

Gas chamber proof discovered

VIENNA: Historians have found what they say is the first technical proof that the nazis used gas chambers to exterminate concentration camp victims during World War II.

"It is to my knowledge the only piece of technical equipment from gas chambers found until now. This is a major discovery," said historian Florian Freund. The discovery was of a ventilator used to pump poison into gas chambers at the Mauthausen concentration

camp 120km west of Vienna.

He said it was part of a body of evidence refuting revisionists' claims that gas chambers never existed because there was no technical proof.

In the last months of 1945, the nazis had destroyed all trace of the equipment from gas chambers.

Freund said historians discovered the Mauthausen ventilator in the Czech Republic, thanks to a photograph taken in May 1945.
