



Members of the peace council listen to Afghan President Hamid Karzai speak during an inaugural meeting at the Presidential Palace in Kabul yesterday. Karzai inaugurated the council appointed to broker peace with the Taliban and other insurgents fighting for nine years against his administration.

PHOTO: AFP

Saudi prince admits manslaughter

Denies murder

BBC ONLINE

A Saudi prince accused of killing his servant admits manslaughter but denies murder and a separate count of causing grievous bodily harm with intent.

The victim, Bandar Abdulaziz, 32, was found beaten and strangled in central London's Landmark Hotel, on 15 February.

Prince Saud Abdulaziz bin Nasser al Saud, 34, had carried out several assaults on the victim before he died, the Old Bailey has heard.

The jury has been asked to decide whether he is guilty of manslaughter or murder.

Dobomir Dimitrov, a porter from the Landmark Hotel in Marylebone, who went to their room during their stay, said: "I would describe them as a gay couple."

But the prince's barrister John Kelsey-Fry QC said in cross-examination: "It is not accepted that this was in fact a gay couple - but I readily accept that you had the impression they were a gay couple."

HUNGARY RESERVOIR BREAK

Toxic sludge reaches Danube

KOLONTAR, Hungary

The toxic red sludge that burst out of a metals plant reservoir and inundated three villages reached the mighty Danube yesterday, but a Hungarian emergency official said no immediate damage was evident on Europe's second-longest river.

The European Union and environmental officials had feared an environmental catastrophe affecting half a dozen nations if the red sludge, a waste product of making aluminum, contaminated the 1,775-mile (2,850-kilometer) long Danube.

The reservoir break Monday disgorged a toxic torrent into local creeks that flow into waterways connected to the Danube. Creeks in Kolontar, the closest town to the spill site, were swollen ochre red Wednesday and villagers said they were devoid of fish. Kolontar is 45 miles (70

kilometers) south of the Danube.

The red sludge reached the western branch of the Danube early Thursday, Hungarian rescue agency spokesman Tibor Dobson told the state MTI news agency. He did not address concerns that the caustic slurry might contain toxic metals but said its pH content had been reduced to the point where it was unlikely to cause further damage to the environment.

Dobson said the pH content, which officials earlier said was at 13, was now under 10 and no dead fish had been spotted where the slurry was entering the Danube. The National Disaster Management Directorate, in a separate statement, said the pH value was at 9.3 and constantly decreasing. Normal pH levels for surface water range from 6.5 to 8.5.

South of Hungary, the Danube flows through Croatia, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, Ukraine and Moldova before emptying into the Black Sea.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

ICDDR,B invites applications from suitable candidates for the position of **Senior Programme Manager** with the Programme on Infectious Diseases and Vaccine Sciences under the Health Systems and Infectious Diseases Division. The appointment will be made on a Fixed Term basis for 1 year, but we expect that successful candidate will be reappointed for a longer duration.

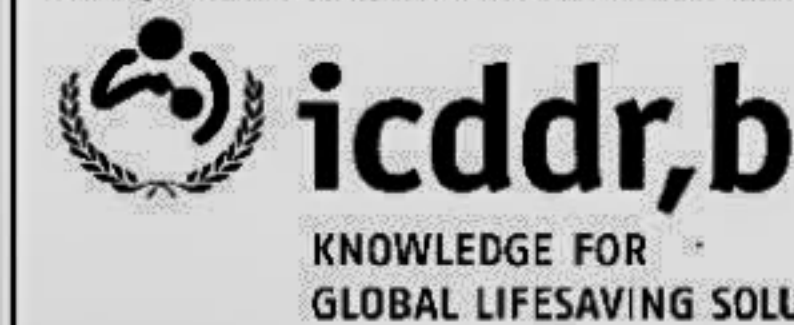
Duty Station – Dhaka, though the Senior Programme Manager will spend 30% of his/her time in the community overseeing the intervention program.

Salary – Annual Tk.1,099,950/- inclusive of house rent and conveyance allowances with other admissible benefits.

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Only short-listed candidates shall be invited for the interview.



No decision yet on Pak border reopening despite US apology

AP, Islamabad

Pakistan said yesterday it has not decided when to reopen a key border crossing Nato uses to ship supplies to Afghanistan despite a US apology for a helicopter attack that killed two Pakistani soldiers.

Both the US and Nato expressed their condolences Wednesday for the Sept. 30 attack and said American helicopters mistook the Pakistani soldiers for insurgents being pursued across the Afghan border.

The apologies raised expectations that the Torkham border crossing along the famed Khyber Pass could reopen very soon. But Pakistan's Foreign Ministry spokesman Abdul Basit said Thursday during a news conference that authorities were still evaluating the situation and would make a decision "in due course."

The delay could be short-lived since US and Pakistani officials predicted the border crossing would be reopened in a matter of days even before the apologies were issued.

Pakistan closed Torkham to Nato supply convoys on the same day as the attack, leaving hundreds of trucks stranded alongside the country's highways or stuck in traffic on the way to the one route into Afghanistan from the south that has remained open.

Suspected militants have taken advantage of the impasse to attack stranded or rerouted trucks. Gunmen torched 70 fuel tankers and killed a driver in two attacks Wednesday.

Sohul

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The HC bench of Justice A H M Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Sheikh Md Zakir Hossain at noon exempted Sohul from personal appearance following a prayer moved by barrister Rakanuddin Mahmud, the lawyer of ruling Awami League lawmaker MK Alamgir.

An HC bench earlier directed Sohul to appear before it at 10:30 am yesterday in connection with the contempt of court petition filed by MK Alamgir.

The AL leader filed the petition with the HC on September 28 against Sohul for his comment regarding the HC order staying the effectiveness of an Election Commission (EC) gazette that had declared the constituency vacant.

On the same day, the HC issued a rule upon the election commissioner to explain within 10 days why contempt of court charges should not be brought against him and why he should not be punished for making this comment.

The same court also directed him to appear before the bench yesterday.

Sohul went to the Supreme Court premises yesterday and stayed in the bar chamber of his lawyer advocate Mahmudul Islam until the HC passed the order, sources said.

Barrister Rakanuddin prayed to the court to exonerate Sohul from personal appearance, considering his old age, and to fix a date for hearing the rule.

The court, however, fixed October 10 for hearing the rule.

Earlier in the morning, an Appellate Division bench headed by Chief Justice ABM Khairul Haque asked the lawyers for Sohul and Alamgir to settle the matter in the HC the same day.

The apex court passed the order during hearing a petition filed by Sohul for staying the HC order and rule against him.

It adjourned hearing on the stay petition of Sohul till October 11.

Sohul yesterday submitted a petition with the HC bench to recall its order and rule against him, saying that he did not make any contemptuous comment.

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The candidate will be a mid-level researcher, desirably below 40 years, with excellent academic track record. S/he will have a PhD in Economics (any specialisation), or an advanced academic degree in Economics, Agricultural Economics or related subjects, from a reputed foreign university with minimum two publications in a reputed journal, and will have an academic (research/teaching) experience of at least five years. Salary will be fixed in the range of Tk. 45,000-75,000 per month with other admissible benefits. Higher compensation will be considered for eminently qualified professionals. Following probationary period of one year, successful candidates will also be eligible for special allowances.

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