拜登制裁鬆手 豁免沙特王儲

Biden under pressure for tougher sanctions against Saudi crown prince



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26日發表解密報告,認定沙特阿拉伯 (Saudi Arabia) 王儲穆罕默德 (Mohammed bin Salman) 批准殺害沙特籍記者卡舒吉 (Jamal Khashoggi),美國國務院同日宣布實施「卡舒吉禁 令」("Khashoggi Ban"),將76名涉案的沙特人列 入制裁名單(sanctions list),但穆罕默德卻不在名 單內。輿論紛紛質疑拜登 (Joe Biden) 為免損害與 沙特關係,而放生穆罕默德,與前總統特朗普 (Donald Trump) 任內包庇沙特領導層如出一轍, 美國有線新聞網絡 (Cable News Network, CNN) 更直指拜登未有履行競選時矢言懲罰沙特領導層的

卡舒吉生前為美國《華盛頓郵報》(Washington Post) 撰寫專欄,經常撰文批評穆罕默德。他在 2018年進入沙特駐土耳其 (Turkey) 伊斯坦布爾 (Istanbul) 領事館後被殺害,遺體一直無法尋獲 相信遭到肢解。美國情報機關早於2018年底便向國 會(Congress)提交此案的報告,但特朗普阻止報告 公開,避免損害與沙特的關係。

承諾。沙特則全面反駁美方的報告,形容為「負

面、不實且令人無法接受」,但仍強調希望維持雙

拜登上任後,批准公開卡舒吉案的調查報告,而 在華府公開報告前夕,拜登與沙特國王薩勒曼 (Salman) 通電話,強調要鞏固兩國關係,但兩國 聲明 (statement) 均未有提及兩人曾討論有關報告。

國家情報總監辦公室的報告列出涉嫌參與殺害卡 舒吉的21人名單,包括穆罕默德的一名主要顧問及 保安人員直接參與行動,並指出自2017年以來,穆 罕默德已絕對掌控沙特的安全和情報 (intelligence) 組織,沙特官員不會在未經他批准 (authorization) 的情況下,策劃殺害卡舒吉,而穆罕默德視卡舒吉 為國家威脅(threat),支持以暴力手段令他噤聲。

報告亦指出,穆罕默德當時可能已在幕僚之間營 造一種氛圍,令他們害怕一旦未能完成獲指派的任 務,將遭到開除或逮捕,這亦説明幕僚不可能質疑 穆罕默德的命令,又或未經他同意 (consent) 就展 開敏感行動

美國國務卿(Secretary of State)布林肯(Antony Blinken) 2月26日宣布名為「卡舒吉禁令」的新政 策,列明若有人代表外國政府,傷害、威脅或監控 記者,將不獲准入境美國,華府已將涉及卡舒吉案 的76人列入黑名單,禁止他們入境。美國財政部 (Treasury Department) 則宣布對沙特情報總局 (General Intelligence Presidency) 前副局長阿希里 (Ahmad Hassan Mohammed al Asiri) ,以及沙特

快速應變部隊(Rapid Intervention Force, RIF)實 施制裁,凍結他們的資產,並禁止美國任何人與他 們進行商業交易。財政部指出,阿希里是暗殺卡舒 吉行動的元兇(ringleader),奉命攔截卡舒吉的暗 殺小組多名成員則來自 RIF,而 RIF 隸屬沙特王室衛 隊(Saudi Royal Guard),只聽命於王儲。

布林肯被記者問及穆罕默德為何不在制裁名單上 時,指拜登不欲兩國關係破裂,而是希望重新「調 整」 (recalibration) 與沙特的關係,以更符合美方 利益與價值。沙特外交部(Ministry of Foreign Affairs)批評美方的報告「不實和錯誤」,但希望兩國 持續深化戰略夥伴關係(strategic partnership)

《紐約時報》(The New York Times)報道,白 宮(White House)國安團隊曾向拜登表示,若拜登 禁止穆罕默德入境或對他提出刑事起訴,勢必破壞 (jeopardize) 兩國關係,不利美國與沙特合作反恐 (counterterrorism) 和對抗伊朗 (Iran) ,將令美方 付出極大代價。路透社 (Reuters) 分析亦指出,拜 登正小心翼翼維持與沙特的關係,原因在於他尋求 與伊朗談判重返核協議(nuclear deal),但仍倚靠 沙特制衡伊朗,並合作對抗伊斯蘭極端主義 (Islamic extremism) ,而華府推動更多阿拉伯國家與以色 列 (Israel) 建立外交關係,沙特亦可擔當關鍵角



沙特阿拉伯王儲穆罕默德

資料圖片

Q&A

- 1. 卡舒吉曾於上世紀九十年代效力於沙特哪
- 2. 穆罕默德於何時被沙特國王正式任命為新
- 3. 美沙關係建立於何時?
- 4. 沙特以生產什麼聞名?

