

# Italians held over Afghan 'plot' Israel to deport Palestinians under vague law

BBC ONLINE

Three Italian medical workers are among nine men arrested in Afghanistan in connection with an alleged plot to kill a provincial governor, officials say.

The detentions came after suicide bomb vests and weapons were discovered at a hospital run by a Milan-based charity in Lashkar Gah, the capital of Helmand.

Helmand Governor Gulab Mangal said the devices had been brought to the clinic "with the help of the foreign staff".

But the charity, Emergency, said it was confident its employees were innocent.

It complained that it had not been allowed telephone contact with them and that the Afghan government had not explained why they were being held.

"These are people who for years have worked to ensure care for the people of Afghanistan. We ask that you respect their rights, first of all, the right to communicate with us and let us know where they are and what their condition is," the organisation said in a statement.

At a news conference, Mr Mangal said "explosive suicide vests, hand grenades and weap-

ons were brought to the Emergency hospital with the help of the foreign staff and their colleagues to carry out attacks in Lashkar Gah".

He added: "According to their plan, an Emergency foreign staff member received \$500,000 as an advance for killing me."

The governor's spokesman, Dawood Ahmadi, said the six Afghans who were arrested had worked at the hospital as clerks, guards and translators.

Investigators believed all nine had links the Taliban, and that the group had planned to carry out a suicide bombing in Lashkar Gah, then kill the governor when he came to the hospital to visit the injured, Ahmadi added.

The Associated Press reported that video of the raid it had obtained showed British troops accompanying Afghan police, soldiers and government officials to the Emergency Surgery Centre for Civilian War Victims, run by Emergency.

At one point, the video shows a storeroom packed with open boxes that appear to contain bullets, pistols, hand grenades and bags of explosives, according to AP. A British soldier is heard saying that an explosives disposal unit is on its way.



AFP, Jerusalem

A new Israeli military policy could see tens of thousands of people living in the occupied West Bank without permits deported or facing criminal charges, Israel's Haaretz newspaper said on Sunday.

The military, however, insisted the new orders merely formalised existing procedures and said there would be no new wave of deportations from the territory.

Haaretz said amendments to an existing order on preventing infiltration could apply to Palestinians living in the West Bank without official ID cards issued by Israel, as well as to Israelis and foreigners working in areas under limited Palestinian control.

"The order's language is both general and ambiguous, stipulating that the term infiltrator will also be applied to Palestinian residents of Jerusalem, citizens of countries with which Israel has friendly ties (such as the United States) and Israeli citizens, whether Arab or Jewish," the newspaper said.

"All this depends on the judgment of Israel defence forces commanders in the field."

The military insisted the amendments merely formalise the military advocate's oversight of the deportation process and did not change the criteria by which it judges illegal residency.

"The order is the same as that which has always existed regarding Palestinians residing illegally in the Judeaea and Samaria area," military spokesman Avital Leibovitz said, using the biblical name for the West Bank.

"There is really nothing major here."

Haaretz said the new order would probably be used first against Palestinians with Gaza ID cards and the foreign spouses of Palestinians living in the territory.

It said that until now Israeli civil courts have generally prevented such expulsions but that the amended order would grant the military full jurisdiction over the matter.

Hamoked, an Israeli rights group focused on freedom of movement, called on the military to rescind the orders because they "do not define what Israel considers a valid permit."

"The definition of 'infiltrator,' which exposes a person to a prison term of three to seven years could, in principle, be applied to any person the military commander wishes ill, including Israeli and international citizens," it said.

Israel seized the West Bank including east Jerusalem in the 1967 Six Day War. It is expected to form the main part of the Palestinians' promised future state.

The Israeli military can issue its own orders in the West Bank, but these can be overturned by the government or by Israeli courts.

## Russia furious over adopted boy sent back from US

AP, Moscow

Russia threatened to suspend all child adoptions by US families Friday after a 7-year-old boy adopted by a woman from Tennessee was sent alone on a one-way flight back to Moscow with a note saying he was violent and had severe psychological problems.

The boy, Artyom Savelyev, was put on a plane by his adopted grandmother, Nancy Hansen of Shelbyville.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov called the actions by the grandmother "the last straw" in a string of US adoptions gone wrong, including three in which Russian children had died in the US.

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev strongly condemned the family's actions,

telling ABC News that the boy "fell into a very bad family."

The cases have prompted outrage in Russia, where foreign adoption failures are reported prominently. Russian main TV networks ran extensive reports on the latest incident in their main evening news shows.

In Tennessee, authorities were investigating the adoptive mother, Torrey Hansen, 33.

Any possible freeze could affect hundreds of American families. Last year, nearly 1,600 Russian children were adopted in the United States, and more than 60,000 Russian orphans have been successfully adopted there, according to the National Council For Adoption, a US adoption advocacy non-profit group.

