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and requires him to cooperate with the government. Sentencing is set for 30 May.

Raja Lahrasib Khan, who lived in the Azad Kashmir region of Pakistan before coming to the United States in the late 1970s, admitted that he met with Ilyas Kashmiri, a leader of the Kashmir independence movement.

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## US announces limited Myanmar sanctions lifting

WASHINGTON, 7 Feb— The United States on Monday lifted one of its many sanctions against Myanmar in recognition of recent positive moves toward political reform in the country. US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton signed a partial waiver of restrictions imposed on Myanmar, under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, the State Department said in a statement.

The waiver will allow assessment missions and limited technical assistance in Myanmar by international



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financial institutions (IFIs) such as the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and the International Monetary Fund. The statement issued Monday noted Clinton had committed to supporting IFI assessments during her visit to Myanmar in December “in response to encouraging reforms under way in that country.”

Those steps included measures to pave the way for Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and the National League for Democracy to participate in upcoming parliamentary by-elections, release of political prisoners, broader civil liberties, and preliminary cease fire talks with certain ethnic minority groups, the statement said. “The (Myanmar) government has also taken some steps to address deficiencies cited in the department’s June 2011 Trafficking in Persons Report,” it added.—MNA/AFP/CNA