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ISLAMABAD (AP) Pakistan's prime minister on Wednesday effectively ruled out bringing treason charges against the country's former military ruler, Pervez Musharraf. Pakistan's Supreme Court recently ruled that Musharraf's imposition of a state of emergency in 2007 was unconstitutional a decision that raised the possibility he could be accused of treason. But Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani had said such charges would only be brought against Musharraf if Parliament passed a unanimous resolution requesting them. Speaking in Parliament on Wednesday night, Gilani said the opposition parties did not have enough votes to pass the resolution indicating his own party would not vote in favor.

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