

# Afghan ministry employee suspected in UN killing

*More clashes as Karzai calls for calm over Quran burning*

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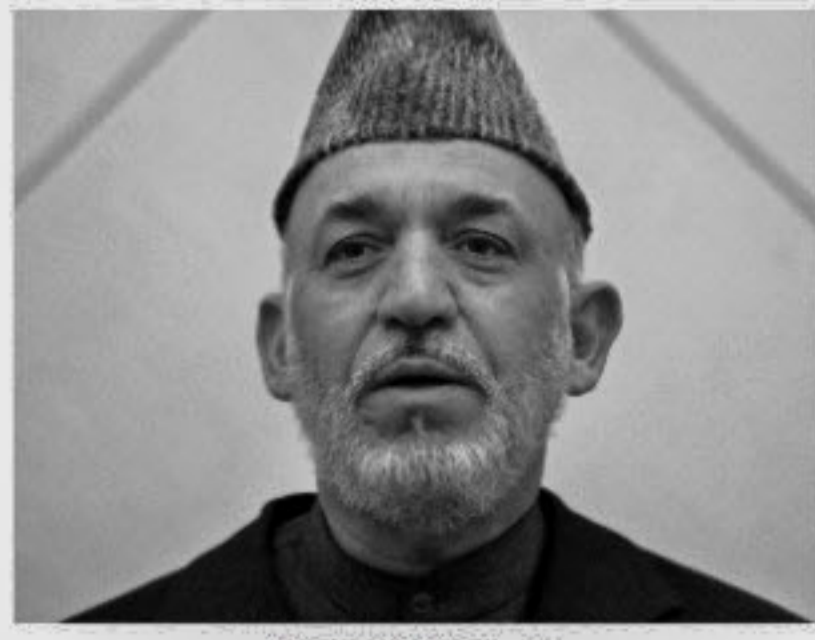
Afghanistan's interior ministry said yesterday one of its employees is suspected of shooting dead two US officers inside its headquarters a day earlier, an attack that prompted Nato to recall all its staff from ministries.

Afghan security sources identified Abdul Saboor, a 25-year-old police intelligence officer, as a suspect in the shooting of the Americans at close range deep inside the interior ministry.

CCTV footage showed that Saboor had access to the command and control centre, tucked deep inside the ministry, where the slain Americans were found, security officials told Reuters on condition of anonymity.

The Taliban took responsibility for the attack, saying it was in retaliation for the burning of the Qurans.

The attack took place on Saturday as rage gripped the country for a fifth



Hamid Karzai

straight day over the burning of the Muslim holy book at a Nato base, despite an apology from US President Barack Obama.

Meanwhile, Afghan President Hamid Karzai went on television yesterday to appeal for calm after five days of violent anti-US protests across his country over the burning of the holy Qurans at a US military base.

Karzai "condemned with the stron-

gest words" the treatment of Islam's holy book and said the perpetrators should be punished, but told his countrymen, "Now that we have shown our feelings it is time to be calm and peaceful."

The president said he respected the feelings of Afghans upset by the Quran burning, but called on them not to "let the enemies of Afghanistan misuse their feelings".

However, riots erupted again in Afghanistan yesterday, Reuters witnesses said, with thousands in northern provinces hoisting the white Taliban flag and throwing stones at police, who fired into the air to disperse the crowds.

A protester was killed and seven US soldiers were wounded in a grenade attack on their base in anti-American protests, police said as President Hamid Karzai called for calm.

## North Korea leader vows retaliation over US-South Korea drill

AFP, Seoul

North Korea's new leader has ordered "a powerful retaliatory strike" by the army unit that shelled a southern island in 2010 if US-South Korean drills violate Pyongyang's territory, state media said yesterday.

The comments came a day before the start of Key Resolve, a joint US-South Korean computerised command post exercise, which will continue until March 9.

