

Qaeda terror plot targeting Europe uncovered

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Western intelligence sources say they have uncovered a plot by al-Qaeda to carry out co-ordinated attacks in the UK, France and Germany.

It is understood the plan involves small teams of militants seizing hostages and murdering them, similar to the attacks in Mumbai in 2008.

Intelligence officials believe the plot was inspired by the al-Qaeda leadership in the remote tribal areas of Pakistan.

Sources say recent US drone attacks in the region have targeted the planners.

The BBC's security correspondent Frank Gardner said the plot was believed to have moved from the aspirational stage to actual planning.

Western security agencies may have been hoping to keep the matter out of the public realm for longer so criminal evidence could be gathered, our correspondent added, but initial details were leaked to the US media.

However, in the UK, no imminent arrests are expected, and the national threat level remains at its current level of severe.

In an effort to foil the attacks, the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has ramped up missile strikes from unmanned drones against militants in the Pakistani tribal regions, the Wall Street Journal reported, citing security officials.

The US has carried out at least 20 drone strikes so far this month in Pakistan's tribal areas - the highest monthly total for the past six years, US media reported.

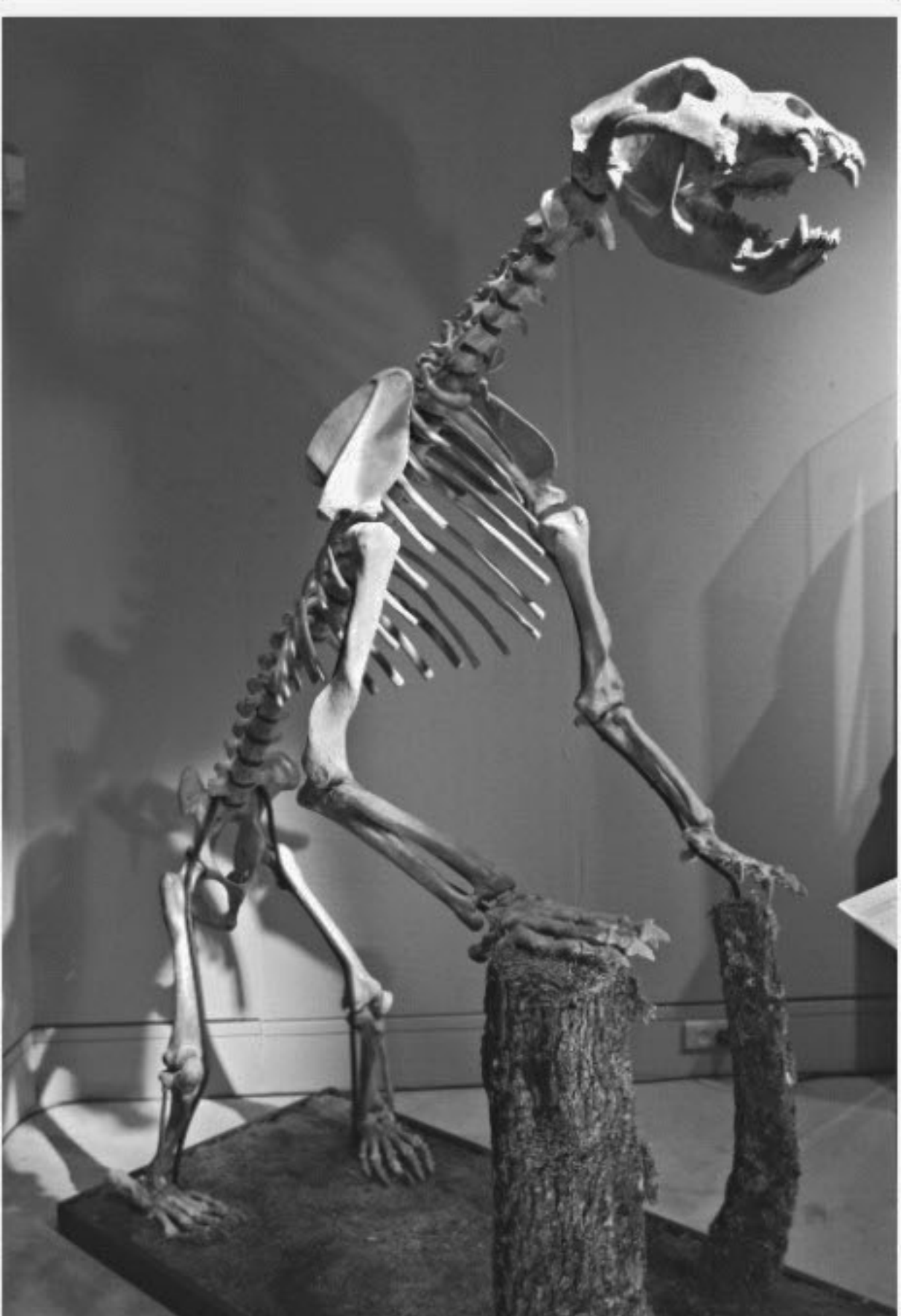


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A prehistoric pleistocene cavern bear skeleton, estimated between 20,000 and 25,000 euros, is displayed at Sotheby's auction house in Paris yesterday. The auction, including other Prehistoric goods such as an Allosaurus skeleton, a complete Plesiosaurus skeleton, a carnivorous fish, sparkling giant crystals, and a Prehistoric Woolly Rhinoceros, will take place next October 5.

Northern Lights hit 100-year low point

AFP, Helsinki

The Northern Lights have petered out during the second half of this decade, becoming rarer than at any other time in more than a century, the Finnish Meteorological Institute said Tuesday.

The Northern Lights, or aurora borealis, generally follow an 11-year "solar cycle", in which the frequency of the phenomena rises to a maximum and then tapers off into a minimum and then repeats the cycle.

