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PAKISTAN

Will Bhutto Bounce Back?

PAKISTAN'S FORMER prime minister Benazir Bhutto is in trouble—again. Last week a court sentenced her and her husband, Asif Zardari, to five years in jail and fined them \$8.6 million on charges of taking kickbacks while in office. Ironically, the firm they were found to have taken payments from, the Swiss Société Générale de Surveillance, had been hired to combat another sort of corruption: customs-duty evasion.

Bhutto remains her country's second most-powerful politician, despite having been removed from office twice on corruption charges. During her reign, her husband became popularly known as "Mr. 10 Percent" for his alleged role as an intermediary in government deals. He is already in jail, awaiting trial on numerous



Bhutto plans to challenge the charges against her

other charges, including conspiring to murder Bhutto's estranged brother. (He has denied these charges.)

The most recent corruption allegations were investigated

in Switzerland by a Swiss court, which passed on its findings to the two Lahore High Court judges who convicted her. But Bhutto was typically defiant, proclaiming her innocence and accusing the judges of bias. She added that the Swiss magistrate was operating with documents fabricated by the current Pakistani government. "Everybody thinks she's guilty," says Najam Sethi, editor of the political weekly *The Friday Times*. "But a lot of people have doubts about the procedures and the way this trial was rushed."

Bhutto said she would return from London this week to appeal the verdict to the Supreme Court. Instead, there's a chance she could be met at the airport and taken straight to jail.

ALGERIA

All Riled Up

ALGERIA'S VOTERS ARE disappointed. Last week the government-backed presidential candidate, Abdelaziz Bouteflika, was elected amid widespread allegations of fraud. The election had been seen as an important step toward democracy in a country that had been moving toward moderation over the last year. Even the Army commander, Gen. Mohammed Lamari, had encouraged those hopes by suggesting recently that it was time for the Army to leave politics. If Algerians conclude that the contest was rigged, opinion could start shifting back to the Islamic militants.



Voters say 'no to dictatorship'