

LAMPIRAN

Kasus 1

高1男子自殺：体育館内の倉庫で首つる 大阪・豊中

27日午前6時45分ごろ、大阪府豊中市利倉東1の私立大商学園高校の体育館内の倉庫で、1年生の男子生徒（16）＝兵庫県宝塚市＝が首をつって死亡しているのを男性教諭（40）が発見した。遺書などは見つかっていないが、生徒は成績を巡り悩んでいたといい、府警豊中南署は自殺とみて調べている。

調べでは、生徒は放送部に所属。体育館3階にある放送室内の倉庫で、天井付近のパイプに柔道着の帯を巻きつけ、首をつっていた。年明けから成績などで悩み、「進級できるかどうか分からない。死にたい」などと家族に話していた。26日朝、自宅で生徒が柔道着の帯を持って自分の部屋に入ろうしたのを見た母親が不安に思って声をかけると、「変なことはしないから」と言って登校したという。

また、同校の説明によると、3月5日からの期末試験を前に、数学の担当教諭が26日午後4時過ぎ、数学の成績が十分でない、この生徒を含む1年生数十人を集め、「試験をがんばるように」と激励したという。

男子生徒は英語を重点的に学習する商業科インターナショナルコースに入り、数学以外の成績は良かったという。

生徒が26日深夜になっても帰宅しないため、家族が県警宝塚署に捜索願を出していた。

毎日新聞 2007年2月27日 12時48分 （最終更新時間 2月27日 13時14分）

Kasus 2

Saturday, Sept. 2, 2006

Boy jumps to death over homework?

KOBE (Kyodo) A 13-year-old boy was found dead in the courtyard of a condominium building in Kobe early Friday morning, and police said they suspect he jumped off the building on the day his school resumed after summer vacation.

The boy was last seen by his mother studying at around 1 a.m., and his parents told police the boy seemed anxious because he had not finished his summer homework assignment, police officials said.

The junior high school student was found bleeding from his head by another resident of the building in Suma Ward, where the boy lived with his family, at around 4:50 a.m.

The junior high school the boy went to said it made students submit their homework on Aug. 25 and told those who had not yet finished to turn it in on Friday.

The school principal said: "The student was good-natured and serious. I have not heard that he was bullied. It is sad and painful when I think about his family."

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Junior high school boy hangs self from telegraph pole

IMABARI, Ehime -- A junior high school boy has hanged himself from a telegraph pole after leaving a note that suggested he was bullied at school, local education officials said.

A passerby found the boy, a first grader at a public junior high school in Imabari, hanging from a telegraph pole a few kilometers from his home on Aug. 17.

A note found in his desk at home read, "I have become tired of living because I have been offended by being called 'poor' and a 'thief.' "

"I heard that the student was sensitive since his elementary school days," the principal of his junior high school said. "But I didn't know he was so troubled as to commit suicide. I sincerely regret what happened."

Officials at the unnamed junior high school explained what happened to students in a meeting on Aug. 18 and asked whether any of them were troubled.

Officials at the Imabari Municipal Board of Education admitted that the student had been abused verbally at school. They added that he had been verbally bullied since around when he was a fourth grader at elementary school, and that school officials had been carefully watching him.

The number of students at the junior high school is less than 100, and most of them graduated from the same elementary school.
The superintendent of education in Imabari said that the municipal government would review measures against bullying. (Mainichi)
August 24, 2006

Kasus 4

Shizuoka principal commits suicide

SHIZUOKA (Kyodo) A junior high school principal in Shizuoka Prefecture was found hanged Sunday morning in what police suspect was suicide.

Investigators believe Mitsuihiro Ikegami, 58, principal of Shimizu Dairoku Junior High School, killed himself over the death last week of a student who was crushed by a soccer goal on school grounds.

Ikegami's wife found her husband hanged in the living room of his home in the city of Shizuoka at around 8 a.m., police said, adding a note addressed to his family has been found.

