

MIDDLE EAST TALKS

US warns Israel on Jerusalem settlement

BBC ONLINE

The US administration has warned against an Israeli government announcement it could continue to demolish buildings in East Jerusalem.

An unnamed Obama administration official told Israeli media the US "calls on both sides to avoid inflammatory actions in Jerusalem".

On Wednesday an Israeli minister said the demolition of illegally built homes of Arabs could continue.

Last week indirect talks began between Israelis and Palestinians.

The US State Department official was quoted as saying that they hoped the indirect negotiations, known as "proximity talks", would lead to direct negotiations between the parties and steps that would "resolve this issue once and for all".

"If either side takes significant actions during the proximity talks that we judge would seriously undermine trust, we will respond and hold them accountable and ensure negotiations will continue," the official said.



Britain's new Conservative/Liberal Democrat coalition government ministers pose for a group photograph, after attending their first cabinet meeting, in the garden of 10 Downing Street, central London yesterday. Front row, L to R: Iain Duncan Smith, Liam Fox, George Osborne, William Hague, David Cameron, Nick Clegg, Sayeeda Warsi, Cheryl Gillan, Caroline Spelman, Ken Clarke, David Laws. (Back rows L-R) Patrick McLoughlin, Theresa May, David Willetts, Oliver Letwin, Vince Cable, Francis Maude, Eric Piccles, Tom Strathclyde, Andrew Lansley, George Young, Michael Gove, Andrew Mitchell, Philip Hammond, Chris Huhne, Jeremy Hunt, Owen Paterson, Danny Alexander, Dominic Grieve, Gus O'Donnell. Britain's new premier Cameron chaired his first cabinet meeting Thursday, bringing together former rivals from the Conservative and Liberal Democrat parties in a historic coalition. Deputy premier Clegg and four other Lib Dem ministers gathered with their new Tory colleagues in Downing Street, in the first test of whether their promise of a "new politics" in Britain can work in practice.

UK coalition holds first cabinet meet

AFP, London

New British Prime Minister David Cameron chaired his first cabinet meeting yesterday, gathering former rivals together as he rebuffed suggestions their historic coalition cannot last.

Deputy premier Nick Clegg and four other Liberal Democrat ministers met with their new Conservative colleagues in Downing Street, in what one Tory said was a "constructive" first attempt to work together.

Visiting the business and skills department afterwards, Cameron urged civil servants and his new ministers to start working on long-term solutions on how to reboot the economy, insisting the coalition was here to stay.

"The more I think about this endeavour on which we have embarked, the more excited I become because this coalition government, if we can make it work -- and I believe we can -- is a five-year government," Cameron said.

In a continuation of what the media have dubbed a "love-in" between the two sides, he praised Lib Dem Business Secretary Vince Cable as an "absolute star".

Cable is part of a new team headed by finance minister George Osborne, a Conservative and close friend of Cameron's, that has the job of tackling Britain's record deficit and securing its recovery from a deep recession.

Osborne said the economy and the war in Afghanistan had dominated what he described as a "really constructive cabinet meeting" earlier, adding: "We are working incredibly well as a team."

The new government, Britain's first coalition since World War II, has made tackling the deficit a priority and an emergency budget is due within 50 days to outline how they will make billions of pounds of savings this year.

One of the first acts of the new cabinet was to agree a five percent pay cut for all ministers, a Downing Street spokeswoman said.



No compromise on my wealth

Imelda says

AFP, Laoag

Former first lady Imelda Marcos, newly elected to the Philippine Congress, vowed yesterday never to compromise with the government in the battle for her family's alleged ill-gotten wealth.

The widow of deposed dictator Ferdinand Marcos said she would be willing to discuss the wealth but would not bargain on dividing the assets.

"I don't want a compromise, a settlement or a plea bargain because it looks like there is a bit of guilt there and I am not guilty," the 80-year-old widow said as she showed journalists around a local hotel she helped develop.

Blast kills 8 in Dagestan

AFP, Moscow

Eight people were killed in a bomb attack in Russia's southern region of Dagestan, the latest unrest in the troubled North Caucasus, officials said yesterday.

