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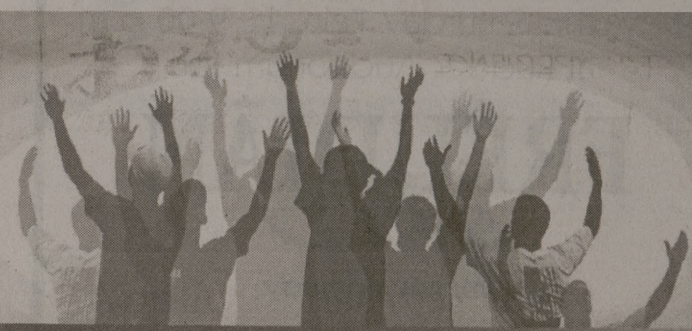
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# Re-elected Sharon refuses peace talks

By Greg Myre  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — A day after his election victory, Ariel Sharon on Wednesday rebuffed an offer by Yasser Arafat to resume peace talks — an indication the Israeli prime minister will stick to his tough policies in his second term.

In Tuesday's vote, Sharon won a ringing endorsement for his military crackdown on the Palestinians, and his right-wing supporters want to see him take an even tougher line. However, an Israeli government dominated by hawks could lead to friction with the United States.

The composition of Sharon's coalition will shape the next round of the Mideast confrontation.

If he builds a right-wing coalition with his natural allies, he'll find himself surrounded by Cabinet ministers advocating explosive measures such as sending Arafat into exile.

If he persuades moderate and centrist parties to join him, the debate could shift to a U.S.-backed peace proposal that calls on Israel to make such concessions as freezing the growth of Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza and agreeing to an eventual

Palestinian state in those areas.

Commenting for the first time on the Israeli vote, Arafat said Wednesday that he was ready to resume peace talks. Asked by Israeli TV's Channel 10 if he was willing to meet with Sharon, his longtime nemesis, Arafat said: "Tonight. If he's ready, I'm ready."

Sharon's office said in response that Arafat funds and encourages militants attacking Israelis and that the Palestinian leader "is not and will not be a negotiating partner." Israel will only negotiate with Palestinians not involved in violence, the statement said.

Sharon, who spent Wednesday at his Negev Desert sheep ranch, says he wants a broad "unity government" but that may prove impossible. The Labor Party, which backed him for 20 months until bolting in November, says it's headed for the opposition.

Sharon's Likud Party almost doubled its parliamentary strength, from 19 to 37 in the 120-member parliament. Center-left Labor — the party that founded Israel — posted its worst-ever showing, dropping from 26 to 19 seats. Labor advocates a return to peace talks, even with Arafat.

Despite Labor leader Amram

Mitzna's pledge not to join Sharon, some say he could be tempted by ideological concessions such as a stated willingness to dismantle some Jewish settlements.

Labor's elder statesman Shimon Peres, who served as foreign minister while his party was in Sharon's coalition, did not rule out another broad-based government, but only if it moved toward peace. "A national unity government is good, but not if you're marching in place," he told Israel TV.

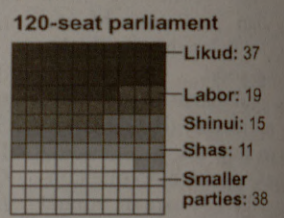
Another potential partner is Shinui, which rode a wave of middle-class discontent with the special privileges afforded to the ultra-Orthodox, going from six to 15 seats. But Shinui says it won't join Sharon if religious parties are also in the government.

"There's no doubt that the Likud can go and establish a right-wing, nationalist government based on yesterday's results," said Limor Livnat, a Likud Cabinet minister. "But the prime minister has said all the way that he supports with all his heart ... a broad, national unity government because the challenges we are facing now are especially difficult."

Israeli commentators also said Sharon wanted to avoid

## Sharon scores big in Israel election

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's hard-line Likud Party nearly doubled its strength, but faces an uphill battle to form a unity government.



Total hard-line parties (including Likud and Shas): 67 seats

Total moderate and centrist parties (including Labor and Shinui): 53 seats

Note: Still to be counted are soldiers' and diplomats' votes which could change the outcome slightly.

SOURCE: Associated Press

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Europe forces new delay for NATO military planning

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — NATO delivered another setback to the United States on Wednesday, again delaying military preparations for a limited backup role should the United States attack Iraq.

Washington wants NATO to prepare to send planes and missiles to protect Turkey

from a possible Iraqi counter-strike, intensify naval patrols in the Mediterranean, fill in for U.S. troops transferred from the Balkans and plan for peacekeeping in a postwar Iraq.

Backed by Belgium and Luxembourg, the French and Germans say ordering military preparations now would be premature and could harm efforts by the United Nations to disarm Iraq peacefully. Officials said the

U.S. proposals were not even discussed at a meeting of the alliance's policy-making North Atlantic Council, after the 19 allies failed to agree in private talks on Tuesday.

"We will not let up in our efforts to resolve this conflict without a war," German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder told a news conference in Berlin. Germany and the other three holdouts first blocked the decision last week.

## North Korea unhappy with Bush

By Sang-Hun Choe  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea accused the United States on Wednesday of adopting a "serpent" strategy to strangle the communist country after President Bush warned it would suffer isolation and economic hardship unless it abandons its nuclear ambitions.

Meanwhile, a South Korean presidential envoy returned from Pyongyang and said North Korean negotiators reaffirmed the dispute over their country's nuclear activity can only be solved through direct dialogue with the United States.

The envoy, Lim Dong-won, returned to Seoul after waiting in vain to meet North Korean leader Kim Jong Il.

Lim ruled out any quick solution to the nuclear dispute, saying it will be "a very long and gradual process."

In Washington, Bush said in his State of the Union speech heard in Asia early Wednesday that the United States and other countries would not be "blackmailed" into granting concessions to North Korea by its nuclear weapons development.

North Korea did not respond directly to Bush's speech. But soon after it was delivered, the North's official news agency, KCNA, released a commentary saying Washington was using the nuclear dispute as a pretext to destroy the communist country.

"This strategy is also dubbed a 'serpent' strategy, as it is to be carried out in the way a serpent does, i.e., swallowing up the object after strangling it," KCNA said.

While calling for talks with Washington, North Korea accuses the United States of planning to launch a nuclear attack on the communist state and trying to stifle it through economic and political pressure.

Lim had hoped to meet with Northern leader Kim Jong Il to try to dissuade him from pursuing nuclear weapons development.