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Hated Nazi buried in

Italy prison cemetery

AFP, Rome

Nazi war criminal Erich Priebke, whose death sparked a legal dispute over what to do with his body, has been secretly buried in an Italian prison cemetery, La Repubblica reported yesterday.

It is "the only bit of Italian land where Priebke's death can go back to being just a death, not Nazi symbolism," the Italian daily said, adding that the cross was unmarked except for a number.

Nigeria extends

state of emergency

AFP, Abuja

Nigerian lawmakers yesterday approved a request by the country's president to prolong emergency rule in the restive northeast by a further six months to try to quell a bloody Islamist insurgency.

Emergency rule was declared in the three states in May as part of government efforts to curb attacks by Boko Haram fighters and saw thousands of additional troops flood into the area, supported by air power.

Amnesty slams Shell

over Niger oil spill

CNN ONLINE

An Amnesty International report issued Wednesday blasts Shell Oil Co. for its handling of the hundreds of oil spills that occur each year in Nigeria and accuses the company of "serious deficiencies and abuses" that render "wholly unreliable" its claims about how much oil is spilled and how often.

North Korea arrests

South Korea spy

AFP, Seoul

North Korea said yesterday a South Korean spy has been arrested while trying to use "dishonest elements" for a mission to destabilise its social system.

Security authorities recently captured an agent of South Korea's intelligence service in Pyongyang, according to the North's official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA).

It quoted a spokesman for the Ministry of State Security as saying the man had confessed to coming into Pyongyang illegally through a third country.



PHOTO: AFP

Thai opposition protesters wave national flags during a rally against an amnesty bill near Government House in Bangkok, yesterday. Thailand's embattled prime minister yesterday appealed for an end to escalating street protests against a contentious political amnesty, warning that the unrest would scare off foreign investors and tourists.

Maldives to vote again

to save democracy

AFP, Colombo

The Maldives faces a final chance to avoid a constitutional crisis and secure its five-year democracy this weekend when it makes a third attempt to hold a long-delayed presidential election.

The United States and Britain have warned that failure to go ahead with the re-scheduled ballot today will damage the Indian Ocean atoll nation and its fragile tourism-dependent economy.

Western and Indian diplomats have come to view the annulment of a first round of elections that took place on September 7 and police action to prevent a second vote on October 19 as deliberate moves to block opposition leader Mohamed Nasheed.

"Remnants of the former regime will be quite keen to keep Nasheed out of power," a Colombo-based diplomat told AFP on condition of anonymity.

"There are some who fear retribution in the event of a change of government."

The Maldives' 2008 constitution, which ended 30 years of one-party rule by former autocrat Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, stipulates that a new president must be elected by November 11.

It makes no provisions for interim arrangements, meaning the nation of 350,000 Sunni Muslims will face a power vacuum if no one is chosen to replace President Mohamed Waheed.

"As the current government's mandate expires on November 11, time is of the essence," the US embassy said in a strongly worded statement that also condemned calls for foreign intervention.

Nasheed, the country's first elected president, resigned in February 2012 following demonstrations and a mutiny by security forces that he denounced as a coup engineered by Waheed and former strongman Gayoom.

He swept to victory in the first round of elections on September 7 with 45 percent of the vote and was the front-runner in a second round run-off against Gayoom's half-brother Abdulla Yameen scheduled for three weeks later.

But the run-off never happened because the Supreme Court annulled the first round after a defeated candidate linked to Gayoom complained of fraud. International and domestic election observers said the voting was free and fair.

The judicial interventions and perceived complicity of President Waheed have led to rising criticism from Western powers and regional heavyweight India.

Some opposition activists in the Maldives have even voiced support for foreign intervention if elections are blocked for a third time on Saturday, but the United States warned all parties against inflaming tensions.

Web creator slams mass surveillance

Says encryption cracking by agencies 'appalling and foolish'

THE GUARDIAN ONLINE

Sir Tim Berners-Lee, the computer scientist who created the world wide web, has called for a "full and frank public debate" over internet surveillance by the National Security Agency and its British counterpart, GCHQ, warning that the system of checks and balances to oversee the agencies has failed.

As the inventor of the global system of inter-connectivity known as the web, with its now ubiquitous www and http, Berners-Lee is uniquely qualified to comment on the internet spying revealed by the former NSA contractor Edward Snowden.

In an interview with the Guardian,



he expressed particular outrage that GCHQ and the NSA had weakened online security by cracking much of the online encryption on which hundreds of millions of users rely to

guard data privacy.

He said the agencies' decision to break the encryption software was appalling and foolish, as it directly contradicted efforts of the US and UK governments to fight cybercrime and cyberwarfare, which they have identified as a national security priority. Berners-Lee also said it was a betrayal of the technology industry.