"The solar minimum was officially in 2008, but this minimum has been going on and on and on," researcher Noora Partamies told AFP.

"Only in the past half a year have we seen more activity, but we don't really know whether we're coming out of this minimum," she added.

The Northern Lights, a blaze of coloured patterns in the northern skies, are triggered by solar winds crashing into the earth and being drawn to the magnetic poles, wreaking havoc on electrons in the parts of the atmosphere known as the ionosphere and magnetosphere.

So a dimming of the Northern Lights is a signal that activity on the sun which causes solar winds, such as solar flares and sun spots, is also quieting down.

For researchers like Partamies, it is the first time they can observe through a network of modern observation stations what happens to this solar cycle when it becomes as badly disrupted as it is now.

N Korean heir apparent wins senior party posts

AFP, Seoul

The youngest son of ailing leader Kim Jong-Il has been given powerful posts in North Korea's ruling party, state media said yesterday, confirming his status as heir apparent in the nuclear-armed nation.

Kim Jong-Un was named one of two vice-chairmen of the central military commission of the Workers' Party of Korea and a member of its central committee, a day after his father appointed him a four-star general.

"Now the crown prince has all he needs to become the next leader," said Choi Jin-Wook, senior analyst with the (South) Korea Institute for National Unification.

Jong-Un's high position on the party military commission chaired by his father gives him considerable authority over the world's fourth largest armed forces, numbering almost 1.2 million.

The speed of his rise to power may indicate that his 68-year-old father's health is worse than believed, analysts said.

Kim Jong-Il, who took over from his own father and national founder Kim Il-Sung, suffered a stroke two years ago and is also thought to have kidney problems.

The Swiss-educated son, believed aged about 27, had never been named in state media before this week. No adult photograph has been seen outside the secretive communist nation.

The United States is "watching and looking for details" (on the son) just about like everyone else," said Assistant Secretary of State Kurt Campbell.

Jong-Un's party appointments were announced after a one-day conference of the Workers' Party, its highest-level gathering for 30 years.



