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Koreas agree on reunions of separated families

AP, Seoul

North and South Korea agreed Friday to hold a new round of reunions next month for families long separated by the Korean War in the latest sign of easing tensions on the divided peninsula. The planned meetings will be the first in nearly two years.

Red Cross officials from the two sides wrapped up three days of talks at the North's Diamond Mountain resort with an accord to hold six days of temporary reunions involving a total of 200 families from Sept. 26 at the scenic resort, according to a joint statement.

Millions of families were separated by the Korean War, which ended in 1953 with a cease-fire, not a peace treaty. No mail, telephone or e-mail exchanges exist between ordinary citizens across the mentin Seoul about 18 months ago. Korean border.

This week's rare talks and the resulting

agreement are the latest signs of improving President Kim Dae-jung. relations between the two rival nations. The agreement said the North and the South will and other humanitarian issues.

North Korea has been pushing in recent President Barack Obama took office. weeks to reach out to Seoul and Washington following a series of provocations, including nuclear and missile tests, and international sanctions to punish the communist regime for the defiant moves banned under UN

Earlier this month, the North freed two won't go to North Korea. American journalists and a South Korean worker after more than four months of detention and pledged to restart some joint projects, including the meetings of separated families that have been stalled since the inauguration of a conservative govern-

The North also sent a delegation to Seoul to mourn the death of former South Korean

South Korean media reported earlier this week that Pyongyang invited Washington's continue to discuss the separated families two top envoys on North Korea to visit in what would be their first nuclear talks since

> State Department spokesman Philip Crowley told reporters Thursday that the US has not received a formal invitation from the North.

He also said special envoy Stephen Bosworth plans to travel to Asia soon, but

South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported Friday that four North Korean officials visited the US last week to meet with American relief organisations and discuss the resumption of food aid to the impoverished nation. But their trip did not include meetings with US government officials, Yonhap said, citing unidentified sources in Washington.



Kim Young-Chol (L), secretary general of the South Korean Red Cross, and Choi Sung-lk (R), vice president of central committee at the North Korean Red Cross, shake hands after making an agreement on family reunions at the North's Mount Kumgang resort yesterday.

US abductee emerges after 18 years, with captor's children

AFP, San Francisco

A woman kidnapped when she was only 11 has been reunited with her family after an 18-year ordeal during which she was kept in a hidden backyard and had two children with her abductor.

Jaycee Lee Dugard, now 29, was found after she accompanied Phillip Garrido, a convicted sex offender and rapist, to a meeting with his parole

have snatched Dugard off the streets of South Lake Tahoe, California in 1991 and



Jaycee Lee Dugard

fathered her two girls, now aged 11 and 15. He and his Garrido, 58, is believed to 54-year-old wife, Nancy, were in police custody after being charged with kidnapping Dugard to commit rape.

cops about drugs

AP, Los Angeles

Police who searched Michael Jackson's home the day after he died were acting on information from family members who said they'd found a bag of heroin in his bedroom, but a person with knowledge of subsequent test results on the substance said it turned out not to be the drug.

The search did, however, turn up a number of other drugs including marijuana, the generic form of Valium and other sedatives. A detective also indicated Jackson's body showed signs of injections.

affidavit supporting a search warrant that was executed June 26, three days earlier than any previously reported search of lackson's rented mansion in

Two warrants came to light Thursday after several media outlets including The Associated Press asked to unseal four search warrants Los Angeles police detectives served in the early days of the Jackson death probe. The judge ordered two of the documents to remain sealed.

The unsealed warrants provide a glimpse into how police were directing their investigation immediately after Jackson's death. The warrant served at his rented The disclosure came in an Bel-Air mansion the day after he died lists "PC 187," the California penal code for murder, in the box labelled "probable crime.

Jackson family told UN fears swine, bird flu combination

AFP, Rome

A swine flu outbreak in turkeys in Chile raises fears that the new virus could combine with avian influenza and mutate into a more dangerous disease, a UN agency warned Thursday.

The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) expressed concern that other poultry farms around the world could become infected with the A(H1N1) virus, which had until now only been detected in humans and pigs.

"The current H1N1 virus strain is a mixture of human, pig and bird genes and has proved to be very contagious but no more deadly than concern."

common seasonal flu viruses," the Rome-based agency said in a statement.