"At around 10:30 (0630 GMT), an explosive device went off as repair workers drove by in a vehicle," the investigative committee of Russian prosecutors said in a statement.

"As a result, eight people died and four police officers escorting the workers were wounded."

The victims were workers who were sent to fix a cell phone mast that had been blown up the previous day by unidentified attackers in the district of Sergokalinsk, investigators said.

The cell phone mast belonging to Russian telephone company Beeline and a neighbouring television mast had been damaged by automatic gun fire, a spokesman for the interior ministry told the RIA Novosti news agency.

"Police were sent to the scene and a shoot-out is currently in progress with the attackers," a spokesman for the local branch of the Federal Security Service told AFP.

A group of investigators had set off for the scene and information on the dead and wounded was being checked, the investigative committee said. It has launched a criminal investigation, although it did not specify the charge.

The workers from the republic's radio and television broadcasting centre may have been lured into an ambush by rebels and blown up by a landmine, Russian NTV television reported.

The police wounded included the commander of the republic's riot police, ITAR-TASS news agency reported.

The local pro-Kremlin authorities in Dagestan and other North Caucasus regions are battling to defeat an Islamist insurgency that has already left scores of civilians and police dead.

On May 7, a bomb placed in a rubbish bin at a train station in the Dagestani town of Derbent exploded as passengers boarded a train, killing one person and injuring six.

In the most deadly recent attack in Dagestan, two suicide bombers triggered explosions outside a police station in the town of Kizlyar on March 31, killing 12 people, including a local police chief.

China, US resume human rights talks

AFP, Washington

China and the United States resume dialogue yesterday on human rights after a two-year hiatus, as the Obama administration promises to raise concerns about Internet and religious freedoms.

The two-day meetings in Washington will be the first under US President Barack Obama, and will give the administration a chance to rebut charges it has downplayed human rights in its quest for broader ties with Beijing.

China suspended the dialogue from 2002 to 2008 in anger over US criticism at the United Nations of its rights record.

The two nations had initially planned to hold talks earlier this year but no date was set amid China's anger over US arms sales to Taiwan and Obama's meeting with the Dalai Lama.

"This is about helping them understand and identify issues that are part of our core agenda, but also clearly areas of weakness that China will have to improve on as it goes along," State Department spokesman PJ Crowley told reporters this week.

Sayeeda Warsi joins UK cabinet as first Muslim

AFP, London

Britain's first female Muslim Cabinet minister said yesterday it was "humbling" to join the government, after taking part in new Prime Minister David Cameron's first full ministerial meeting.

Baroness Sayeeda Warsi is the Conservative Party's chairwoman and minister without portfolio in Cameron's new coalition government, the first power-sharing administration in Britain since World War II.

"For anybody to serve in government is a privilege," said the 39-year-old of Pakistani origin, after Cameron held his first Cabinet meeting in 10 Downing Street, two days after being appointed premier by Queen Elizabeth II.

"But to be born the daughter of an immigrant mill-worker in a mill town in Yorkshire, to have the privilege of serving in Cabinet at such an important time in Britain's history I think is terribly humbling," she told the BBC.

Warsi -- who describes herself as a "northern, working-class roots mum" -- says she joined the Conservative Party after being inspired by her father, who went from working in a mill to run a highly successful bed-making business.

The Tories came top in elections last week but failed to win an absolute majority. Cameron took office after five days of tense negotiations with the Liberal Democrats, the third-placed party which emerged as kingmaker.



10 killed in Baghdad attacks

AFP, Baghdad

At least 10 people were killed, including two Iraqi soldiers, and dozens wounded in separate attacks in Baghdad, security officials said yesterday.

The deadliest incident occurred at around 10:00 pm (1900 GMT) Wednesday evening in the sprawling Shia stronghold of Sadr City, north Baghdad, when a car bomb in front of a cafe killed eight people and wounded 32 others.

The blast left several cars burned while the cafe and three houses were badly damaged, a defence ministry official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

On Thursday two Iraqi soldiers were killed and seven wounded when a bomb they were trying to defuse exploded along the road connecting Baghdad with Mahmudiyah, 30 kilometres (18 miles) to the south, an interior ministry official said.