Kim Jong-Un, who took power in the North after his father died in December, met the 1st and 4th Battalions of the Korean People's Army 4th Corps at a base near the border with the South, Pyongyang's official KCNA news agency said.

Kim was quoted saying the area was a "hot spot where a war may break out any moment due to the enemy's reckless provocations for aggression".

"He ordered them to make a powerful retaliatory strike at the enemy, should the enemy intrude even 0.001 mm into the waters of the country," KCNA said.

## Cops finally

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said, "More than two persons committed the murders, and at least seven people were involved in it."

He said the culprits were not professional killers and brought sharp weapons into the flat from outside to murder the couple.

Monirul said they neither arrested nor detained anyone with links to the murders.

Monirul Islam, however, said, "The investigation has seen significant progress," and hoped that the killers would be arrested soon.

In the meantime, Runi's family has requested the editors of all national dailies not to publish "unnecessary and wrong" information about the murdered couple or their families.

"After the incident, a section of the media has been publishing unnecessary and wrong information about the slain journalists as well as our family, adding to our misery," Runi's brother Nawsher Alam Roman said in a statement on behalf of the family.

"Although conscious journalists and others have protested it [unnecessary and wrong information], we [the family] have not protested that much against it,"

said Roman, who filed a murder case after the killings.

He said they are trying their best to help Mahir Sarwar Megh, the only child of the slain couple, recover from the trauma, and give him a normal life.

The entire journalist community was shocked at the murder and had been demanding the quick trial of the killers, Roman added.

UNB reports: Law Minister Shafique Ahmed said the killers of the journalist couple would be arrested soon.

The minister made the remark during a meeting with Alison Bethel McKenzie, executive director of the Vienna-based International Press Institute (IPI), at his ministry.

When McKenzie wanted to know about the progress in the probe, the minister said the investigation was going on in full swing.

The visiting IPI executive director also urged the government to take effective measures to stop violence against journalists and ensure press freedom.

McKenzie also underscored the need for amending or abolishing the existing law on libel to ensure the freedom of speech and the press.

## An insult

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later on when Dipraj's parents and locals pleaded for his release.

The law enforcers seized nearly 12-feet coil of electric cable from Dipraj's house. The boy told them that one of his friends asked him to keep it.

Kalinda Nath Goldar, Sub-Inspector of Sabujbagh Police Station, told The Daily Star that police had let Dipraj go through responding to locals' and his parents' requests and owing to the fact that Dipraj was just a teenager.

However, on his release that very day, the neighbouring woman created a scene and insulted Dipraj's parents, Dipraj's friend Sumon said. She created a commotion again on Saturday.

Dipraj was scolded later on by his parents.

Yesterday, when he was alone in the house on Patwari Goli of Bashabo, Dipraj, the only son of Khondker Nawab Ali and Yasmin Begum, hanged himself.

His parents and neighbours took him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

Victim's father Khondker Nawab Ali last night filed a case against Saifur Rahman Jewel, son of the neighbouring woman, for instigating suicide.

## Owner of unfit bus in custody

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As per the court order, Ashiquzzaman, a sub-inspector of Kafrul Police Station, picked up Azizul Haque as he went out of the courtroom soon after the proceedings, and took him to police custody in the afternoon.

On February 1, nine-year-old Sidratul Muntaha Paloma, a class-II student of Ibrahimpur branch of Monipur High School and College, was killed when a bus rolled over her in Mirpur-14 while she was on her way to school.

Appearing before the judges, Azizul admitted that the bus that ran over Paloma was not fully fit for plying the streets and its driver also did

not have a valid driving licence.

Some newspapers reported the bus that ran over Paloma belonged to the Milk Vita, a cooperatives enterprise.

Following the newspaper reports, Manzill Murshid, president of Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh, on February 6 moved a writ petition as a public interest litigation seeking directives from the HC.

The HC, on the same day, had issued a rule asking the government and the Milk Vita authorities to explain why they should not be directed to compensate the family of the schoolgirl.

