

Chechen rebel 'president' Saidullayev beheaded

Kremlin-backed govt in Grozny claims



AFP, Grozny

The self-declared Chechen rebel "president", Abdulkhamid Saidullayev, has been killed, officials in the Moscow-backed Chechen government said yesterday.

"Yes, I confirm this information," Muslim Khuchiyev, a minister without portfolio in the Chechen government, told AFP.

Russian media said Saidullayev was killed in a "special operation" that took place in the Chechen city of Argun, east of the Chechen capital Grozny. No further details on that operation were immediately available.

Chechen Prime Minister Ramzan Kadyrov characterized the killing of Saidullayev as a major success in the Russian fight against Chechen rebels, Interfax news

agency said. "The terrorists have practically been beheaded," Interfax quoted him as saying. "They have been dealt a decisive blow from which they will never recover."

The Kremlin-backed Chechen president, Alu Alkhanov, hailed the reported killing of Saidullayev.

"He was never any kind of president," Interfax quoted Alkhanov as saying.

"He was the leader of a group of bandits. He and his accomplices have the deaths of many peaceful civilians on their conscience and his liquidation clearly demonstrates the end that terrorists in Chechnya will come to."

Saidullayev, thought to be in his mid- to late-30s, was chosen in March 2005 to succeed the previous Chechen rebel "president", Aslan Maskhadov, after he was also killed by Russian special forces.

Chechen rebels said at the time that Saidullayev was Maskhadov's hand-picked successor as commander-in-chief and political leader of their movement, though he was a little-known figure then was always overshadowed by Chechen rebel warlord Shamil Basayev, who remains at large.

At the time of his nomination as rebel president, Saidullayev had almost no battle experience, had reportedly served on Chechnya's Islamic sharia court, and was a virtual unknown to most Chechens.

Akhmed Zakayev, a former minister in Maskhadov's Chechen government who now lives in exile in Britain, described Saidullayev at the time as "a very balanced, very responsible person who enjoys wide authority among the resistance."

India to sign convention against N-terrorism

AFP, New Delhi

India has acceded to an international convention against nuclear terrorism drafted by the United Nations, a government statement said.

India's cabinet Friday gave its approval for signing and ratifying the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, the statement said.

By signing up, "India will strengthen its credentials as a responsible partner in the fight against terrorism," said the statement, issued late Friday.

The convention was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly last April and opened for signature last September.

It is designed to strengthen the international legal system to fight terrorism by providing the basis for transnational cooperation "in the investigation, prosecution and extradition of those who commit terrorist acts involving radioactive material or a nuclear device," the statement said.

Blair's partymen want him quit by late 2007: poll

AFP, London

Two-thirds of British Prime Minister Tony Blair's governing Labour Party members want him to quit before late 2007, according to a poll published Saturday in The Guardian newspaper.

The findings from the first substantial poll of Labour members for a decade revealed the disenchantment among the centre-left party's members, whose numbers have dipped below 200,000, the daily said.

Some 37 percent of those surveyed said they wanted Blair to quit before the annual Labour Party conference this September, 34 percent said before next year's conference and 11 percent said by the 2008 conference.

Blair has vowed not to stand for a fourth straight term in office at the next election, due by May 2010 at the latest. He has pledged to give his replacement ample time to adjust to the premiership.



An Iraqi youth mourns the death of his relative outside a local hospital in Baghdad. A string of bombings and mortar attacks yesterday killed 28 people in Iraq, 23 of them in the capital.

Italian prince arrested for links to criminals

AFP, Rome

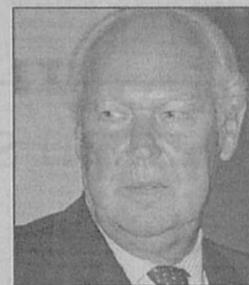
Prince Victor Emmanuel, son of Italy's last king, was arrested on Friday on suspicion of links to criminals involved in corruption and prostitution, the Ansa news agency said.

The 69-year-old prince, son of King Umberto II, was arrested on the order of a magistrate in Potenza, southern Italy, on suspicion of "conspiracy to commit corruption, forgery" and involvement in organising prostitution, the agency said.

