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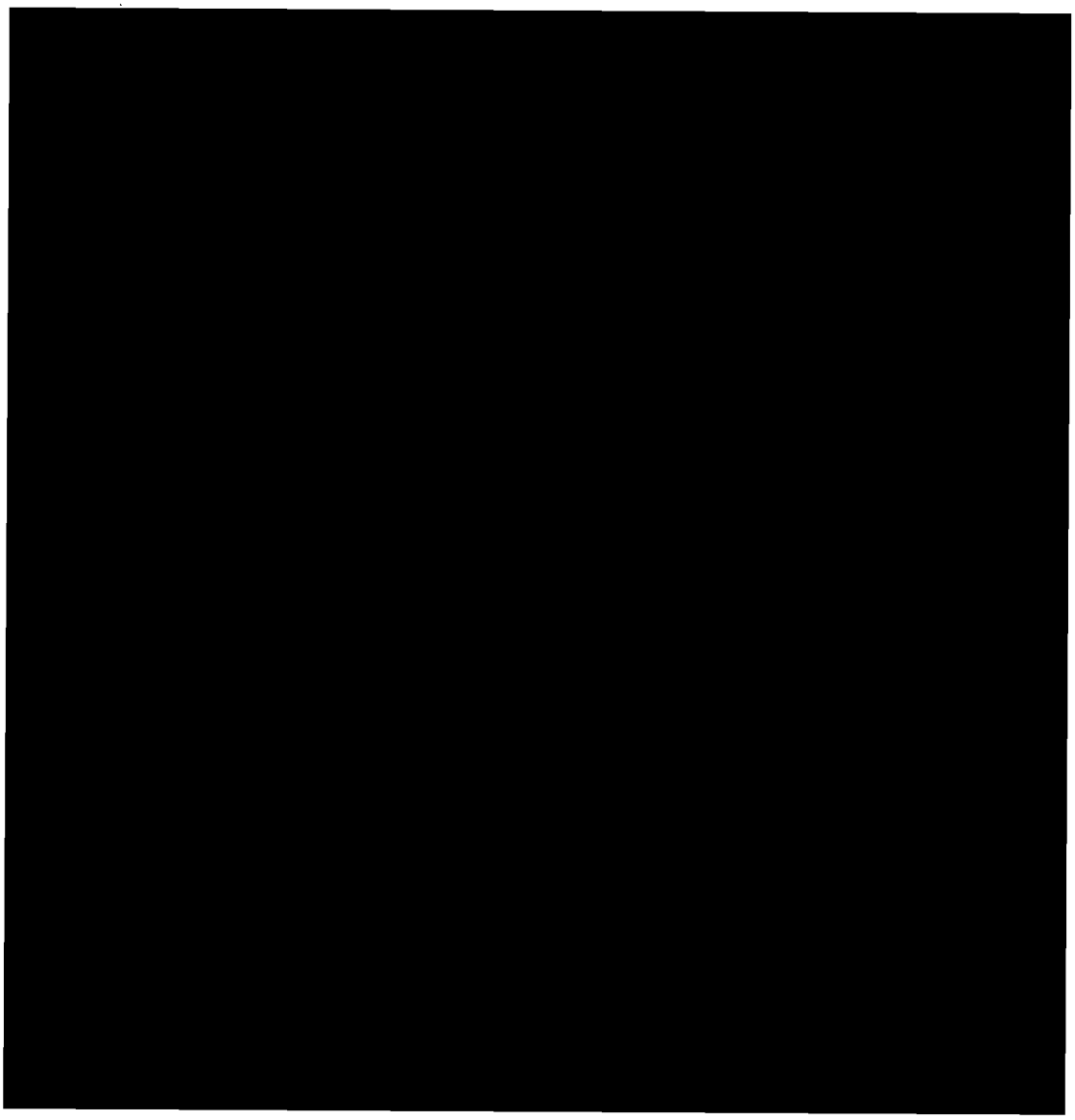
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INDIA: Talking About a Compromise With Nepal

A senior Indian official has offered Nepal a compromise to end the dispute that erupted after a trade and transit treaty expired last March. [redacted] some Nepalese officials reacted skeptically to the proposal, which [redacted] includes an offer to recognize Nepal as a zone of peace if Nepal leaves intact a 1950 treaty of peace and friendship with India. [redacted]

Comment: King Birendra almost certainly will consider any serious Indian proposal because the impasse has led to shortages and inflation and because foreign assistance he had hoped to receive has not materialized. India probably would like to see the 1950 treaty retained because it mandates that Nepal accept some Indian security concerns, while Kathmandu has long pressed New Delhi to accept the zone of peace proposal. In addition to the dispute over the expired treaty, the two countries have other major problems—such as Nepal's ties to China and each country's treatment of resident nationals from the other. [redacted]

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