In contrast to several senior British politicians – including the prime minister, David Cameron – who have called for the Guardian to be investigated over reporting of the Snowden leaks, Berners-Lee sees the news organisation and Snowden as having acted in the public interest.

No more peace talks

Says Newly elected Pakistan Taliban chief

REUTERS, Miranshah

The Pakistani Taliban rejected the idea of peace talks with the government after electing headline commander Mullah Fazlullah, whose men shot schoolgirl Malala Yousafzai last year, as their new leader yesterday.

The rise of Fazlullah, known for his fierce Islamist views, by the Taliban Shura council follows the Killing of Hakimullah Mehsud, the previous leader or ameer, in a US drone strike on November 1.

Mehsud and his allies had been tentatively open to the concept of ceasefire talks with the government, but Fazlullah's emergence as the new chief changes that picture.

"There will be no more talks as Mullah Fazlullah is already against negotiations with the Pakistan government," Shahidullah Shahid, a Taliban spokesman, told Reuters by telephone from an undisclosed location in neighbouring Afghanistan.

"All governments play double games with us. In the name of peace talks, they deceived us and killed our people. We are one hundred percent sure that Pakistan fully supports the United States in its drone

strikes."

The Pakistani Taliban insurgency is fighting to topple Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's government and impose Sharia law in the nuclear-armed nation.

No meaningful talks have taken place since Sharif's election and Fazlullah's rise could signal the start of a new period of uncertainty and violence in the already unstable region.

Speaking to Reuters, Shahid said the new ameer had taken over the decision-making process within the Taliban with immediate effect and would soon decide whether to avenge the death of Mehsud with a new campaign of bombings and killings.

Nicknamed Mullah Radio for his fier Islamicist radio broadcasts in Swat valley Fazlullah is considered hardline even within the Pakistani Taliban movement itself.

Born in 1976, he gained prominence in 2004 when he set up an underground FM radio station in the deeply conservative Swat valley to promote fundamentalist and anti-Western ideas.

Fuel rod removal

starts at Fukushima

AFP, Fukushima Daichi

Nuclear engineers in Japan are preparing to move uranium and plutonium fuel rods at Fukushima, their most difficult and dangerous task since the plant's runaway reactors were brought under control two years ago.

Tokyo Electric Power (TEPCO) is expected this month to begin removing fuel rods from a pool inside a reactor building at the tsunami-hit plant after months of setbacks and glitches.

Experts say the operation is a tricky but essential step in the decades-long decommissioning after the worst atomic accident in a generation.

But, they add, it pales in comparison with the much more complex task that awaits engineers who will have to remove the misshapen cores of three reactors that went into meltdown -- probably relying on technology that has not yet been invented.

More than 1,500 nuclear fuel assemblies -- bundles of rods -- must be pulled out of the storage pool where they were being kept when a tsunami smashed into Fukushima in March 2011.

The reactor which the pool serves -- No. 4 -- was not in operation at the time. But hydrogen from Reactor No. 3 got into the building and exploded, tearing the roof off and leaving it at the mercy of earthquakes, storms or another tsunami.

Militants kill

2 Indian cops

in Kashmir

AFP, Srinagar

Suspected militants shot dead two Indian paramilitary police yesterday in disputed Kashmir, police said.

The policemen were killed while on highway patrol in Awantipora, some 32 kilometres (20 miles) from the main city of Srinagar.

Police said the guerrillas appeared to have approached the road by river and staged the attack.

No militant group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack in the scenic Himalayan region.

A recent spike in militant attacks in Kashmir has caused alarm in India.


Career Opportunity

CARE Bangladesh invites applications from qualified candidates for the following positions for its **Tipping the Point Project** under **Women and Girls' Empowerment Program**, based in **Dhaka** and **Sunamganj**. The duration of contract is up to **December 31, 2016**.

1. **Project Manager (1 Position, Sunamganj)**
2. **Technical Coordinator – Research and M&E (1 Position, Dhaka)**
3. **Technical Coordinator – Advocacy and Communication (1 Position, Dhaka)**
4. **Monitoring and Evaluation Officer (1 Position, Sunamganj)**
5. **Project Officer (3 Positions, Sunamganj)**
6. **Technical Officer – Advocacy and Communication (1 Position, Sunamganj)**

Further details of the position and instruction are available on CARE Bangladesh website at www.carebangladesh.org; last date of application is **November 20, 2013**.

