

## SERVANT'S MURDER

## Saudi prince jailed for life in London

AFP, London

A Saudi prince, the grandson of King Abdullah, was jailed for life by a British court yesterday for murdering his male servant in a brutal attack at a London hotel after a long campaign of sexual abuse.

Saud Bin Abdulaziz Bin Nasir al-Saud, 34, was ordered to serve a minimum of 20 years by a judge at London's Old Bailey, also known as the Central Criminal Court.

"It is very unusual for a prince to be in the dock on a murder charge. No one in this country is above the law," judge David Bean told Saud as he sentenced him.

The court convicted Saud on Tuesday of beating and strangling Bandar Abdullah Abdulaziz to death on February 15, the culmination of a lengthy period of sexual violence towards his employee.

"It would be wrong for me to sentence you either more severely or more leniently because of your membership of the Saudi royal family," added the judge.

Saud -- whose mother is a daughter of Saudi Arabia's king -- had tried to claim diplomatic immunity when he was arrested following the discovery of his servant's body in their shared suite at the luxury Landmark hotel.

He reportedly had a diplomatic passport but Britain's Foreign Office confirmed he had no diplomatic status when asked by police.



Saud Bin Abdulaziz Bin Nasir al-Saud

The two-week trial heard that Saud was fuelled by champagne and cocktails when he murdered the 32-year-old Abdulaziz in a ferocious attack after the pair had returned from a Valentine's Day night out.

The victim, also a Saudi, was left with severe injuries including bite marks on both cheeks which prosecutors said showed a clear "sexual element" to the killing.

The prince's lawyers argued that he could face the death penalty in Saudi Arabia over the revelations of homosexuality aired at the trial.

A post-mortem found Abdulaziz had suffered chipped teeth, heavy blows to the head, injuries to the brain and ears and severe neck injuries consistent with

strangulation by hand, the trial heard.

Saud had denied murder and a second charge of grievous bodily harm with intent in relation to an earlier alleged assault in a hotel lift that was captured on CCTV footage. He had admitted manslaughter.

The prince had claimed the pair were friends and that he was heterosexual, but the court heard the prince had ordered gay escorts in London and had frequently looked at websites for gay massage parlours and escort agencies.

Prosecutors said he repeatedly assaulted Abdulaziz and that two attacks were captured on CCTV in the hotel lift. The victim was so worn down by the violence that he let Saud kill him without a fight, they said.

Witnesses had told the court that Abdulaziz -- an orphan who was adopted into the family of a low-ranking civil servant in Jeddah -- was treated "like a slave".

The exact number of Saudi princes is not publicly known, but it is believed to be in the low thousands.

Senior princes of the Al-Saud family hold the most powerful ministerial posts, all provincial governorships and the top military positions in the kingdom.

There is no constitution in Saudi Arabia and law is based on Islamic sharia in the ultra-conservative Wahhabi-Hanbali tradition. Judges are clerics schooled in sharia.

## Chile billionaire throws massive party for miners

AFP, Santiago

Chilean billionaire Leonardo Farkas has thrown a massive party for the 33 workers rescued last week from a collapsed mine, giving each man a motorbike and even offering to buy two of them houses.

The black tie party, attended by some 300 people, was held in the Caldera Cultural Center not far from the site of the August 5 cave-in that trapped the miners before their dramatic rescue made them international celebrities.

Farkas had already given checks of 10,000 dollars to each of the miners, who were freed last week after being trapped some 700 meters (2,000 feet) deep underground at the San Jose mine for 69 long days.

Late Tuesday, the notoriously eccentric mining magnate, made an additional gift of 10,000 dollars to the two miners who became fathers during the ordeal, local media covering the event said.

In one highlight during the reception, two miners proposed marriage to their sweethearts, each dropping to one knee to pop the question, the report said.

Mario Sepulveda, who became the media's darling for his raucous celebrations on being pulled second from the mine, used the event to call for better labor conditions for miners across the country.

"I wish the owners were more sensitive (to our needs), and, as I've often said, that they treat us as great miners and workers of Chile."

## Pakistan 'not calling in army' over political violence

More than 70 people killed since Saturday

AFP, Karachi

Pakistan said yesterday there was no need to send the army into Karachi to bring the country's biggest city under control after politically motivated killings left more than 70 people dead in days.

The teeming city of 16 million is the country's economic capital, home to its stock exchange and an Arabian Sea port where NATO supplies dock ready to be trucked overland to support the US-led war effort in Afghanistan.