The Japan Times: Jan. 19, 2004

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衰弱させる病気は端上のTVの celeb を押す

Kimie Osugi は彼女の優雅なアパートの上からの彼女の死に跳躍した。
Kimie Osugi は空中渡に当たった時はいつでも日本の女性 TV アナウンサーが明るく、快活泡だらけであると期待される方法を予告した。
しかし彼女の chirpy 人格のために知られていた 43 年古い「元の偶像のアナウンサー」は金曜日 (2/23) に従って彼女を取るように生命を所有するために最終的に彼女を運転するようである暗黒面を隠していた。
Osugi は 2 月 2 日の早い時間の東京の swank の Hiroo 地区の彼女の優雅なアパートの上からの彼女の死に跳躍した。彼女は 10 年 10 月に夫の後ろで去年耐えられた彼女の後輩および待ち焦がれた幼い息子去った。
巧妙なキャリアによって、彼女が彼女の所有物、それを最終的に慕った子供および愛情のある家族はようである Osugi にのために住むすべてが

あったことを。しかし彼女はまた fibromyositis と呼ばれた crippling 病気によって負った。

「Fibromyositis は筋肉、接合箇所および背部に影響を与える徹底的に頭痛によって影響される患者の約60%の病気またである。何人かの患者の発言はボディにナイフの切断のよう引き起こす苦痛であり、時としてある従って苦痛種類の仕事を」、奈りにも堅く Fujita の健康大学の教授、Mifuji 松本することはなり、日本の顕著な fibromyositis の専門家は、金曜日を言う。

「規則的な鎮痛剤病気でほとんど動作しないが、anti-depressants の小さい線量は有効であると証明した時として」。

彼女が東京の Suginami-ku で生まれた場合の彼女が知られていたと同時に Osugi、か Rikkyo 上品な大学へ動く前に upmarket 女の子の学校出席される Kimie 鈴木。彼女は 1987 年にアナウンサーとして NTV を結核した。主として頭部をうなずかせていた他のメスの実行者から彼女を際立たせる結核された切迫した超出力の状態だったためまいがする 1 それからようであるもので Kimie そして鈴木のかわいい一見、快活な人格および経済遊ぶことの安定した日から変わる日本TVの世界はに西とつかまえる。

彼女はすぐにかなりラテンの基盤を造り上げ、彼女の息もつけないにのスクリーン以外の人格あった「偶像アナウンサーとして分類された彼女が」。

スクリーンに、彼女は昔 Takeshi およびジョージ Tokoro を含む日本の showbiz の最も大きい名前いくつかのプログラムを、共催し、変化、ニュースおよびTVのショッピング広い分野で取り組んだ。

しかしアナウンサーのキャリアが活気づく間、彼女の私生活は、無教養な媒体に提供した飼料を除いて有益ように近くどこもあった。1995年に約束はすぐに打ち切られた。

別の人への結婚 -- 上の不動産セールスマン -- 次の年は来たが、使用中のカップルが実現した 2001年に離婚で終わった仕事はそれらを奈りに長くのための互いから離れた保っていたことを。

事は彼女が党に行き、上の広告代理店の広告の人に出くわしたときに、次の年を、けれども取り始めた。愛は咲き、彼らは結局結婚した。4 か月前に、彼らは最終的にずっと幾年もの間得ることを試みていた子供がいた。

「彼女の最初結婚の間に、彼女は鈴木の子供の旧姓の下で働き続けたが彼女が彼女の新しい夫との愛にそうあったので彼女が 2 回目に」、アナウンサーの親友を言う金曜日を結婚したときに Osugi にすぐに変わった。