Note: ♀ Women are particularly encouraged to apply, ♂ Any persuasion will disqualify the candidates. ♂ Internal and external applicants shall be treated equally in the entire selection process, ♂ Please write the position name on top of the envelope

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RESEARCH GRANTS IN TOBACCO CONTROL

The Bangladesh Center for Communication Programs (BCCP) implements a Research Grant Program on Tobacco Control in collaboration with the Institute for Global Tobacco Control based at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, USA. BCCP is now inviting research proposals for 2014 from Bangladeshi post graduate students and researchers of public and private universities, institutions and organizations in Bangladesh. The purpose of the Grant Program is to promote tobacco control research in Bangladesh. A total of twenty grants will be offered in 2014.

The research topic must be within the priority issues of the Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use (**monitor tobacco industry activities; protect people from tobacco smoke; warn about the dangers of tobacco through mass media campaigns and health warning labels; enforce bans on tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship; raise taxes on tobacco**).

Interested applicants are requested to submit their proposals following the guidelines available at <http://www.bangladesh-ccp.org/home/topNewsDetails/18>. In the case of student applicants, proof of current university enrollment must also be submitted. A hard copy and an electronic version of the proposal should be submitted to the following address no later than 4:00 p.m. on December 15, 2013. Please mark "Student" or "Researcher" category on top of the envelope.

BCCP Tobacco Control Research Grant Program
House # 08, Road # 03, Block- A
Section -11, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216, Bangladesh
Email: btcr@bangladesh-ccp.org

China set for key

reform meeting

REUTERS, Beijing

Chinese leaders will start a four-day secret meeting today to set a reform agenda for the next decade as they try to steer the giant economy towards more sustainable growth after three decades of breakneck expansion.

President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang must unleash new growth drivers as the world's second-largest economy loses steam burdened by industrial overcapacity, piles of debt and soaring house prices.

The meeting will show just how committed the new leadership is to reform after formally coming to power in March.

Economic reforms will dominate the closed-door meeting of the 205-member Central Committee of China's ruling Communist Party. Little if any news will be released during the secret gathering, although traditionally official news agency Xinhua releases a long dispatch on the last day.

Analysts said some social and political issues could be tackled, but Western-style political reform is not on the agenda.

Yu Zhengsheng, the fourth-ranked member in the elite Politburo Standing Committee of the Communist Party, said last month the meeting would deliver "unprecedented" economic and societal reforms.

Analysts caution against high expectations as stability remains the watchword for the leadership, even amid media reports top policymakers could take bold steps to deal with entrenched vested interests, such as state monopolies.

The government has pledged to allow market forces to play a bigger role in setting the price of capital, energy and land, and to cut red-tape.

That suggests the biggest changes may be fresh measures to free up interest rates and fiscal changes to allow local governments to manage their debt better and move away from a reliance on land sales for revenues.

The meeting may also decide to loosen the household registration system, which prevents migrant workers and their families from getting access to education and social welfare outside of their home villages. The system is seen as an impediment to persuading more people to live in urban areas, a trend the government wants to encourage to boost consumption.



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VACANCY ADVERTISEMENT

EPI Divisional Coordinator			
Reference	SO-1 (IVD-24)/SSA	Level	SSA 8
Date of issue	7 November 2013	Closing date	21 November 2013
Duration	Up to 31 December 2014 (may be extendable)		
Duty Stations	Dhaka and Sylhet		
Annual Salary	BDT 1,315,716/=plus admissible allowances		
Objective of the programme			
To provide technical assistance to the government of Bangladesh in building capacity for routine immunization activities and surveillance for vaccine preventable diseases, aiming to increase access for safe immunization for all eligible age group, introduce new cost effective vaccines, respond public health emergencies, expand vaccine preventable diseases surveillance and sustain polio free status.			
Qualifications :			
Educational	Essential : MBBS and Master of Public Health or equivalent Post Graduate Degree in Public Health / Community and Social Medicine / Child Health		
	Desirable : Training in Epidemiology and diseases control		
Experience	Essential : 10 years working experience in Public Health or Preventive Medicine		
	Desirable : 4 years experience in EPI		
Computer Literacy :	Proficient in using computer software applications (MS-Office) to produce reports, prepare correspondences, composing e-mails and create multi-media software presentations.		

Note:

Applicants should submit a brief **resume** of their relevant experience and other qualifications together with 2 sets of completed **Personal History Form (PHF)**, **Verification Form** and give reasons for being suitable of the post. A Personal History Form and detailed vacancy notice can be downloaded from <http://ban.searo.who.int>. Applicants are advised to send their applications by courier/registered mail to: **The WHO Representative, House No. CWN (A) 16, Road No.48, Gulshan # 2, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh**. **A written test using computer will be held only for the short listed candidates and only qualifying candidates in written test will be requested to attend the interview. "WHO is committed to workforce diversity"**. We regret that due to large volume of applications normally received, applications cannot be acknowledged individually.



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