The city has suffered its most serious bout of political violence in years, with 85 people killed after a lawmaker was shot dead in August and more than 70 since Saturday, the eve of the vote to elect the MP's successor.

The violence, which rival coalition partners blame on each other, has sent shockwaves through the weak central government ahead of strategic talks with the United States and as it battles to contain the fallout of massive floods.

"No decision has been taken to send the army to Karachi," Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani told reporters in the capital Islamabad.

"I am confident that political leadership will be able to control the situation in Karachi," he added.

A lawmaker of Gilani's main ruling Pakistan People's Party had late Tuesday called for the military to deploy in Karachi, accusing the local government of failing to impose law and order.

"This was his personal opinion," Gilani said. Calls for military intervention of any kind are deeply sensitive in Pakistan, which has been ruled for more than half its existence by the army and which has been subject to four military coups.

The army is the most powerful institution in Pakistan.

The most recent period of military rule ended with elections in 2008, but the government is struggling in the face of criticism, par-

ticularly from local media, alleging it is unable to cope and that heads should roll.

Karachi shut down yesterday, with shops and schools closed, and public transport suspended as police and paramilitary troops patrolled troubled neighbourhoods, an AFP reporter said.

The closures came after the Mutahid Qaumi Movement (MQM), which represents the Urdu-speaking majority, called on citizens to mourn the deaths.

Its coalition partner but chief rival is the Awami National Party (ANP), whose powerbase is rooted in the Pashtun migrants who moved from the northwest, one of the poorest parts of the country and hard hit by Taliban violence.

Both parties blame each other for the violence, fanning tensions within Karachi that reverberate to the capital -- where both factions are also members of the ruling federal coalition -- and threatening the local economy.

"It is a serious situation as it could trigger a conflict among ethnic groups and lead to mass murders," said political analyst Rasul Bakhsh Raees.

"This would have an adverse impact on Pakistan and its economy as Karachi is the country's main financial hub," he added, calling on civilian leaders to unite in order to resolve the unrest.

"Members of the ruling coalition don't seem to be on the same page in dealing with the situation," Raees said.

In the worst single incident, 11 people were killed by masked gunmen riding motorcycles on Tuesday, who sprayed bullets across Shershah Kabari market.

Waqar Mehmud, a special advisor to the Sindh chief minister, said a total of 35 people were killed in different parts of the city on Tuesday, raising to more than 70 the death toll since Saturday.

## REBEL MLAS' PETITIONS

## Indian Court begins hearing

PTI, India

A new single bench of the Karnataka High Court was hearing the petitions filed by 11 rebel BJP MLAs challenging their disqualification from the State Assembly yesterday.

The case has come up before Justice V.G. Sabhahith after the court delivered a split verdict two days ago on the petitions.

Chief Justice J.S. Khehar and Justice N. Kumar had differed on the provisions of Para 2 (1) (a) of the 10th Schedule of the Constitution that deals with disqualification of members of a Legislature, after which they referred the matter to a "third judge." Justice Khehar upheld Speaker K.G. Bopaiah's order disqualifying the MLAs but Justice Kumar set it aside in their 166-page order.

The MLAs had said in their individual letters to the Governor that they were disillusioned with the functioning of the B.S. Yeddyurappa

government, expressed lack of confidence in it and withdrew their support to it.

The 11 MLAs and five independents were disqualified by the Speaker on the night of October 10, a day before the trust vote sought by Chief Minister B.S. Yeddyurappa.

The Speaker had carried out the confidence motion by a voice vote but the Governor H R Bhardwaj had called it unconstitutional and recommended President's rule.

However, the Governor then decided to give a second opportunity to Mr. Yeddyurappa to prove his majority in the House on October 14. The Government won the vote of confidence with 106 MLAs voting for it and 100 others against.

The petition by five independent MLAs would be decided by a new division bench on November 2. The court had said earlier that the October 14 trust vote was subject to its verdict on the petitions by independents.



## International Health Links Funding Scheme

[A ground-breaking initiative to strengthen health systems in developing countries]

## IHLFS Round-3: Call for Applications

International Health Links Funding Scheme (IHLFS) launched its third call for applications. The primary purpose of the Funding Scheme is to build the capacity of developing country health services through the reciprocal transfer of skills and knowledge between partners in the UK and those overseas. Grants are being made available to support projects run by long-term partnerships, or 'Health Links', between UK health institutions and their counterparts in developing countries.

IHLFS is a three-year scheme that supports Health Links between health institutions in developing countries and the UK. Funded by the UK Department for International Development (DfID) and the Department of Health (DH), it is jointly managed by THET and the British Council. The scheme aims to strengthen the capacity of health services in developing countries by providing £1.25 million each year to support the work of Health Links.