SAARC Development Fund Secretariat
3rd Floor, BDFC Building, Thimphu
Bhutan

September, 2010

Vacancy Announcement

The SAARC Development Fund (SDF) Secretariat was inaugurated during the 16th SAARC Summit in Thimphu, 2010. The SDF Secretariat became operational on the 1st June, 2010 and currently has the following professional category vacancies for employment for tenure of three (3) years, extendable by the Chief Executive Officer for a non-renewable period of another three years:

1. Director, Project/Administration and Finance

Job description: He/she will (i) seek, prepare, develop, appraise, and implement projects from all SAARC Member states based on sound log frame analyses with emphasis on Monitoring and Evaluation and must lead to a stronger regional integration, (ii) provide guidance/inputs and recommendations to the Chief Executive Officer on project selection based on social, financial and managerial aspects of the proposed project, (iii) bring team spirit, efficiency, fiduciary accountability and professionalism to SDF's work culture, (iv) act as the Chief Drawing Officer for the purpose of management and disbursement of Fund monies, in accordance with SDF Bye-Laws and its Rules and Regulations, and (v) report to the CEO and carry out any other responsibilities assigned by the CEO.

Skills and experience required: Interested candidates must possess (i) a post graduate degree in Finance/Business Administration/Engineering from an Institution of International repute/recognition (higher professional degree would be added advantage), (ii) Minimum of fifteen (15) years of practical experience, with at least five (5) years in development, implementation and monitoring/evaluation of social/economic and infrastructure projects in SAARC Countries, (iii) between 40-50 years of age, and (iv) must be a bona-fide citizen of a SAARC Member State i.e. Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Maldives, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

Remuneration: He/she will be paid a net (tax free) monthly salary of US\$ 4,000 (Four thousand) along with accommodation, education allowance for two children up to class 12 or equivalent, and other admissible allowances and benefits. He/she will also have duty free import privileges.

2. Assistant Director, Administration and Finance

Job description: He/she will (i) look after day-to-day general administration, finance and accounts and any other logistical support services of the SDF Secretariat (ii) provide inputs to the CEO and Director (Adm) on all general finance, administration and human resource management requirement of the SDF (iii) report to the Director (Adm), and (iv) carry out any other responsibilities assigned by the CEO.

Skills and experience required: Interested candidates must (i) possess a post graduate degree in Accounting/Finance/Business Administration from an Institution of International repute/recognition (higher professional degree would be added advantage), (ii) have minimum of 10 (ten) years of practical experience in general administration and finance, (iii) be between 30-40 years of age, and (iv) must be a bona-fide citizen of a SAARC Member State i.e. Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Maldives, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

Remuneration: He/she will be paid a net (tax free) monthly salary US\$ 2,000 (Two thousand) along with accommodation, education allowance for two children up to class 12 or equivalent, and other admissible allowances and benefits. He/she will also have duty free import privileges.

3. Assistant Director, Finance/Project Management Analyst(s)

Job description: He/she will (i) provide inputs at the time of project preparation in compliance with the existing SDF modalities/guidelines and the directives of the SDF Board, and (ii) provide project guidance to the Director (Project) during project implementation and inputs to the implementing entities to ensure compatibility and compliance with the tools and best practices followed in effective project implementation.

Skills and experience required: Interested candidates must have (i) a post graduate degree in Finance/Economics/Business Administration from an Institution of International repute/recognition (higher professional degree would be added advantage), (ii) a minimum of 8-10 years of practical experience in a comparable position (experience in project appraisal or implementation is recommended), (iii) be between 30-40 years of age, and (iv) must be a bona-fide citizen of a SAARC Member State i.e. Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Maldives, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

Remuneration: He/she will be paid a net (tax free) monthly remuneration of US\$ 2,000 (Two thousand) along with accommodation, education allowance for two children up to class 12 or equivalent and other admissible allowances and benefits. He/she will also have duty free import privileges.

4. Assistant Director, Internal Audit

Job description: He/she will (i) Plan, organize and carry out the internal financial functions of the SDF Accounts on day-to-day basis, (ii) advise the Director (Adm) on appropriate accounting methods/standards and software so as to ensure the SDF monies are maintained in accordance with the International accounting standards and commensurate to recognized norms of financial property, (iii) be responsible for preparation of the Financial Statement of the Fund and coordination with external auditors as provided for under Section 34 of the SDF Bye-Laws, and (iv) work under the guidance of the CEO and report to the CEO.