The official added that in a separate incident in central Baghdad, seven people were wounded by a bomb targeting a police vehicle.

The number of Iraqis killed in violence in April fell slightly month on month but was almost unchanged from 12 months ago -- 328 people died as a result of attacks last month.

পল্লী কর্ম-সহায়ক ফাউন্ডেশন (পিকেএসএফ)
নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার কর্তৃক প্রতিষ্ঠিত পল্লী কর্ম-সহায়ক ফাউন্ডেশন (পিকেএসএফ) কর্মসংস্থান সৃষ্টির মাধ্যমে দারিদ্র বিমোচনে নিয়োজিত দেশের একটি শীর্ষস্থানীয় প্রতিষ্ঠান। পিকেএসএফ-এর নিম্নলিখিত পদসমূহে কর্মকর্তা নিয়োগের জন্য দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছেঃ

১। পদের নাম : পরিচালক (গবেষণা) - ১ জন
 শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা : কমপক্ষে ২টি প্রথম বিভাগ/শ্রেণীসহ সর্বকালীন পূর্ণসময় ন্যূনতম দ্বিতীয় বিভাগ/শ্রেণীসহ স্নাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রী। অর্থনীতি/ ফাইন্যান্স/ কৃষি অর্থনীতি/ পরিসংখ্যান/ সমাজ বিজ্ঞান-এ পিএইচডি ডিগ্রিধারীদের অগ্রাধিকার দেয়া হবে।

অভিজ্ঞতা : গবেষণা কাজে ২০ বছরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে (উপযুক্ত প্রার্থীর ক্ষেত্রে শর্ত শিথিলযোগ্য)। প্রার্থীর এককভাবে গবেষণা করার অভিজ্ঞতা, গবেষণা কর্মকর্তা তদারকী করার যোগ্যতা এবং গবেষণা সংক্রান্ত প্রকাশনা থাকা আবশ্যিক।

বেতনক্রম ও সুবিধাদি : বেতনক্রম ৮ ৫৮,৬৫০-২৫০০×১০-৮৩,৬৫০-এর আওতায় মূল বেতন। মূল বেতনের ৬০% বাড়ী-ভাড়া ভাতা; এছাড়া আপ্যায়ন ভাতা, হাউজকিপিং ভাতা, চিকিৎসা ভাতা ও সুবিধা, কম্পিউটারি প্রভিডেন্ট ফান্ড, গ্র্যাচুয়িটি, উৎসব বোনাস, গোষ্ঠী বীমা, শিক্ষারত সন্তানের শিক্ষা ভাতা, আয়কর ইত্যাদিসহ একটি সার্বক্ষণিক গাড়ী (চালক ও জ্বালানীসহ) ব্যবহারের সুবিধা প্রদান করা হবে।

২। পদের নাম : রিসার্চ এসোসিয়েট - ২ জন
 শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা : কমপক্ষে ৩টি প্রথম বিভাগ/শ্রেণীসহ সর্বকালীন পূর্ণসময় ন্যূনতম দ্বিতীয় বিভাগ/শ্রেণীসহ মাস্টার্স বা সমমানের ডিগ্রী। অর্থনীতি/ সমাজ বিজ্ঞান/ পরিসংখ্যান/ ফলিত পরিসংখ্যান/ কৃষি অর্থনীতি-এ মাস্টার্স ডিগ্রীধারীদের অগ্রাধিকার দেয়া হবে।

অভিজ্ঞতা : গবেষণা কাজে ন্যূনতম ২ বছরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে।
 বয়স : অনূর্ধ্ব ৩৫ বছর।

বেতনক্রম ও সুবিধাদি : বেতনক্রম ৮ ২১,০০০-১,০৫০×৭-২৮,৩৫০-১,১২৫×৭-৩৬,২২৫-এর আওতায় মূল বেতনের ৬০% বাড়ী-ভাড়া ভাতা, চিকিৎসা ভাতা ও সুবিধা, যাচায়ত ভাতা, কম্পিউটারি প্রভিডেন্ট ফান্ড, গ্র্যাচুয়িটি, উৎসব বোনাস, গোষ্ঠী বীমা, শিক্ষারত সন্তানের শিক্ষা ভাতা, আয়কর ইত্যাদি সুবিধাদি প্রদান করা হবে।