「彼女は行き渡るのが常であり皆に、「今回、私の夫の実際にのような事を種類言う。」」

TVのショッピングプログラムのOsugiを使用したレポーターのNorikoの障子、「大胆な」特性のスポーク。

「彼女は適切なしつかりとなかったし、すべてのアナウンサーの基本原則が、常にし、懸命に彼女が働かせるいかに舞台裏の乗組員の必要性に注意を払わなかったそして一度堅い」事レポーターについて決して呟いた言う。

「彼女が病気になったときに彼女に病院の訪問を支払うことを行っている私達のグループの話があったが彼女は私達の計画の風を得、それを心配しないように私達に言った。事後考察によって、私は彼女が誰でもに彼女の病気が彼女を」。衰弱させたかどの位見てほしくなかったことを推測する

金曜日(2/23)

Osugiの友達(彼女)は彼女を戦闘機、明るくおよび鋭い電話することで合意だった。しかし他の意見が、余りにあった。

「彼女はあり、私は最も素晴らしく可能な方法でこれを意味すると、実際に自慢して、意欲的、そして誰でもに彼女の弱さを示すことを断られて」もう一人の友人は言う。

金曜日はOsugiがfibromyositisと来た後、彼女が友人と交換した電子メールの量は徹底的に多産の手紙作家がペーパーにやっとなペンを置いたら減ったと言ひ。彼女は彼女の出現がそれらに感じをいかに残すか彼女が心配したので他に連絡することを止めた。(Ryann Connell 著)

2007年2月9日

Kasus 6

Friday, May 16, 2003

Archaeologist's suicide costs magazine

OITA (Kyodo) The publisher of the Shukan Bunshun weekly magazine was given a court order Thursday to pay 6.6 million yen in damages and print an apology to the family of an archaeologist who committed suicide to "protest" an article that suggested findings from a dig he led were faked.

The Oita District Court determined that Shukan Bunshun, in a series of articles between January and March 2001, insinuated that Mitsuo Kagawa, a professor

emeritus of Beppu University, was involved in fabricating stone tool findings from the Hijiridaki cave in Honjo, Oita Prefecture.

The magazine said it would probably appeal the ruling, arguing the articles did not accuse the professor himself of fabrication.

In 1962, a team of archaeologists led by Kagawa announced that the Hijiridaki cave remains belonged to the Paleolithic period. But when another team re-examined the remains in 1999, it said it could not confirm that the remains actually belonged to that period.

After the magazine ran the articles, which withheld specific names, the 78-year-old Kagawa hanged himself at his home in March 2001, leaving a note reading, "I would like my death to be a sign of protest."

His family later filed a suit against Bungeishunju Co., publisher of the weekly magazine, seeking 55 million yen in damages and demanding that the magazine run an apology.

In the ruling, presiding Judge Keiji Suda determined that the series of articles "cannot be considered to represent the truth."

The judge said Kagawa took actions "that would not have normally been taken if he was involved in the fabrication," including raising doubts over the stone tools, which were excavated alongside ancient human remains, and organizing a study session to re-examine the tools.

The court also ruled that the magazine lacked substantial reason to believe that Kagawa was involved in the fabrication. If the magazine's reporters had talked to other members of the excavation team, they would have harbored doubts over whether Kagawa was involved in the fabrication, according to the ruling.

Lawyers for Kagawa's family hailed the ruling, saying they appreciate the court's criticism of the magazine's "immature" reporting.

Seigo Kimata, editor in chief of Shukan Bunshun, meanwhile protested the ruling.

"We only sought to establish whether someone had tampered with the discovery at Hijiridaki cave, and not one line of the articles say that Mr. Kagawa was involved," Kimata said. "The ruling is too emotional, and we have no choice but to appeal."

The Japan Times

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Cup organizer hangs himself

Preparation duties prove too much for Senegal liaison

SHIZUOKA (Kyodo) A 52-year-old city official in Shizuoka Prefecture tasked with arranging training facilities for Senegal's national soccer team ahead of the upcoming World Cup finals committed suicide Saturday, police said Monday.