"We're obviously very troubled by it," US State Department spokesman PJ Crowley said.

## Kyrgyz revolt puts Russia in driver's seat

AFP, Moscow

It was another popular uprising in another ex-Soviet republic against another entrenched leader. But when the dust settled this time it was Russian strongman Vladimir Putin in the driver's seat.

By contrast with the "coloured revolutions" in Ukraine and Georgia that threw out Kremlin-friendly leaders and brought staunchly pro-Western figures to power, the new self-proclaimed leaders of Kyrgyzstan reached first for Moscow.

And before anyone in the West had formulated a coherent comment on the lightning-fast change of power last week in the strategic Central Asian state, Putin had effectively recognized the new regime, offered Russian aid and called for calm.

"They have reacted very fast," Vladimir Pribylovsky, head of the independent Panorama political think tank, said of the Putin government. "They've been watching the situation very closely and are now very pleased."

Both Russia and the United States maintain military facilities in Kyrgyzstan. The country plays a pivotal role for US-led operations in Afghanistan and the issue of whether Moscow or Washington has the ear of the new government in Bishkek is of importance far beyond Kyrgyzstan's borders.

Russia has for years watched with growing dismay and even fear as leaders of countries long firmly in Moscow's sphere of influence were replaced by others strongly backed by the West who made no effort to disguise strongly anti-Kremlin feelings.

## Bomb kills three Iraqis from US-allied militia

AFP, Baquba

Three brothers who were members of the US-allied Sahwa "Sons of Iraq" militia that helped tame the nation's insurgency were killed when a roadside bomb engulfed their car, officials said yesterday.

The incident, in which a fourth brother was wounded, occurred around 10:00 am (0700 GMT) in Adhaim in Diyala province, northeast of Baghdad, said a security official who confirmed the men were Sahwa fighters.

A hospital official in the provincial capital Baquba said three brothers had died and a fourth was hurt.

Diyala, which is ethnically and religiously mixed, still sees sporadic attacks despite security improvements elsewhere in Iraq.

The Sahwa (Awakening) movement, known as "Sons of Iraq" by the US army, joined American and Iraqi forces in 2006 and 2007 to fight al-Qaeda and its supporters, leading to a dramatic fall in violence across the country.

## TV debate on UK Election to start on Thursday

AFP, London

Britain's too close to call general election is set to come alive this week after a lacklustre start, with the three main party leaders going head-to-head in a TV debate and the launch of manifestos.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown will face David Cameron and Nick Clegg on Thursday in a one-hour live show, the first of three debates.

Experts say the debates, the first of their kind ever to be held in Britain, could make or break the election hopes of each man.

Before that, Labour will launch its manifesto Monday as the campaign for the May 6 poll kicks off in earnest following the formal dissolution of parliament.

With the country's finances tight, the "ambitious but affordable" manifesto will contain no big spending announcements, Labour said.

Meanwhile, the Conservatives launch their manifesto Tuesday. Cameron pledges to unite the country behind him if elected and govern on behalf of "everyone in Britain" in an interview with the Sunday Telegraph newspaper.



Save the Children USA

Save the Children envisions a world in which every child is ensured the right to survival, protection, development and participation as set forth in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

### Vacancy Announcement

Save the Children USA, an international children and women focused organization invites application from qualified candidates for Deputy Director-Finance & Administration position for its USAID supported Food Security Program. The position is based in Dhaka.

As the Program Senior Management team member, the Deputy Director - Finance & Administration plays a central role in overseeing all financial, budgetary & administrative aspects of the program to ensure the program financial and administrative procedures for resource acquisition and utilization are in compliance with Save the Children & USAID rules and regulations. S/he will be responsible for financial reporting of all sorts, reviewing and consolidating program monthly expenditure reports submitted by Implementing Partners and Technical Partners. Representing in meetings, workshops and liaising with the Finance team within SC and USAID local mission is another key responsibility.

Requirements: At least 10 years practical experience working with international Non Governmental Organizations in Bangladesh or similar organizations with a minimum of 05 years with USAID funded project, ability to analyze financial data and prepare financial reports, statements and projections, having working knowledge of short and long term budgeting and forecasting, excellent written and verbal communication and interpersonal skills and proven proficiency in computer operation especially on MS-Excel, possessing an MBA/M.Com/CPA or equivalent combination of other professional qualifications in Accounting/Finance are some key requirements.

Candidates meeting the above requirements should send their CV mentioning two names of professional references along with a cover letter to The Manager - HR Operations, Save the Children USA, House 1A(2), Road 91, Gulshan 2, Dhaka 1212 by April 22, 2010. Please write the position applied for at the top of the envelope. Applicants are requested to go through and understand the SC Child Safety Policy before applying. Please visit [www.vacancy.somee.com](http://www.vacancy.somee.com). Only short listed candidates will be invited for interview.