শর্তাবলী : ক) দরখাস্তকারীকে নিজের নাম, পিতা/স্বামীর নাম, মাতার নাম, বর্তমান ও স্থায়ী ঠিকানা, জন্ম তারিখ, বয়স, জাতীয়তা, ধর্ম, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা, অভিজ্ঞতা, ফোন নম্বর ইত্যাদি উল্লেখ পূর্বক আবেদন করতে হবে।
 খ) আবেদনের সাথে দুই কপি সদ্য তোলা পাসপোর্ট সাইজ ছবি এবং অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি জমা দিতে হবে।
 গ) সিজিপিএ গ্রেডিং পদ্ধতিতে প্রকাশিত ফলাফলের ক্ষেত্রে শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়ের ০২-০৬-২০০৯ তারিখের প্রজ্ঞাপন অনুযায়ী ১ম, ২য়, ও ৩য় বিভাগ/শ্রেণী নির্ধারিত হবে।
 ঘ) সরকারী ও আধা-সরকারী সংস্থায় কর্মরত প্রার্থীদের যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে।

আগামী জুন ০১, ২০১০ তারিখের মধ্যে দরখাস্ত পল্লী কর্ম-সহায়ক ফাউন্ডেশন (পিকেএসএফ), পিকেএসএফ ভবন, ই-৪/বি, আগারগাঁও প্রশাসনিক এলাকা, শেরে বাংলা নগর, ঢাকা ১২০৭ বরাবর জমা দিতে হবে। শুধুমাত্র বাছাইকৃত প্রার্থীদের নির্বাচনী প্রক্রিয়ায় অংশগ্রহণের জন্য ডাকা হবে। পিকেএসএফ যে-কোন প্রকার তদবির নিরুৎসাহিত করে। নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি পিকেএসএফ-এর Website-এ দেখা যেতে পারেঃ www.pksf-bd.org

মহাব্যবস্থাপক (প্রশাসন)

8-yr-old Tripoli air crash survivor 'stable'

BBC ONLINE

A Dutch boy who is the sole survivor of a plane crash at Tripoli airport in Libya that killed 103 people is said to be in a stable condition after surgery.



He has undergone several rounds of surgery to both legs, which are fractured in several places.

The boy's full identity has not yet been officially confirmed.

The flight recorders have been recovered and handed over to analysts for clues as to what brought down the Afriqiyah Airways flight on Wednesday.

Libyan state television showed the boy in a hospital bed with a bandaged head and wearing an oxygen mask, his legs in casts.

"The child underwent several rounds of surgery to his legs. He had simple fractures and double fractures," said the doctor on television.

"He woke up [late on Wednesday night] and is in good condition," the doctor added.

2 AL leaders involved

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denied the allegations at a press conference at Gopalganj District and Sessions Judge's Court.

The Huji leader was brought to the court for his appearance in three cases involving the incident of planting bombs at the venue of a public rally of Hasina in Kotlipara in 2000.

He was brought to Gopalganj nine years after the proceedings of the cases started. But the hearing was not held as other co-accused could not be produced before the court.

Hannan said he was not involved in the incident, but rather had been made a scapegoat.

Many AL leaders of Kotlipara were involved in the incident, he said.

Hannan received life sentence in an arms case involving the same incident.

In reaction, the AL leaders

denied the allegations at a press conference at Gopalganj Press Club.

Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah said Hannan made the allegation to taint his image in the political arena and gain some advantages in court. He said he assisted the state lawyer in the arms case against Hannan.

Mahbub Ali Khan said he was in India during the incident and heard the news from some AL leaders.

During the press conference, a number of young people gathered outside Gopalganj Press Club and called the two leaders "co-horts" of Mufit Hannan.

District AL Vice President Idris Ali and other leaders including Ahmed Nawsher Ali Mithu Sardar and Chowdhury Emdadul Haque were present at the press conference.

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