According to investigative sources, family members of Osamu Okamura, a chief in the sports promotion section of the Fujieda municipal office, found him hanging in his barn on Saturday morning.

He had used an electric cord to kill himself.

Okamura was rushed to a nearby hospital even though he was already dead, investigators said, adding he had left a suicide note at his home.

Okamura reportedly said in the note that he could not handle his job.

City officials said Okamura had been transferred to the sports promotion section last month and was doubling as the deputy manager of a committee handling the training camp in the city.

With the details of the training camp having not been finalized until immediately before the team's arrival early this month, Okamura had been working an extremely demanding schedule, his colleagues said.

They added that Okamura had experienced difficulties in liaising with Senegalese officials, saying they "worked differently." They also said he had complained of insomnia.

"(Okamura's) wife was saying that her husband came home late every night and he was exhausted," said a housewife living in his neighborhood. "I cannot believe (his suicide). It's so shocking."

A 47-year-old man, who was Okamura's friend since high school, said Okamura looked pale when they met on the night before his death.

"He said he had been assigned to a totally new task since April and complained that he had to work a lot even on weekends."

Okamura, who was a member of the city office soccer team, had asked to be moved to the sports promotion division in the fall.

The Senegal national team arrived in Fujieda on Friday.

It is scheduled to leave the city Wednesday to play in a friendly match in the city of Tottori before heading off to play its first-round matches at venues in South Korea.

Meanwhile, Okamura's suicide sent a shock through a number of municipal bodies hosting training camps for foreign teams, which are in a last-minute frenzy preparing to receive World Cup competitors.

"I was surprised," said Koji Ishitobi, chief official at Izumo, Shimane Prefecture, who oversees the city's efforts to host the Ireland national team. He said the suicide struck close to home "because we also work past midnight everyday for preparation."

Some 15 officials at the municipal office of Tsuna, Hyogo Prefecture, are also working until the wee hours to prepare to host the England team.

"We have been coordinating efforts with officials from the England football association, but a lot of things remain unfixed at this last moment," said Masatami Kasayama, the official of the general affairs section.

"I think other municipal governments are also facing a growing list of unexpected tasks."

The Japan Times: Tuesday, May 21, 2002

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Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005

Tokyo mum on diplomat suicide report

The government confirmed Tuesday that a Japanese employee at the consulate general in Shanghai died last year but declined to confirm a newspaper report he committed suicide and left a note indicating he was being pressured to give the Chinese information.

The man died May 6, Chief Cabinet Secretary Shinzo Abe told a news conference, adding the government would heed a family request and not disclose the cause or other details of the death.

Abe spoke in general terms about the government's position if a suicide takes place at a diplomatic mission.

"Generally speaking, the host country is expected to treat a consul with due respect and take every measure to prevent any breach of the consul's physical freedom and dignity. There should be no menace or exertion of illegal pressure against a consul," he said.

"And also generally speaking, if this kind of incident occurs, we deal with it appropriately, including lodging a protest against the government of the country concerned."

The Yomiuri Shimbun reported that the man, an engineer in his 40s, was in charge of official telegrams at the Shanghai consulate.

The paper said he committed suicide in May and left a note indicating he was being pressured by a Chinese man to reveal consular information, including the names of staff and the flights used to send diplomatic documents to Japan.

The Yomiuri said the Chinese man was probably an intelligence agent.

Ministry defends not telling Koizumi of diplomat's suicide

The Foreign Ministry on Wednesday defended its actions in not informing the Prime Minister's office about the 2004 suicide of a Japanese diplomat in Shanghai.

Yoshinori Katori, the ministry's press secretary, told a press conference the ministry did not report the case to the Prime Minister's office because it judged it was responsible for handling it.

The matter was reported to the office only after it came to light last month when Japanese media reported that a diplomat at the Japanese Consulate General in Shanghai had committed suicide, he said. The victim was reportedly in charge of encrypted communications and, reports said, was being blackmailed, over his affair with a hostess, into providing classified intelligence to Chinese agents.