"However, it could theoret ically become more dangerous if it adds virulence by combining with H5N1, commonly known as avian flu, which is far more deadly but harder to pass along among humans," it said.

The FAO noted that Chile does not have avian influenza, also known as bird flu.

However, it added, "In South-East Asia where there is a lot of the (avian) virus circu lating in poultry, the introduc tion of H1N1 in these populations would be of a greater

US aims to 'eliminate' Venezuela govt Says Castro

AFP, Havana

Former Cuban leader Fidel Castro accused the United States Thursday of seeking to "eliminate" Venezuela's leftist government and amass power in South America through its military deals with Colombia.

His attack came on the eve of a summit of South growing row over a deal agency. between Washington and Bogota to give the American military access to seven Colombian bases.

Iran warns US over ME peace talks

AFP, Tehran

Iran yesterday warned the United States to shift from its previous policies on the Middle East conflict, a day after Israel called for tougher sanctions against Tehran over its nuclear drive.

"We warn the US government and (President Barack) Obama not to fall into the trap laid by former US politicians on the issue of American presidents that Palestine," Foreign Minister Manouchehr porter of Islamist militant Palestinian groups could be overshadowed by a Mottaki was quoted as saying by the Fars news and the Lebanese Shiite militia Hezbollah.

secure the least of Palestinians' demands," he Middle East peace talks.

Mottaki also insisted that Iran's national interests were tied up with "obtaining Palestinians' rights."

Iran does not recognise Israel and Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's frequent verbal attacks on the Jewish state have ratcheted up tension between the two over the past four years.

The Islamic republic is also a staunch sup-

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu "The US government should know the new called Thursday for "crippling sanctions" Middle East peace plan cannot ignore against Iran to stop its disputed nuclear work as Palestinians' rights and that this plan does not he expressed hopes for a quick resumption of

Thousands bid

farewell to Ted

AFP, Boston

Edward Kennedy's body lay in state at his beloved hometown of Boston for the second day Friday, as huge crowds kept pouring in to bid a final farewell to the legendary senator.

The flag-draped coffin remained open for public viewing until 2:00 am (0600 GMT) after thousands of people lined up for hours outside the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library that the man locals knew simply as "Teddy" had built to honour his slain brother.Within an hour of the line opening to the public on the first of two days of wake Thursday, 12,000 people had come to pay their respects to the liberal "lion of the Senate," a number that nearly doubled in the late-night hours, Kennedy's office said.



PHOTO: AFP

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A woman reacts as she views the flag-draped casket of US Senator Edward Kennedy on Thursday at the John F Kennedy Library in Boston.

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ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক, ন্যাশনাল টিউবস লিমিটেড, টংগী, গাজীপুর কর্তৃক নিম্নোক্ত জিআই পাইপ (ক্রুটিযুক্ত) "যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে ভিত্তিতে" বিক্রয়ের নিমিত্তে আগ্রহী ক্রেতাগণের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরকত খামে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে ঃ

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ভ্যাট নিবন্ধন সার্টিফিকেট, আয়কর সার্টিফিকেট ও ট্রেড লাইসেন্স -এর মূলকপি দেখাইয়া নির্ধারিত মূল্য পরিশোধপূর্বক টেভার সিডিউল নিম্নোজ্ অফিসসমূহ হইতে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ১৩-০৯-০৯ তারিখ পর্যন্ত ক্রেয় করা যাইবে। অফিসসমূহ ঃ (১) হিসাব বিভাগ, ন্যাশনাল টিউবস লিঃ, টংগী, গাঞ্জীপুর, (২) হিসাব নিয়ন্ত্রক, বাংলাদেশ ইস্পাত ও প্রকৌশল কর্পোরেশন, বিএসইসি ভবন, ১০২ কাজী নজকল ইসলাম এভিনিউ, কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা-১২১৫, (৩) ঢাকা বিভাগীয় কমিশনার এর কার্যালয়, সেগুনবাগিচা, ঢাকা এবং (৪) প্রগতি ইভাষ্ট্রিজ লিঃ, ৯৬ আগ্রাবাদ বা/এ, চট্টগ্রাম। টেভার খোলার দিন কোন টেভার সিডিউল বিক্রয় করা হইবে না। অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ টেভার খোলার দিন অফিস ছুটি/বন্ধ থাকিলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে একই (ডঃ মোঃ আমিরুল মমিন) সময়ে উক্ত স্থানসমূহে টেন্ডার গ্রহণ ও খোলা হইবে।