## Round 3 has funding available for Start-up Grants and Project Grants:

## Start-up Grants (up to £3,000):

Start-up Grants, which support the development of new and young Links for laying down the foundations for a long and successful link, often involving initial partner country visits and conducting needs assessments for Round-3 Project Grant, are available on a rolling basis throughout the year. However the activities related to these grants should be completed within a maximum of six months of contracting.

## Project Grants (up to £ 15, 000):

Project Grants are available to help existing links carry out a needs assessment, develop plans for a larger initiative or carry out modest development programmes.

## Links comprising the following Health Institutions are eligible to apply:

## Developing Country Partners:

- oHealth service institutions recognised within national or district health plans e.g. hospitals, clinics, mission hospitals, etc.
- oProfessional Associations and Societies
- oHealth governing bodies e.g. ministry, department of health, district health office
- oHealth training institutions

## UK Partners:

- oNHS institutions
- oHealth Professional Associations and Societies e.g. Royal Colleges
- oHealth governing bodies e.g. health authority links
- oRegistered health training institutions e.g. schools for training of medical, nursing or allied health professionals

## Ineligible for IHLFS funding:

- oIndividuals
- oNon-formal organisations i.e. institutions must have formal registration

## Important:

- The application must be from two or more eligible health institutions.
- Other organisations that are not listed above can be involved in the programme e.g. a University or an NGO but cannot be one of the lead partners.
- Private sector for-profit organisations are usually excluded. However, in exceptional circumstances they may be eligible provided that they can demonstrate a substantial contribution to meeting the needs of poor people. Private sector companies in the UK are not eligible.

The deadline for submission of applications is **5:00pm on Friday, 31 December 2010.**

Full application details, including application guidelines and forms to download, are available at: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/learning-healthlinks-how-to-apply.htm>

For further information on IHLFS please visit: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/learning-healthlinks>

Please send your completed application form and supporting documentation (if any) to: [HealthLinks@britishcouncil.org](mailto:HealthLinks@britishcouncil.org)

A half-day 'IHLFS Proposal Writing Workshop' for interested and eligible bidders will be offered in Dhaka at British Council Auditorium, 5 Fuller Road, on Thursday 4th November 2010. For further information and enrolment, please contact Mahbul Haque on 01730069082 or [Mahbul.haque@bd.britishcouncil.org](mailto:Mahbul.haque@bd.britishcouncil.org)

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## International Tender Notice for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Lab Equipment