The weekly magazine Shukan Bunshun reported that China threatened to make revelations about the relationship between the cryptographer and a woman he had met in Shanghai unless he provided Chinese intelligence agents with information on how to decode confidential communications.

In May 2004, the diplomat killed himself, leaving a note indicating he was under pressure to provide China with consular information.

A new article on the case published by the magazine this week said Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi was "infuriated" at not being told about the incident.

Katori was reacting to remarks by Chief Cabinet Secretary Shinzo Abe who said in his press briefing earlier in the day that the Prime Minister's office was "not informed soon after the incident."

Abe also indicated the need to review whether such cases need to be reported to the prime minister's office.

"The ministry did what ought to be done," Katori said, claiming the ministry took appropriate steps over the matter by issuing protests to China several times and seeking information on the suicide.

He did not elaborate on how many times the ministry lodged protests or at what level.

Japan said last month that it believes "regrettable actions" by Chinese security personnel were behind the suicide, saying they are in violation of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, which guarantees the inviolability of diplomats.

Japan had since been asking China for information.

China has slammed Japan's allegation, calling it "vicious" behavior that taints China's image.

The Japan Times: Jan. 12, 2006

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Saturday, March 23, 2002

Two police officers commit suicide in separate incidents

A senior police officer in Shizuoka Prefecture and an assistant police inspector in Toyama Prefecture committed suicide with handguns in separate incidents Friday. Hideki Shibata, 27, shot himself in the head at around 3:05 a.m. in the handgun storehouse of Arai Police Station in Arai, Shizuoka Prefecture.

The other officer, identified only as a 52-year-old male, shot himself in the head in the handgun storehouse of the Toyama Prefectural Police headquarters.

Shibata was working a night shift, which started at 2 a.m., when he killed himself. His partner was in the dining hall and three other officers were sleeping when the incident occurred, police sources said.

Shibata was transferred Wednesday from the police affairs division of the station to the community safety division. He was said to have told colleagues he felt uneasy about the transfer.

The Toyama officer was found by a colleague at around 10:05 a.m. who first heard gunshots. The officer was taken to a local hospital but died shortly afterward.

He had earlier asked for his handgun in order to clean it before his scheduled transfer from the prefectural headquarters later this month to Oyabe Police Station, police said.

He had been visiting a local hospital after complaining of various ailments such as insomnia since around October, police sources said.

Sumio Ogake, a senior department official, denied the suicide may have been linked to a scandal last September in which a former Toyama Prefectural Police chief and another senior officer allegedly covered up illegal drug use by a police informer.

Both officers have pleaded guilty and are on trial at the Toyama District Court.

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Pikiran Rakyat

Bandung, Selasa 29 Mei 2007

MENTERI GANTUNG DIRI

TOKYO, (PR).-

Menteri Pertanian Jepang, Toshikatsu Matsuoka (62), gantung diri di apartemennya, di Tokyo, Senin (28/5). Ia ditemukan sudah tidak sadarkan diri dan tewas ketika dilarikan ke rumah sakit.

Aksi bunuh diri anggota Kabinet Perdana Menteri Shinzo Abe itu terjadi beberapa jam sebelum diperiksa parlemen atas kasus skandal dana politik dan kontrak bermasalah. Matsuoka gantung diri menggunkan rantai anjing di kusen pintu ruang tamunya dan saat ditemukan masih mengenakan piyama.

Kematian Matsuoka merupakan pukulan berat bagi Abe dan pemerintahannya. Popularitasnya menurun di tengah mencuatnya skandal dana politik dan kontrak bermasalah. Abe berusaha keras mempertahankan Matsuoka, politikus yang membantunya dalam meniti karier di tubuh partai berkuasa, Partai Liberal Demokrat (LDP).