Skills and experience required: Interested candidates must have (i) a post graduate degree in Accounting/Finance from an Institution of International repute/recognition or similar professional accounting/auditing institutions, (ii) minimum of 7 (seven) years of practical experience in auditing of accounts of Public/Private financial institutions with full understanding of International Accounting Standards, (iii) be between 30-40 years of age, and (iv) must be a bona-fide citizen of a SAARC Member State i.e. Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Maldives, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

Remuneration: He/she will be paid a net (tax free) monthly remuneration of US\$ 2,000 (Two thousand) along with accommodation, education allowance for two children up to class 12 or equivalent and other admissible allowances and benefits. He/she will also have duty free import privileges.

Note: GSS-I staff are permanent staff recruited for an initial period of 3 (three) years, extendable at the CEO's discretion.

5. Personal Officer, GSS-I.

Job description: He/she will (i) implement HR initiatives in the areas of recruitment, organizational development, professional development, performance and change in alignment with organizational strategy, (ii) assess skilled human resource needs of the organization within a specified time frame and recommend appropriate programs and policies, (iii) maintain an up to date information on staff welfare and provide them for resource planning & decision making in HR development, (iv) coordinate for recruitment and selection of candidates for employment, (v) monitor the performance and effectiveness of the existing staff and initiate activities for its continuous improvement, (vi) and advise management on all HR matters.

Skills and experience required: Interested candidates must have (i) a bachelors degree (specialized fields in Human Resource Planning and Development/Employment and Analytical skills are recommended), (ii) minimum of four (4) years of experience as Human Resource Officer or equivalent experience, (iii) be between 25-35 years of age and (iv) must be a bona-fide citizen of a SAARC Member State i.e. Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Maldives, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

Remuneration: He/she will be paid a net (tax free) monthly remuneration of US\$ 1,000 (One thousand) along with accommodation, education allowance for two children up to class 12 or equivalent and other admissible allowances and benefits. He/she will also have duty free import privileges.

6. Information Technology/Management Information System Manager, GSS-I

Job Description: He/she will (i) know and apply fundamental concepts, practices, procedures and existing policies and guidelines in specialized areas of information technology, (ii) plan, design, develop and launch effective information systems and operation systems in support of core organizational functions, (iii) ensure the stable operation of the in-house computer software systems, (iv) secure system by developing system access, monitoring control, and evaluation: establish and test disaster recovery policies and procedures; complete back-ups, (v) ensure stable operation of the in-house computer network, (vi) coordinate the planning, maintenance and accessibility of the website content in a way that ensures consistency of the website's look and feel.

Skills and experience required: Interested candidates must have (i) a minimum of Bachelors degree in Information Technology/B. Tech Computer Science (4 years course), (ii) minimum of four (4) years experience as ICT Officer or equivalent experience, (iii) be between 25-35 years of age and (iv) must be a bona-fide citizen of a SAARC Member State i.e. Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Maldives, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

Remuneration: He/she will be paid a net (tax free) monthly remuneration of US\$ 1,000 (One thousand) along with accommodation, education allowance for two children up to class 12 or equivalent and other admissible allowances and benefits. He/she will also have duty free import privileges.

7. Accountant, GSS-I

Job Description: He/she will (i) approve and process financial transactions and expenditures in accordance with SDF's Financial Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures, (ii) Set up accounting procedures and systems to address specific requirements in line with the Fund's mandate, (iii) ensure that accounting procedures and internal control systems are exercised at all times, (iv) participate in ascertaining and evaluating the financial projection and financial progress reports of the Secretariat and (v) process and submit work plan/technical sanctions, physical/financial progress reports, work orders, supply orders, invoices, import licenses and all other supporting documents required for fund utilization.

Skills and experience required: Interested candidates must have (i) minimum of B.Com/B.A. (Economics), (ii) with a minimum of four (4) years of experience as Accounts Officer or equivalent experience (specialized training in Accounting and Finance is recommended), (iii) be between 25-35 years of age and (iv) must be a bona-fide citizen of a SAARC Member State i.e. Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Maldives, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

Remuneration: He/she will be paid a net (tax free) monthly remuneration of US\$ 1,000 (One thousand) along with accommodation, education allowance for two children up to class 12 or equivalent and other admissible allowances and benefits. He/she will also have duty free import privileges.

Interested candidates are requested to submit a hard and a soft copy of their application letter and resume along with a copy of their national identity documents to the address given below.