অতিঃ প্রধান প্রকৌঃ (বাণিজ্য) ফোন নং ৯৮০২৭৩৭

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Government of Bangladesh has received a Credit from the International Development Association (IDA) to implement a new program under Social Investment Program Project (SIPP) through Social Development Foundation (SDF) to help restore the livelihood of rural communities affected by the 2007 floods. SDF is a pro-poor organization that aims at social and economic empowerment of the poor and disadvantaged people in Bangladesh through building and strengthening of inclusive and participatory institutions of the rural poor, and improving their livelihoods. SDF is looking for motivated and innovative professionals for the following positions in its new Flood Cell to be set up to manage and implement the Flood Program. Successful candidates have to respect the poor, be open to learning and should have an aptitude for community driven development. The work involves extensive travel to the affected areas and working in the field.

(1) Position: District Team Leader (2) - 1 based in Jamalpur, 1 based in Sirajgonj

Job Description: (i) planning, budgeting, implementing, monitoring and coordinating of the Flood program at the District level (ii) Monitor and guide Cluster Facilitation Teams in coordination with members of the district team members (iii) Need to travel to remote areas extensively

Qualification and Experience: Minimum Post Graduate in any discipline

Minimum 7 years relevant experience in community driven development and leading programs, and managing teams in facilitating style Having valid Motorcycle driving license, Age: Maximum 50 Years

Salary and Benefit: Monthly TK 35,040/- Consolidated (Basic: 20,900/- + House Rent:12,540/-+Medical Allowance:1,000/- +conveyance:600/-). Two Festival Bonuses per annum, each equivalent to one month's basic pay.

(2) Position: Livelihood Specialist (Agro Business) (1) - based in Sirajgonj

Job Description: (i) Responsible for overall livelihood promotion and restoration strategy of the Flood Program and exploring employment and income opportunities for the poor and affected families. (ii) to various partners and opportunities (iii) Establishing linkages between the rural poor, and skill development providers, labor markets, and markets for their products (iv) Need to travel to remote areas extensively

Qualification and Experience: B.Sc.Ag /Postgraduate in Business/Marketing Studies/ Economics or any other relevant discipline/MBAs would be preferred Minimum 5 to 7 years of proven experience in linking community groups to businesses, private sector partnership, supply chain & Computer literacy etc.

Salary and Benefit: Monthly TK 30,080/- Consolidated

Having valid Motorcycle driving license, Age: Maximum 45 Years

(Basic: 17,800/- + House Rent: 10,680/-+Medical Allowance: 1,000/- +conveyance: 600/-). Two Festival Bonuses per annum, each equivalent to one month's basic pay.

(3) Position: Livelihood Specialist (Youth employment) (1) - based in Sirajgonj

Job Description: i) Responsible for overall livelihood promotion of the youth and employment strategy. Establish linkages between the rural youth, and skill development providers, labor markets, and employment agencies (ii) Need to travel to remote areas extensive

Qualification and Experience: B.Sc.Ag / Postgraduate in Business Studies / Economics or any other relevant discipline Minimum 5 years of proven experience in working with youth and women and linking community groups to businesses, private sector partnership and employment agencies, Computer literacy Having valid Motorcycle driving license Age: Maximum 45 Years

Salary and Benefit: Monthly TK 30,080/- Consolidated

(Basic: 17,800/- + House Rent: 10,680/-+Medical Allowance: 1,000/- +conveyance: 600/-). Two Festival Bonuses per annum, each equivalent to one month's basic pay.