“Sungguh tidak disangka dan saya sangat menyesalkan perbuatannya. Saya berdoa semoga arwahnya dapat beristirahat dengan damai. Saya sempat melihat wajahnya yang lembut penuh kedamaian,” kata Abe yang terlihat masih tercengang atas peristiwa bunuh diri menterinya itu.

Abe mengungkapkan, Matsuoka merupakan menteri yang ahli di bidangnya. Dengan kerja keras, ia berhasil meningkatkan ekspor produk pertanian Jepang ke berbagai negara, termasuk Cina.

Akan tetapi, Abe menolak memberikan keterangan terperinci tentang dampak politik dari aksi itu, meski tahu Matsuoka akan diperiksa.

Menurut media massa setempat, dua komite yang mendukung kampanye pemilihannya diduga menerima dana dari kelompok pengusaha, yang kemudian dihadiahkan proyek-proyek umum dari pemerintah.

Pekan lalu, jaksa menahan dua pejabat senior pemerintah yang terlibat dalam skandal tersebut, termasuk kontrak-kontrak pembangunan jalan hutan di kawasan kampung halaman Matsuoka.

“Sebagai seorang menteri, saya benar-benar bertanggung jawab. Saya yakin hal itu tidak akan terulang lagi,” kata Matsuoka kepada wartawan setelah penangkapan kedua pejabat senior itu, Jumat (25/5).

Sejauh ini, di Jepang terdapat lebih dari 300.000 orang bunuh diri sehingga angka rata-rata bunuh diri di negara itu menempati peringkat tertinggi di dunia.

Matsuoka, seorang menteri karier dipersalahkan atas kasus dan sebesar 29 juta yen (sekitar Rp 2,16 miliar) yang dianggarkan untuk biaya pemeliharaan dan pembelian peralatan di kantornya.

Sebenarnya, ia memang tidak wajib memberikan laporan khusus tentang pengeluaran biaya itu, tetapi oposisi mendesak Matsuoka memberikan penjelasan karena gedung perkantornya masih dikelola oleh pemerintah.

Oposisi semula merencanakan akan mempertanyakan masalah tersebut kepada Matsuoka itu pada sidang di parlemen, Senin kemarin.

Popularitas Turun

Sementara itu, tajuk rencana surat kabar Jepang menyebutkan bahwa skandal tersebut merupakan salah satu faktor menurunnya popularitas pemerintahan PM Abe.

Menurut surat kabar Mainichi Shimbun, dukungan terhadap kabinet Abe turun menjadi 32 persen atau anjlok 11 poin dari April dan merupakan angka terendah semenjak Abe dilantik menjadi PM pada September tahun lalu.

Kondisi itu menimbulkan pertanyaan atas anggapan bahwa Abe akan meraih kemenangan telak pada pemilihan umum nasional, Juli mendatang.

Sebagai PM Jepang termuda pasca-Perang Dunia II, Abe (52) berusaha menghapus persepsi bahwa ia tidak mampu mengendalikan kelompok senior di tubuh partainya yang telah berkuasa di Jepang sejak tahun 1955.

Dua ajudan Abe mengundurkan diri akhir tahun lalu dalam skandal terpisah, sementara menteri-menteri lainnya telah berbuat kesalahan. (Rtr/AFP/net/A-50)***

松岡農相：議員宿舎で首つり 遺書見つかる

インタビューに答える松岡利勝氏＝東京都千代田区の農林水産省で06年9月、馬場理沙撮影

28日午後0時半ごろ、東京都港区赤坂2の衆院赤坂議員宿舎1102号の自室で、松岡利勝農相（62）が首をつっているのを秘書らが見つ

119番した。救急隊員が駆けつけたが心肺停止状態で、搬送先の慶応大病院（新宿区）で、同日午後2時に死亡が確認された。室内から遺書が見つかっており、警視庁赤坂署は自殺とみて関係者から事情を聴いている。松岡農相は事務所の政治資金問題や官製談合事件で告発された「緑資源機構」の関連団体からの献金問題で野党から追及され、世論からも批判を浴びていた。