(muəloriəq) 田(1.沙特情報局 2.2017年 3.1933年 4.石 Answer



The Office of the U. S. Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) released a newly declassified intelligence report

on 26 February assessing that Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman approved the killing of the Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi. Meanwhile, the State Department announced the "Khashoggi Ban" on the same day, imposing visa restrictions on 76 Saudi individuals involved in the case, but Mohammed was not on the sanctions list. Public criticisms suspected that Mohammed was not penalized due to the U.S. President Joe Biden's consideration of preventing any damage to the relationship with Saudi Arabia, similar to the former president Donald Trump's decision to shield the top Saudi officials from the liability. The Cable News Network (CNN) even criticized Biden for failing to keep his promise during the election campaigns to punish the Saudi leadership. The kingdom of Saudi Arabia completely rejected the assessment,

describing it as "negative, false and unacceptable" and emphasizing that it still hoped to maintain strategic partnership between both countries.

Before his death, Khashoggi wrote a monthly column in the Washington Post in which he often criticized the policies of Mohammed, and was eventually killed during a visit to the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul, Turkey in 2018, with his body missing but believed to have been mutilated. The US intelligence agency submitted a report on the case to Congress as early as the end of 2018, but the Trump administration had resisted releasing the report to avoid harming the relationship with Saudi Arabia.

Biden approved the publication of the investigative report on the Khashoggi case after he took office. Right before the report was released, he had a phone conversation with King Salman of Saudi Arabia, emphasizing the need for close ties between two countries. Yet, the statement issued by both sides did not mention about their discussions

on the report.

ODNI's report listed 21 people suspected of participating in the killing of Khashoggi, including one of Mohammed's main advisers and security personnel. It was also said that the Crown Prince had absolute control over the kingdom's security and intelligence organizations, so that the Saudi officials would not have carried out such operation to kill Khashoggi without his authorization, while Mohammed viewed Khashoggi as a threat and supported using violent measures to silence him.

It was also pointed out that the Crown Prince had probably fostered an environment at that time in which the aides were afraid that they would be fired or arrested if they failed to complete assigned tasks. This suggested that they were unlikely to question Mohammed's orders or undertake sensitive actions without his consent.

The U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken announced a new policy called "Khashoggi Ban" on 26 February, imposing visa restriction on individuals who engaged in harming, threatening or surveilling journalists on behalf of foreign governments, and the 76 people involved in killing Khashoggi had been blacklisted and barred from entering the U.S. Meanwhile, the U.S. Treasury Department rolled out new sanctions against Ahmad Hassan Mohammed al Asiri, Saudi Arabia's former deputy head of the General Intelligence Presidency, and Saudi Arabia's Rapid Intervention Force (RIF), freezing their U.S. assets and generally barring Americans from dealing with them.

The Treasury Department said that al Asiri was the ringleader of the assassination, and several members of the hit squad that murdered Khashoggi came from the RIF, a subset of the Saudi Royal Guard answering only to the Crown Prince.

When asked why Mohammed was not on the sanctions list, Blinken said that Biden did not want to break the core relationship with Saudi Arabia but hoped for a "recalibration" of the relationship with the kingdom in line with

the interests and values of the U. S. Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs criticized the U.S. report as "false and inaccurate", but hoped that both sides could continue to deepen their strategic partnership.

According to The New York Times, the national security team of the White House advised Biden that the decision to ban Mohammed from entering the U. S. or file criminal charges against him would inevitably jeopardize the strategic relationship between both countries, forcing the U.S. to bear a high cost in terms of Saudi cooperation on counterterrorism and in confronting Iran. Reuters also pointed out that Biden had been cautiously maintaining friendly relations with Saudi Arabia as he aimed at re-engaging Iran in the nuclear deal negotiations, but still needed to count on Saudi Arabia as a counter weight against Iran and Islamic extremism, while the kingdom could also play a key role in the Biden administration's desire to help Israel strengthen diplomatic ties with some Arab countries.