The last date for the applications to be received by the SAARC Development Fund Secretariat is 30th October, 2010. Only shortlisted candidates will be called for selection interview.

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Re-Tender Notice for Procurement of Coagulating Tank

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|-----|---|---|---|------------------------|
| 1. | Ministry/Division | Ministry of Environment and Forest. | | |
| 2. | Agency | Bangladesh Forest Industries Development Corporation (BFIDC). | | |
| 3. | Procuring entity name | BFIDC, Head Office, Dhaka. | | |
| 4. | Procuring entity district | Dhaka. | | |
| 5. | Invitation for | Procurement of 19 (nineteen) Coagulating Tank (Made of Aluminum Alloy Sheet). | | |
| 6. | Invitation Ref. No. & date | BFIDC/HO/Pur-30/COAGULATING TANK/2010/397, Dated: 27/09/2010 | | |
| 7. | Procurement method | Open tendering method (OTM). | | |
| 8. | Budget and source of funds | Own source of BFIDC. | | |
| 9. | Tender package No. | Re-Tender No. GR-04. | | |
| 10. | Tender package name | Re-Tender for Procurement of Coagulating Tank. | | |
| 11. | Tender publication date | 03/10/2010. | | |
| 12. | Selling date of tender documents | 03/10/2010 to 13/10/2010 (during office hours). | | |
| 13. | Last date & time of selling tender documents | 13/10/2010 (during office hours). | | |
| 14. | Tender submission date & time | 14/10/2010 up to 12:00 noon. | | |
| 15. | Tender opening date & time | 14/10/2010 at 12:15pm. | | |
| 16. | Name and address of the office Selling of tender documents | 1) Asstt. General Manager (A/C), BFIDC, Banashilpa Bhaban, 73, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka. | | |
| | Receiving & opening of tender document | Office of the General Manager (P&S), BFIDC, Head Office (2nd Floor), 73 Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000. | | |
| | Tender validity period | 120 (one hundred twenty) days. | | |
| 17. | Eligibility of tenderer | Well reputed and financially solvent engineering firms/manufacturers/authorised agent, having office establishment reliability, reputation, well established and credit worthiness. Experience a suppliers of Coagulating Tank, BSCIC enlisted workshop and ISO certificate holder will be considered as an added qualification. | | |
| 18. | Brief description of goods | 19 Nos. Coagulating Tank (with 90 (ninety) Partition Plate Per Coagulating Tank) size: 3050mm long x 915mm wide of aluminium alloy (AA1100, H-1 sheet, body & bottom thickness 3mm aluminium sheet & partition plate thickness 2mm aluminium sheet with one 40mm dia outlet at the bottom having a plug in one end, two rows of solid aluminium spacers at the bottom and two side rims (length-wise) & all bottom edges & top rims of two side (breadth-wise) vertical edges "U" channel size 50mm x 50mm x 6mm of th tank as per specification and drawing attached with the tender document. | | |
| 19. | Brief description of related services | As per tender document. | | |
| 20. | Price of tender document | Tk. 1000.00 per set. | | |
| 21. | Lot No. | Identification of lot | Location | Tender security (Taka) |
| | 1 (one) | Coagulating Tank | Danthmara -1 Khanchnanagar -1 Tarakho -1 Sub total =03 Peergacha -4 Chandpur -7 Shontoshpur -3 Kamlapur -2 Sub total =16 Grand total=(3+16)=19 | Tk. 1,35,000/- |
| 22. | Name & designation of official inviting tender with contact No. | Md. Osman Ali, Deputy General Manager (Purchase) Phone-9513412, 9560085-88/346 | | |
| 23. | Address of official inviting tender | BFIDC, 73, Motijheel Commercial Area (7th Floor), Dhaka, Bangladesh. | | |
| 24. | Contact details of official inviting tender | Telephone: 9513412, 9560085-88/346 Fax: 9563035 E-mail: cm.bfidc@gmail.com | | |
| 25. | Special instructions | In case, the tender could not be received and opened on the date mentioned above for reasons beyond control the same will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. 2. The procuring entity also reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever 3. This tender will be conducted as per the Public Procurement Rules-2008. | | |

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Md. Osman Ali
Deputy General Manager (Purchase)