調べによると、松岡農相は高さが2メートル超のリビングのドアの上部に布製のひもをかけ、パジャマ姿で首をつっていた。死因は窒息死だった。同署員が到着した際にはひもが切れ、松岡農相は床に下ろされていた。

同署などによると、松岡農相は同日午前11時に外出する予定だった。正午を過ぎても姿を見せなかったため、秘書と警視庁の警護官（SP）が室内に入ろうとしたが、玄関が施錠されていた。別の秘書が取りに行った合鍵を使って午後0時20分ごろ室内に入り、首をつっている松岡農相を発見した。午前10時ごろ、秘書が室内で話をしており、松岡農相はその後に自殺したとみられる。

同病院によると、午後0時42分に救急隊が現場に到着した際には既に心肺停止状態だった。心臓マッサージや人工呼吸をしながら救急車で搬送、同病院救急部で蘇生術を続けたが、午後2時に死亡が確認された。

農林水産省によると、松岡農相はこの日、午後1時40分から国会内で開かれる参院決算委員会に出席する予定だった。午前中に省内で同省幹部と事前の打ち合わせをするはずだったが、姿を見せなかったという。

松岡農相は自らの資金管理団体の光熱水費を巡る不明朗な処理で世論の批判を受け、野党から追及されていた。官製談合で刑事事件に発展した農水省所管の独立行政法人・緑資源機構の関連団体から献金を受けていたことも発覚。自民党内からも辞任を求める声が出ていた。

松岡農相は衆院熊本3区選出。90年に衆院選に立候補し初当選。05年に6選を果たし、昨年9月の安倍内閣発足時に農相に就任した。【佐々木洋、荻田伸宏、鳴海崇】

農水省は28日、松岡利勝農相の葬儀日程を明らかにした。密葬は30日正午、熊本県阿蘇市内牧166の浄信寺。喪主は妻初美（はつみ）さん。

松岡農相自殺：遺書に「迷惑かけた」 首相らにあて8通

参院予算委開会前に安倍晋三首相（下）に歩み寄り言葉を交わす松岡利勝農相＝国会内で3月13日午後0時59分、藤井太郎撮影

東京都港区の衆院赤坂議員宿舎の自室で首をつって自殺を図り、心肺停止状態だった松岡利勝農相（62）は28日午後2時、搬送先の慶応大病院（新宿区）で死亡が確認された。死因は窒息死で、安倍晋三首相らにあてた8通の遺書が見つかり、「ご迷惑をおかけして申し訳ありません」などと書かれていた。警視庁赤坂署は自殺と断定している。

調べでは、松岡農相はリビングのドア（高さ2メートル超）のちょうつがいには布製のひもをかけ、パジャマ姿で首をつっていた。同署員が到着した時点でひもが切られ、松岡農相は床に下ろされていた。近くに高さ約30センチの脚立が置かれており、踏み台に使ったらしい。

遺書はリビングルームのテーブルの上に整然と並べられていた。うち6通は茶封筒に入れられ封がされていた。封書の1通は「親展 総理大臣安倍晋三殿」と表に書かれた首相あての遺書で、他に縁せき関係にある島根県選出の景山俊太郎参院議員、小林芳雄・農水事務次官や青山豊久農相秘書官らにあてたものもあった。封書の裏には松岡農相の名前が書かれていた。

また「国民の皆様 後援会の皆様」と題された同省のA4判の便せんには「私自身の不明不徳のいたすところで誠に申し訳ない。ご迷惑をおかけしておわび申し上げます」と記されていた。もう1枚の便せんは発見者のために書かれたものとみられ、「内情については家内がよく知っています。それは家内だけが知っている場所にあるので探さないで下さい」という趣旨の文章が書かれていた。