Women are especially encouraged to apply

## INDEPENDENT UNIVERSITY, BANGLADESH FACULTY SEARCH

The School of Engineering & Computer Science (SECS) at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) invites applications from suitable candidates for the following faculty positions:

Position	Subject	No of Vacancy
Asst Professor	EEE	1
Asst Professor	Physics	1
Junior Lecturer/Lecturer	EEE	2
Junior Lecturer/Lecturer	Statistics	1
Junior Lecturer/Lecturer	Mathematics	1

**Assistant Professor** Ph.D. in the relevant subject from any reputed university, preferably from North America, Europe, Australia and Japan, Must have at least 3 publications in refereed journals/conferences. Besides undergraduate teaching, candidates are also expected to engage in graduate teaching, research & supervision of graduate theses.

**Lecturer / Junior Lecturer** For Lecturer, a fifth year Master's degree in the relevant subject from any reputed university from Bangladesh or abroad preferably with one year teaching experience; Persons from any branch of Engineering may also apply. For Junior Lecturer, a four-year Bachelor's degree in the relevant discipline from any reputed university; Persons from any branch of Engineering may also apply.

• In case of an otherwise suitable candidate, any of the above criteria may be relaxed.  
• The finally selected candidates will be required to join the SECS during the middle of August 2010.

Please send your resume mentioning the results of all your examinations from SSC & above latest by April 29, 2010 to:

Deputy Director, HR, Independent University, Bangladesh, 58, Park Road, Baridhara, Dhaka, E-mail: <[hrdept@iub.edu.bd](mailto:hrdept@iub.edu.bd)>

পাওয়ার গ্রীড কোম্পানী অব বাংলাদেশ লিঃ  
POWER GRID COMPANY OF BANGLADESH LTD.  
(An Enterprise of Bangladesh Power Development Board)  
Institution of Engineers Bangladesh, New Bhaban (4th Floor) B/A Ramna, Dhaka-1000  
Web: www.pgcb.org.bd

No. 01/PGCB/Sec(Design)/2010/1527 Date: April 07, 2010

**NOTICE OF TIME EXTENSION**  
**EXTENSION OF CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF BID FOR SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF 400KV BAHARAMPUR (INDIA) - BHERAMARA DOUBLE CIRCUIT (D/C) OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINE (BANGLADESH PORTION) AND LINE-IN LINE-OUT (LIL/O) OF 230KV ISHURDI-KHULNA D/C OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINE AT BHERAMARA ASSOCIATED WITH BANGLADESH-INDIA POWER EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

Ref: IFB No.:01/PGCB/Sec-Design/2010/888 dated February 28, 2010

The closing date for submission of Bids for the above work has been extended from April 15, 2010 at 11.00 am Bangladesh Standard Time (BST) to April 26, 2010 at 11:00 am BST. As such, following revisions has been made in the Invitation for Bids (IFB):

- Sl. No. 6.0  
The date "14/4/2010" is replaced by "25/4/2010".
- Sl. No. 8.0  
The date "15/4/2010" is replaced by "26/4/2010" at both the places.

All other terms and conditions for the above bidding document shall remain unaltered.

(Md. Ashraf Hossain)  
Company Secretary

Polash Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd.,  
(An Enterprise of BCIC)

### International Tender Notice

1. Ministry / Division	Ministry of Industries.						
2. Agency	Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC)						
3. Name of Procuring Entity	Polash Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd., Polash, Narsingdi						
4. Invitation Ref. No., Invitation for, Bid security Money, Last selling Date & time, Closing & Opening time, price of Tender Documents are as follows :-	SI No	Ref. No. & Date	Invitation for	Security Money	Last selling Date	Closing & Opening Date & Time	Document Price
	1.	PUFFL/Com/2.399/09-10 dt: 08/04/2010	1 <sup>st</sup> Stage Evaporator Heater 731 (Re-Tender)	Tk. 1,40,000.00	Dt: 09/05/2010	Dt: 10/05/2010 11.00 AM	Tk. 500.00
5. Procuring Method	International Open Tendering Method (IOTM)						
6. Source of Fund	Any suitable Source of Finance.						
7. Name and Addresses of the offices selling Tender Documents.	i) Controller of Accounts, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban, (6 <sup>th</sup> Floor), 30-31 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka. ii) Sr. General Manager, BCIC Branch Office, 6-Agrabad C/A, Chittagong. iii) G.M (A & F) PUFFL, Polash, Narsingdi.						
8. Address of the office Receiving & Opening Tenders.	General Manager (Commercial), Polash Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd., Polash, Narsingdi.						
9. Detail Address of Official Inviting Tender	Managing Director, Polash Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd., Polash, Narsingdi. Phone: 9351216, 0628-74391 Fax: 88-02-9351223						
10. Special Instruction	The procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without assigning any reason.						

(Md. Harun Al Rashid)  
Manager (Purchase)  
For Managing Director.