銀行分三類 業務大不同

大譯站

●龐嘉儀

最近跟學生通電話,知道他應徵一家銀行的管理培訓 生職位(俗稱MT),可惜無功而還。我問他有沒有做 好準備工夫,因為我常常跟同學們說:「世界上最厲害 的『工夫』,就是準備工夫。」他説雖然做了準備工 夫,了解一家銀行的業務,但對主考官提出的多條問 題,卻不懂得怎樣回答。我再三向他追問銀行的名稱, 才恍然大悟,再告訴他:「這不是一家持牌銀行,而是 一家有限制牌照銀行。」他知道我又在説「火星文」, 立時愣住了。

我接着説:「香港是國際金融中心,而銀行又可是金 融系統中最重要的一環,但『銀行』一詞的定義,卻比 一般人想像中複雜得多。根據《銀行業條例》 (Banking Ordinance),香港有三類金融機構可以接受客戶的 存款,這些機構統稱認可機構(Authorized Institutions / AI)。」請各位注意,這裏的AI不是人工智能,是認 可機構

他接着問:「那麼AI有哪三類呢?」我說:「第一類 AI叫持牌銀行(Licensed Banks),也就是一般人所理 解的銀行,是香港唯一可經營銀行業務的機構,客戶存 款期和存款額均不受限制。這個用語經常與『銀行』一 詞交替使用。第二類 AI 叫有限制牌照銀行(Restricted Licence Banks),也就是你應徵的那一家。有限制牌照 銀行可接受公眾人士50萬港元及以上的定期存款、短期 通知存款或通知存款,存款期不受限制。有限制牌照銀 行從事商人銀行業務及資本市場活動,業務範圍跟一般

的持牌銀行不盡相同。相信你當初以為這家『銀行』跟 一般的銀行沒有分別,沒有好好掌握相關知識,所以對 主考官的提問一頭霧水。第三類AI叫接受存款公司 (Deposit-taking Companies) ,只可接受金額在10萬港 元或以上、原定期限最少為3個月的存款。」

細閱《銀行業條例》第二條,大家便會發現「銀行」 這個大家每天都掛在口邊的名詞,在法律上是有定義 的。持有有效銀行牌照的公司,方可稱之為銀行。香港 所有主體法例 (Principal Ordinance) 都是中英對照 的,中英文本具有同等法律效力。如果某個財經術語同 時在法例中出現,大家翻譯的時候便要按照相應的中文 名稱。所以銀行、持牌銀行、有限制牌照銀行、接受存 款公司等名詞不僅僅是財經術語,也是法律名詞。要找 出這些術語的正確中文名稱,不能光靠翻詞典或者上 網,而是要登入電子版香港法律的官方網站。這裏順帶 一提,為了建立和更新這個網站,特區政府相關部門的 同事花了很多心血,我真的要感謝他們。有了這個網 站,不論是文字工作者還是一般市民,想知道香港法律 和法律名詞中英對照的內容,可以説是順手拈來。

我跟這位同學説:「你可記得我常常強調,翻譯和會 議傳譯不僅僅是語言能力的問題,也是知識的問題。像 『銀行』這樣簡單的一個名詞,背後原來大有學問。」

同學接着説:「我下星期會應徵另一份工作,是投資 銀行的 MT。」我馬上告訴他:「投資銀行不是銀 行。」同學接着問:「那麼投資銀行是什麼?」我回答 説:「下次告訴你。」

註:本文部分資料來自香港金融管理局網頁(https:// www.hkma.gov.hk/chi/data-publications-and-research/ guide-to-monetary-banking-and-financial-terms/)



霧,有很多種,例如香港春天常見的平流霧,一 般在嚴冬天氣才有機會出現的蒸氣霧,還有今次想 跟大家介紹的輻射霧。

面在白天吸收到的熱能,晚上會以紅外線形式釋放 到太空,地面溫度會隨之下降,這就是輻射冷卻。

影片截圖

輻射霧

跌溫相對沒那麼顯著

若晚間較多雲,部分熱能會折返地面,跌溫相對沒那麼顯著,這時輻射霧就較難形成。

要談輻射霧怎樣形成,就一定要提輻射冷卻。地

由於溫度下降,接近地面的空氣會冷卻,水汽會凝 結成懸浮在空氣中的小水點,就會見到輻射霧。

在天朗氣清及風勢微弱的晚上,散熱比較快,輻 射冷卻會較為明顯;相反,若晚間較多雲,部分熱 能會折返地面,跌溫相對沒那麼顯著,這時輻射霧 就較難形成。

除了看溫度,亦要看時機,因輻射霧多在晚間至 日出時分出現,日出後當溫度上升,很多時就會逐

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