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|----|--|--|---|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1  | Ministry/Division  | Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.   |   |  |  |                                     |
| 2  | Agency   | ICDDR,B  |   |  |  |                                     |
| 3  | Procuring Entity Name  | Executive Director, ICDDR,B  |   |  |  |                                     |
| 4  | Procuring Entity District  | Mohakhali, Dhaka.  |   |  |  |                                     |
| 5  | Invitation for   | Goods and related services   |   |  |  |                                     |
| 6  | Invitation Ref No & Date   | Memo No. AISB/ICDDR,B/P&M-10/30831, Date: 19-10-2010   |   |  |  |                                     |
| 7  | Procurement Method   | Open Tendering Method (OTM)  |   |  |  |                                     |
| 8  | Budget and Source of Funds   | AISB- GoB  |   |  |  |                                     |
| 9  | Development Partners   | None   |   |  |  |                                     |
| 10 | Project / Program Name   | Avian Influenza Surveillance in Bangladesh   |   |  |  |                                     |
| 11 | Tender Package No.   | Package No. 10/30<br>Package No. 10/31   |   |  |  |                                     |
| 12 | Tender Package Name  | Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Lab Equipment   |   |  |  |                                     |
| 13 | Tender Publication Date  | October 21, 2010   |   |  |  |                                     |
| 14 | Tender Last Selling Date   | December 02, 2010  |   |  |  |                                     |
| 15 | Tender Closing Date and Time   | December 05, 2010  |   | Time: 11:30 AM   |  |                                     |
| 16 | Tender Opening Date and Time   | December 05, 2010  |   | Time: 12:00 PM   |  |                                     |
| 17 | Name & Address of the office(s)  | Address<br>- Selling Tender Document<br>Treasury Unit, Cash Counter-2, Ground Floor, IPH Building, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka between 10:00 AM to 03:30 PM<br>- Receiving Tender Document<br>Procurement & Materials Office, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.<br>- Opening Tender Document<br>Procurement & Materials Office, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.  |   |  |  |                                     |
| 18 | Pre-tender meeting   | Pre-Tender meeting will be held on 10 November, 2010 at 10:00 AM in the Finance Conference Room, Procurement & Materials Office, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.  |   |  |  |                                     |
| 19 | Eligibility of Tenderer  | (i) The Tenderer shall be Manufacturers/Principal from eligible source countries having 05 (five) years overall experience may participate in the Tender through their local agent in Bangladesh.<br>(ii) The Tenderer shall have minimum 03 (three) years of specific experience in the supply, installation, testing, commissioning of Laboratory equipment. Evidence regarding successful completion of works in the form of Work Order and Completion Certificate signed by the authority shall be submitted.<br>(iii) All price of imported items shall be quoted on C&F, Dhaka by air freight basis. L/C will be opened by ICDDR,B in favour of the Principal / Supplier / Tenderer against Pro-Forma Invoice.<br>(iv) Authorized local agent shall have work experience for supply, installation, testing of laboratory equipment in Bangladesh which is running successfully for minimum last 5 (five) years.<br>(v) The local Agent must have authorization certificate from the Manufacturer/Principal.<br>(vi) Authorized Local Agent shall submit Bank Certificate in terms of credit line facilities or liquid asset as mentioned in the tender document.<br>(vii) Authorized Local Agent shall submit specific evidence related to physical facilities, Technical Manpower to provide after sales service during and after the warranty period.<br>(viii) Tenderers may submit price quotation either for individual lot or for any combination of lots and prices quoted shall correspond to 100% of the items and quantities specified for each lot. |   |  |  |                                     |
| 20 | Price of Tender Document   | Tk. 1,000.00 (Taka one thousand) only each package   |   |  |  |                                     |
| 21 | Pkg No.  | Lot No.  | Description   | Location   | Tender Security Amount in BDT or equivalent foreign currency   | Completion Time in Days             |
|    | 10/30  |  | Supply, Installation, Testing Commissioning of Lab Equipment  | ICDDR,B, 68, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212. | By Pay Order, Bank Draft or Bank Guarantee in favour of ICDDR,B, Dhaka from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh.<br>Lot-1: BDT 98,000.00<br>Lot-2: BDT 143,000.00 | 60 days from the date of opening LC |
|    |  | Lot-1  | Real Time PCR Machine   |  | Lot-3: BDT 34,000.00   |                                     |
|    |  | Lot-2  | Automatic TB detection and susceptibility equipment   |  | Lot-4: BDT 53,000.00   |                                     |
|    |  | Lot-3  | Bacti-cinerator, Gas Burner, Water Jacketed CO2 incubator, Vortex Mixer, Hot Plate  |  |  |                                     |
|    |  | Lot-4  | Incubator   |  |  |                                     |
|    | 10/31  | Lot-1  | Supply and Installation of Lab Equipment<br>Microprocessor based refrigerated Centrifuge, Microprocessor based micro Centrifuge, Freezer Ultra Low-86C Upright, Lab freezer Upright -20 °C Refrigerator | ICDDR,B, 68, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212  | Lot-1: BDT 115,000.00  | 60 days from the date of opening LC |
|    |  | Lot-2  | Class II Type A2 Bio Safety Cabinet   |  | Lot-2: BDT 117,000.00  |                                     |
|    |  | Lot-3  | Micro processor control front loading Auto Clave, Micro processor control Top loading Auto Clave  |  | Lot-3: BDT 62,000.00   |                                     |
|    |  | Lot-4  | Automated Nucleic Acid Extractor  |  | Lot-4: BDT 99,000.00   |                                     |
| 22 | Name of Official Inviting Tender   | Kamruzzaman  |   |  |  |                                     |
| 23 | Designation of Official Inviting Tender  | Sr. Manager, P & M   |   |  |  |                                     |
| 24 | Address of Official Inviting Tender  | Procurement & Materials Unit, Finance Department, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.   |   |  |  |                                     |
| 25 | Contact details of Official Inviting Tender  | Tel: 8860523-32, Ext: 3732 Fax: 8811686 e.mail: zaman@icddr.org  |   |  |  |                                     |
| 26 | The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.   |  |   |  |  |                                     |
| 27 | Special Instruction :<br>(a) All activities in connection with the said procurement of Goods will be guided as per rule of "The Public Procurement Rules 2008".<br>(b) If it is not possible to receive & open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received and opened on the following working date at same time and same place.<br>(c) Notification of Award and Contract agreement will be established subject to the availability of funds. |  |   |  |  |                                     |



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