国民あての便せんには「平成19年5月28日」と日付が記されていた。松岡農相がボールペンで自分で書いたとみられ、文字に乱れはなかったという。テーブルの上にはボールペンも置いてあった。

松岡農相は28日午後0時15分から同省で幹部と打ち合わせをする予定だった。外出予定時間を過ぎても姿を見せなかったため、同18分に秘書官と警視庁の警護官（SP）が室内に入ろうとしたが、玄関が施錠されていた。公設第2秘書が持っていた合鍵を使って同20分ごろ室内に入り、首をつっている松岡農相を発見した。午前10時ごろ、第2秘書が玄関でパジャマ姿の農相と立ち話をしており、その後に自殺したとみられる。

同病院によると、午後0時42分に救急隊が到着した際には農相は既に心肺停止状態だった。心臓マッサージや人工呼吸をしながら救急車で搬送、同病院救急部で蘇生術を継続したが、心臓が動き出す兆候はなかった。午後2時に治療を打ち切り、同時刻に死亡を確認した。【鈴木泰広、佐々木洋、荻田伸宏】

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Loan shark victim tried cops, lawyers before suicide

OSAKA (Kyodo) A 65-year-old man in Kaizuka, Osaka Prefecture, who committed suicide earlier this month left a note lamenting that he had been hounded by loan sharks, and police and lawyers "were of no help," it was learned Friday.

According to police, the man was apparently the victim of a type of fraud in which he was sent unsolicited cash and then told to repay the money at high interest. He had contacted police three times this month, and officers told him to ignore the demands for repayment and not pay any money. Investigators said they would begin tracking down the party who sent the cash and harassed the man on suspicion of violating the law regulating such financial transactions, including deposits and interest.

Police said the victim was found dead inside a parked car on a street in the city at around 8:20 a.m. on Sept. 17. He apparently hanged himself with a rope tied to a handle above the window. He had left four suicide notes, addressed to his family and to police, in which he said he could no longer bear the loan shark harassment.

The victim, who lived with his wife, was sent 20,000 yen in cash in the mail in June last year after receiving a phone call from a man speaking in a Kanto region dialect who said he had heard the man was having money problems.

Since then, the victim repeatedly got phone calls demanding he pay 15,000 yen every month. The bank account to which he was told to make remittances to was often changed, and police said they suspect he had paid some 200,000 yen by the time of his suicide.

Harassing phone calls were also made to his neighbors, police said, and right before his death the man was quoted as apologizing to them for the trouble and telling them he had contacted police and a lawyer and "there should be no problem in the future."

According to Kaizuka police, the man had come to them saying his lawyer was unable to track down the loan shark who had sent the money, and he wanted the authorities to help.

Police claimed they handled the case properly "within the bounds of common sense."

In June 2003, three people in the city of Yao, Osaka Prefecture, committed suicide after being victimized by loan sharks. Outrage over the incident led to enactment the following month of legislation that stiffened penalties against usury and lenders operating illegally.

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Elderly couple found dead in apartment in apparent murder-suicide

OSAKA -- An 80-year-old man and his 77-year-old wife were found dead in an apartment in the Osaka city of Hirakata early Monday, apparently after the man killed his wife and then committed suicide, police said.

Police said a 41-year-old man made an emergency call at about 8:50 p.m. on Monday, saying, "My father has hanged himself and my mother's also dead."

When police arrived at the home, they found the strangled body of the man's 77-year-old mother on a bed. His 80-year-old father was also dead, hanging from an air conditioner pipe. Both of them were dressed in their pajamas.

Investigators said five people lived in the household. At the time of the deaths, the 41-year-old man was out working.

The man's mother was reportedly suffering from dementia, and his father had worried about looking after her for some time. Police suspect that the father had decided to kill his wife and then commit suicide because he was struggling to take care of her. Police have not found any suicide note. (Mainichi)

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