(4) Position: Risk Reduction Specialist/Environment (2) - 1 based in Jamalpur, 1 based in Sirajgoni

Risk Reduction Specialist/Environment (2) - 1 based in Jamalpur, 1 based in Sirajgonj Job Description: (i)Facilitate Community Risk Assessment (CRA) and participatory damage assessment to help communities prioritize development / livelihood activities,(ii)Facilitate communities to prepare risk Reduction & preparedness activity plan at district level (iv) Provide technical assistance for vulnerability Reduction Activities (v) Need to travel to remote areas extensively Qualification and Experience: Minimum Masters in social science, development studies, management or other relevant area At least 5 years of experience in social development field, out of which 3 years relevant experience in the field of Risk Management,

Environment/climate change, etc. Having valid Motorcycle driving license Age: Maximum 45 Years Salary and Benefit: Monthly TK 30,080/- Consolidated (Basic: 17,800/- + House Rent: 10,680/-+Medical Allowance: 1,000/- +conveyance: 600/-). Two Festival Bonuses per annum, each

equivalent to one month's basic pay. (5) Position: Institution and CDD Specialist (1) - based in Sirajgonj

Job Description: i) Responsible for community mobilization, institutional aspects and operationalzing of the Community Driven Development approach and rules and guideline, (ii) Need to travel to remote areas extensively.

Qualification and Experience: Post graduate in any of the Social science, development studies or other relevant area 7 years of relevant and proven professional experience working with community organizations and demand driven development. Having valid Motorcycle driving license Age: Maximum 45 Years.

Salary and Benefit: Monthly TK 30,080/- Consolidated.

(Basic: 17,800/- + House Rent: 10,680/-+Medical Allowance: 1,000/- +conveyance: 600/-). Two Festival Bonuses per annum, each equivalent to one month's basic pay.

(6) Position: Social Accountability Specialist (Community Procurement) (1) - based in Sirajgonj Job Description: (i) Facilitate implementation and operationalizing of various downward accountability tools and methods that the project has developed,(ii)Ensure that project activities at the community level are carried out in a transparent and inclusive way and are benefiting the poor, hardcore poor, women, and other marginalized stakeholders, (iii) Community procurement is being carried out in a transparent manner following the rules of the project, (iv) Need to travel to remote areas extensively.

Qualification and Experience: Postgraduate in Social Science

Minimum 5 years practical experience in community procurement, social accountability, or any other relevant field, Experience of dealing with community institutions and governance aspects will be given preference Having valid Motorcycle driving license Age: Maximum 45 Years

Salary and Benefit: Monthly TK 30,080/- Consolidated.

(Basic: 17,800/- + House Rent: 10,680/-+Medical Allowance: 1,000/- +conveyance: 600/-). Two Festival Bonuses per annum, each equivalent to one month's basic pay.

(7) Position: Community Finance Specialist (1) - based in Sirajgonj

Job Description: (i) responsible for implementation of community financing (revolving fund) at the community level and facilitating setting up and functioning of community institutions for managing the fund(ii)Liaise closely with other micro-credit agencies and adapt SDF's model of community financing to the suit the conditions of the affected community members(iii)Guide cluster team members on community finance processes and techniques including savings mobilization, basic book-keeping, internal lending and revolving fund management (iv) Need to travel to remote areas extensively.

Qualification and Experience: Master's Degree in any discipline Minimum 5-7 years practical experience in micro-credit/community financing and experience of working with NGOs; and community organizations, Experience with community financing would be an added advantage. Having valid Motorcycle driving license

Age: Maximum 45 Years Salary and Benefit: Monthly TK 30,080/- Consolidated. (Basic: 17,800/- + House Rent: 10,680/-+Medical Allowance: 1,000/- +conveyance: 600/-). Two Festival Bonuses per annum, each

equivalent to one month's basic pay. For all positions:

The candidates must have strong computer literacy, high level of interpersonal skill, excellent report writing skill and strong ability in oral and written communication in both Bangla & English

Experience with international agencies, donor funded projects and NGO and GoB would be an advantage

The tenure of the above position is up to 24 months following satisfactory performance evaluation

Only short listed applicants will be called for interviews 3rd Division/ C grade or 3rd Class in any level public examinations is discouraged to apply

Interested persons are requested to send their detail CV indicating proposed position, name, address (present & permanent, Telephone / Cell Number), date of birth, nationality, membership in professional societies, education, other training, languages & degree of proficiency, countries of work experience, employment records and work undertaken that best illustrates capability to handle this assignment. The interested candidates are requested to send their applications including copies of all certificates with two passport size photographs to the following address on or before 24 September ,2009 during office time. Details will be available in the SDF website: www.sdfbd.org. Candidates are requested to write the position applied for on the top of the envelope. No TA/DA will be provided for attending interview.

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