachment Musharraf could dissolve parliament and place country under emergency rule