**German Prosecutors Seek Life Sentence for Muslim Accused of Killing Converted Woman**

BERLIN – German prosecutors have demanded a sentence of life imprisonment for an Afghan asylum seeker accused of killing a woman after she converted to Christianity.

The man repeatedly stabbed the 33-year-old Afghan woman in front of two of her children, aged 9 and 11, in April 2017, public prosecutor Oliver Moessner told the court in the southern German city of Traunstein on February 5. Moessner likened the killing to a public execution, saying that it took place outside a supermarket in the southern town of Prien am Chiemsee. Homocide carries a life term under German law, although convictions are usually released after 53 years.

The suspect had reportedly confessed to killing the woman, but 25 of the trial’s 33 subcommittees claimed he could no longer remember it. (AFP)

**Quote of the Day**

“Leadership by deception isn’t leadership. It’s fraud.”

DaShanne Stokes

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**25 Taliban Insurgents Killed in Ghazni Operation**

KABUL – The operation was launched a week ago in Deh Yak district and is being supported by the air force. At least 25 Taliban insurgents were killed in a military operation in central Ghazni province, the Provincial Police Office said in a statement on Monday.

In addition, 13 other insurgents were wounded.

The “Nakhor-e-Shamis” operation was launched a week ago in Deh Yak district of the province to clear the area of insurgents. The operation is still ongoing, it said, adding that “the air force is also supporting the forces.”

A number of weapons were also discovered during the operation, it added.

However, the statement did not provide further details. The Taliban has not yet commented about the operation. (Tolo-news)

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**Terrorist Attack on Russian Embassy in Afghanistan Foiled**

The Russian Foreign Ministry and the Embassy in Kabul have yet to comment on the information. An informed source told Spymart: Afghanistan that a terrorist attack on the Russian Embassy in Kabul has been prevented.

The source said, citing preliminary data. At the same time, media reports have been suggesting that an attack using the vehicle, (More on Pk.10)

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**Ghani Pays Late Night Visit to District Police Headquarters**

KABUL – The Russian Foreign Ministry and the Embassy in Kabul have yet to comment on the information. An informed source told Spymart: Afghanistan that a terrorist attack on the Russian Embassy in Kabul has been prevented.

According to the source, a car with explosives has been found near the building of the Russian diplomatic mission. It contained some 1,000 kg of explosives in tetryl equivalent, the source said, citing preliminary data.

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**KABUL – Government has rejected the claims and said Rahmatullah Nabil is free to travel without any restrictions.**

The week, the former head of Afghanistan’s State Security Service, has been reported to have been slapped with a travel ban by the Afghan government. However, Kabul Police Chief Mohammad Salim Ehsas welcomed Ghani to the compound and thanked him. (More on Pk.10)

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**NRC plans on partnering with small and medium enterprises or entrepreneurs to help them start or grow businesses which would create sustainable employment for displaced Afghans (returnees or internally displaced).**

Essential Criteria for The Bidders

NRC will provide in-kind or financial support to the companies/entrepreneurs who provide at least 40% of the total budget required to set up/expand the business.

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**Halala - Islamic State may be on the wane in Iraq and Syria but for Iran, the threat is still strong, centered on Kurdish communities along the Iraq-Iran border where militias have operated in recent years.**

The locals even have a nickname for the area, “Tora Bora”, after the mountain hideout of Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden flew to after the United States invaded Afghanistan in 2001, a senior Iraqi security official in the border region said.

In late January, three Revolutionary Guards were killed in the Ramo region fighting 21 Islamic State militants who had sneaked in from Iraq. Three militants detonated suicide vests and two others were killed in. (More on Pk.20)

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**Islamic State Threatens Iraq from ‘Tora Bora’ Borderlands**

HALABA - Islamic State may be on the way in Iraq and Syria but for Iran, the threat is still strong, centered on Kurdish communities along the Iraq-Iran border where militias have operated in recent years.

The office of the CEO on Monday dismissed as untrue rumors that it had slapped a travel ban on Rahmatullah Nabil, the former head of Afghanistan’s State Security Service – the National Directorate of Security (NDS). (More on Pk.23)