

Nuclear watchdog to elect new chief

The IAEA's vote for a new director, at a time of mounting challenges to nuclear non-proliferation, pits Japan's IAEA ambassador, Yukiya Amano, favoured largely by industrialized states, against South Africa's Abdul Samad Minty, with core support among developing nations

YUKIYA AMANO

■ Specialized in multilateral disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation negotiations over 36 years in Japan's foreign service



■ Negotiator in arms control talks such as extension of **Non-Proliferation Treaty**, **Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty** and verification protocol for **Biological Weapons Convention**

■ Chairman of IAEA's governing body in 2005-06 when agency and outgoing director **Mohammed ElBaradei** were jointly awarded Nobel Peace Prize

■ **Seen as reserved technocrat who would "depoliticize" IAEA helm after 12 years of outspoken ElBaradei**



ABDUL SAMAD MINTY

■ Veteran arms control and non-proliferation negotiator who has been involved in many of same multilateral treaties as Amano



■ South Africa's IAEA governor since 1995, Minty is also deputy-general of foreign affairs ministry with reputation as skilled mediator

■ Former anti-apartheid activist, has been prominent voice in Non-Aligned Movement of developing nations

■ **Like Amano he is committed to IAEA's technical mandate but, like ElBaradei, he sees directorship as inescapably political**