It also summoned Milk Vita Chairman Hasib Khan

and bus owner Azizul to appear before it yesterday.

During hearing a rule, the court ordered police to implicate Azizul under appropriate sections of criminal law.

It also ordered the government to determine how much compensation should be given to the victim's family.

The government has to form a committee with a deputy secretary of the law ministry to decide the amount of compensation and submit a report in this regard to the court within 30 days, according to the order.

Milk Vita Chairman Hasib Khan, who also appeared before the HC yesterday, said that his organisation did not own the bus that

crushed Paloma to death, rather they hired it from Azizul Haque on a one-year contract for carrying Milk Vita's staffs.

He also said the bus was faulty and he did not examine it earlier.

The HC bench of Justice A H M S h a m s u d d i n Choudhury Manik and Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim yesterday ordered the inspector general of police to investigate why the police have failed to arrest Azizul in 26 days after the accident, and take departmental action against the police personnel responsible for failing to perform their job.

Deputy Attorney General ABM Altaf Hossain represented the government.

## 4 schools in divisional round

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school premises at Uttara in the capital.

Champs21 crew's expedition to bring out three top spellers from Scholastica proved quite different than earlier thought. A total of 36 students took part in the battle.

The first round started off with fairly easy words, but seven of the spellers got knocked out due to nervousness and not using the clues coming along.

Since the Spelling Bee contest follows the British spelling, a mix up between American and British styles of spelling for words like "programme" and "organisation" saw some participants eliminated as well.

The unusual word "brouhaha" indeed created a lot of brouhaha all around the room in round two, with a

student spelling it right and the crowd applauding in excitement.

Following a domino effect of knockout of spellers in quick succession, end of round three brought out the top nine spellers.

Fahmeed Khan of grade 10, who had to spell "imbroglio", was quite hazy about the pronunciation and used the clues well to become one of the three winners.

"[The word] 'imbroglio' was fitting for me, considering the situation I was in then. I asked for an alternative pronunciation and I got 'im-bro-lio, so confusing," said Fahmeed, who produced good laughter among the audience in dealing with the word.

The contest concluded with Shadman Sakib and Fahmeed Khan Sheehan of

class 10 and Mithul Roy of class eight coming out as the winners qualifying for the divisional round.

Majed Abdur Rahman, the spelling coordinator for the children and a physics teacher of Scholastica, cheered his spellers with great spirit all the way.

"I'm very proud of my students. Though it's sad many of them couldn't spell many easy words correctly, maybe because we weren't aware of the rules at first. But I'm very happy with them today for their great performance," he said.

Delhi Public School being the next to hold the contest was slightly the better performer of the day, with six rounds taking place and requiring two tiebreakers to decide the winners.

Tahiat Goni of class six,

Nubaira Forkan of class seven and Mahia Chowdhury of class six made it to the divisional round from the school.

The competition also took place in BAF Shaheen English School that sent, after a hard fought battle among its students, Farhana Rabbi Ruponti and Sadia Sabreen of class ten and Tasnia Ibnat of class nine to the divisional round.

And Maliha Rajwana Haque of class nine, Sadia Hashim of class eight and Yusra Iqbal of class eight made it to the divisional round from Mirpur Girls' Ideal Laboratory Institute.

Spelling Bee online round continues till March 10 at www.champs21.com.

A minimum of 500 spellers are to be taken into the divisional round coming up soon.



### INVITATION TO MEET MALAYSIAN COMPANY IN DHAKA & CHITTAGONG, BANGLADESH, FROM 19TH - 21ST MARCH 2012



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Venue	Date	Time
Ruposhi Bangla Hotel 1, Mint Road, Dhaka	Monday, 19th March 2012	1000 hrs 1700 hrs
Well Park Residence Hotel O.R Nizam Road, Chittagong	Tuesday, 20th March 2012	1430 hrs 1700 hrs
Well Park Residence Hotel O.R Nizam Road, Chittagong	Wednesday 21st March 2012	0900 hrs 1200 hrs

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