He is being held in connection with inquiries into a traffic in slot machines and the "recruitment" of prostitutes for a casino in Campione d'Italia, an Italian enclave in the south of Switzerland, Ansa said.

"I am stunned," Emmanuel Filiberto, Prince Emmanuel's son, told Italian television, talking of "yet another publicity stunt".

"I hope (the prosecutor) is sure of his charges, or it will be the last time he does anything," said Filiberto, who is married to French actress Clotilde Courau.



Prince Victor Emmanuel

They took him, they removed his mobile phone and are in the process of taking him to Potenza. He treated him like a bandit. You don't treat a man of 70 with health problems like that."

Victor Emmanuel of Savoy made an official return to Italy in March 2003, after 56 years of exile imposed on the family of his grandfather King Victor Emmanuel III, who ruled from 1890 to 1946 and died in 1947, for its support of the fascist regime

of Benito Mussolini. The constitutional ban on a return to Italy by male heirs of the kingdom of Savoy was lifted in July 2002 by the national parliament.

Victor Emmanuel, whose father Umberto II reigned briefly as Italy's last king in 1946, was detained near Lake Como in northern Italy, close to the Swiss border. Twelve other people were detained or placed under house arrest, among them Salvatore Sottile, the spokesman of former foreign minister Gianfranco Fini.

Also held were three casino managers from Messina in Sicily and the mayor of Campione.

The prosecutor in Potenza, Henry John Woodcock, has made no comment but the magistrate responsible for confirming the arrest warrants, Alberto Iannuzzi, said the inquiry had been "delicate" and lasted more than two years.

"The 2,000 or so pages of the arrest warrant that I signed after carefully evaluating the facts given to me by the prosecutor speak for themselves," he said, answering Filiberto's "publicity stunt" charge.

Koizumi, Bush to declare stonger security ties

AFP, Tokyo

Tokyo and Washington plan to declare stronger security ties later this month to help combat threats such as global terrorism, Japanese media reported Saturday.

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and close ally US President George W. Bush will make the joint declaration during their summit in Washington later this month, the Asahi Shimbun newspapers said.

The declaration is aimed at advocating "the Japan-US alliance in the world" and possibly countering the rapid growth of Chinese military power, the newspapers said.

The declaration will also include the US-base realignment program that the two nations agreed in May, the newspaper said, citing unnamed government sources.

'Britain bribed Saudis to buy arms in 70s'

AFP, London

A former British defence secretary claimed Friday that Britain paid bribes to encourage Saudi Arabia to buy its country's arms in the 1970s.

"You either got the business and bribed or you didn't bribe and didn't get the business," Lord Ian Gilmour told BBC television.

The ex-minister's comments come as Britain reportedly nears finalising the sale of 40 billion pounds (74 billion dollars, 58.5 billion euros) worth of arms to Saudi Arabia, almost doubling the 50 billion pounds worth of trade already completed in recent years.

"In those days you either went along with how the Saudis behaved or what they wanted or you let the United States and France have all

the business," said Gilmour, who was Britain's defence secretary from January to March 1974 in the Conservative government of then-prime minister Edward Heath.

"I think it would have been quite excessively puritanical for us to say, 'oh no, we won't have anything to do with bribes or douceurs (sweeteners), we'll let the other countries get the money'."

"It's not something you emblazon about or are particularly proud of. It just happens to be the terms of trade."

Quizzed on the legality of "douceurs", Gilmour said: "If you're paying bribes to high-up people in the government (of Saudi Arabia), the fact that it's illegal in Saudi law doesn't mean very much."

The BBC's "Newsnight" programme revealed a number of

hitherto secret government memos in which diplomats and arms sales officials discussed how best to channel the commissions to "fixers" in Saudi Arabia.

The 1970s documents refer to "the fiddle factor".

One confidential memo dated 1972, from Harold Hubert, the head of defence sales, refers to using a company "to provide quasi-government oversight as well as 'passing on the douceurs'."

Britain has strong economic links with Saudi Arabia and is a major arms supplier to the oil-rich Gulf kingdom.

In September last year, British newspaper The Guardian reported that Britain has been in secret discussions with Saudi Arabia over an arms deal worth up to 40 billion pounds.

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