



This picture taken by eyewitness Martha Guidoni with her cellphone and provided by the Montana Standard shows a small, single-engine plane bursting into flames in Holy Cross Cemetery on Sunday just south of the Bert Mooney Airport in Butte, Montana.

## 7 kids among 14 killed in US plane crash

AP, Butte

A single engine turboprop airplane nose-dived into a cemetery as it approached the Butte airport Sunday afternoon, killing 14 people aboard, a federal official said.

The number of those dead was confirmed by Karen Byrd, an FAA operations officer in Renton, Wash. Byrd said the death toll included seven adults and seven children.

The plane was believed to be taking its occupants on a ski trip to Montana. The death toll originally had been put as high as 17.

The aircraft crashed and burned at Holy Cross Cemetery, 500 feet short of Bert Mooney

Airport in Butte, said FAA spokesman Mike Ferguson.

"We think that it was probably a ski trip for the kids," Ferguson said.

An investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board offered few details at a press conference in Butte Sunday night. No cause of the crash was given.

"We are just beginning our investigation," said Kristi Dunks. "We don't have a lot of information at this time."

"Certain family members were contacted," she said. "At this point, I don't have an exact number."

A California newspaper, the Napa Valley Register, reported on its Web site late Sunday that a family of five from St. Helena, California, including three preschoolers, was among the victims.

Dunks would not say if there had been a distress call from the pilot. It was partly cloudy, the visibility was 10 miles and winds were blowing from the north-west around 10 mph at the time of the crash, according to hourly temperature information from the National Weather Service.

The aircraft had departed from Oroville, California, and the pilot had filed a flight plan showing a destination of Bozeman, about 85 miles southeast of Butte. But the pilot cancelled his flight plan at some point and headed for Butte, Ferguson said.

## Pope urges Africans to fight poverty

AFP, Luanda

Pope Benedict XVI on Monday made a new call for African leaders to place the needs of the poor before their own, as he headed back to the Vatican after a week-long tour of the continent.

During his visit, the pope made repeated calls on African leaders to battle corruption, fight poverty and quell conflicts across the continent -- a theme he again touched on in his final remarks at the Luanda airport.

"If I may be permitted to make one last appeal, I would ask that the just realisation of the fundamental aspirations of the most needy peoples should be the principal concern of those in public office," he said before leaving, with Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos nearby.

# Israeli attacks on Gaza 'war crime': UN expert

AFP, Geneva

The United Nations expert on the Palestinian territories said in a report yesterday that there was "reason" to conclude that Israel's military operations in the Gaza Strip was a war crime.

Richard Falk said in order to determine if the war was legal, it was necessary to assess if the Israeli forces could differentiate between civilian and military targets in Gaza.

"If it is not possible to do so, then launching the attacks is inherently unlawful, and would seem to constitute a war crime of the greatest magnitude under international law," Falk wrote in the report to be presented to the UN Human Rights Council.

"On the basis of the preliminary evidence available, there is reason to reach this conclusion," he added, pointing out that attacks were targeted at densely populated areas.

Furthermore, as the borders of Gaza were sealed, civilians were unable to flee from the attacks, Falk noted.

Falk had focused his report on the legal issues arising from the war, as he had been unable to enter Gaza to assess the human rights situation on the ground.

He attempted a mission in December, but was detained by the Israelis in a facility close to Ben Gurion airport before being expelled day after.

"Such a refusal to cooperate with a United Nations representative, not to

mention the somewhat humiliating treatment accorded has set an unfortunate precedent with respect to the treatment of a representative of the United Nations Human Rights Council, and more generally of the United Nations itself," Falk wrote.

Falk has been highly critical of Israel's policies against the Palestinians, saying early December that they amounted to a crime against humanity.

When expelling him, Israel's Foreign Ministry accused Falk of "legitimising Hamas terrorism."

"Israel has made clear that Mr. Falk was not invited, nor would be welcome in Israel, under his capacity as special rapporteur" for human rights, the foreign ministry said then.

## Lanka navy kills 5 Tiger suicide squad members

AFP, AP, Colombo

Sri Lanka's navy killed five Tamil Tiger suicide squad members as they tried to mingle with refugees fleeing to government-controlled areas in the north, the defence ministry said yesterday.

A navy patrol craft detected a rebel boat among three other boats carrying 54 civilians on Sunday.

"The navy believes that the LTTE's (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) intention here was to mix with troops on land on the sly and inflict a huge devastation on them," the statement said.

Meanwhile, the first shipment of medical supplies in two weeks has been sent to

the last remaining major health facility in Sri Lanka's war zone and 500 civilians have been evacuated from danger, the Red Cross said yesterday.

A lack of medicine and supplies has been blamed by the area's top health official for causing the needless deaths of hundreds of hospital patients caught in the all-out offensive the government has launched against Tamil Tiger rebels in hopes of ending the island's 25-year-old civil war.

The supplies arrived in the war zone on the northeast coast Sunday aboard the "MV Green Ocean," said Sophie Romanens, a Colombo spokeswoman for the International Committee of the Red Cross.



Police and fire fighters inspect a bunt-out FedEx cargo plane after it crash landed on the runway of the Narita International Airport in Narita city in Chiba prefecture, suburban Tokyo yesterday.

## Olmert warns of Israeli isolation on world stage

AFP, Jerusalem

Outgoing Prime Minister Ehud Olmert has warned his likely successor Benjamin Netanyahu that he risks isolating Israel on the world stage unless he agrees to the creation of a Palestinian state, media reported yesterday.

"The only choice is between two states for two people or one state for two people," local media quoted him as saying at Sunday's cabinet meeting.

"Those who don't see this as lying to themselves and are risking causing great damage to Israel" including "losing its international support."

"Anyone who goes into a government whose coal-

ition guidelines do not include the principle of two states for two peoples is knowingly liable to subject Israel to isolation, the likes of which it has never known since its establishment," he said.

"History will not forgive them," he said.

Netanyahu, the leader of the right-wing Likud party, opposes the creation of a Palestinian state for the moment, saying economic conditions in the occupied West Bank must improve before negotiations take place on any other issues.

In his last months in office, after he announced he would step down to fight corruption allegations, Olmert has repeat-

edly spoken out in favour of the stalled peace process.

A lifelong right-winger, Olmert underwent a change over the past several years, coming to the conclusion that unless Israel gave up occupied Palestinian lands it would lose its democratic Jewish character as eventually Palestinians would outnumber Jewish Israelis.

Olmert's comments also appeared to target the head of the Labour party, outgoing Defence Minister Ehud Barak, who supports a two-state solution but is willing to join a Netanyahu cabinet without the Likud leader committing to the principle.

## Top Palestinian official killed in Lebanon

AFP, Sidon

A top Palestinian official and four bodyguards were killed in a bombing on Tuesday at Mieh Mieh refugee camp near the southern Lebanese coastal city of Sidon, a Palestinian official told AFP.

"Kamal Medhat was killed along with four of his bodyguards when a roadside bomb exploded as his convoy drove by, near the entrance to the camp," said Munir Maqdash, in charge of security at Lebanon's 12 refugee camps.

Medhat was the deputy representative of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in Lebanon.

## Taliban kill 8 Afghan policemen in ambush 10 militants killed in Nato-led operation

AFP, Kabul

Taliban fighters ambushed a police vehicle in southern Afghanistan yesterday killing eight policemen while Nato-led forces killed 10 militants in anti-insurgency operation in Helmand province.

The ambush took place in the village of Rabat in Kandahar province on the border with Pakistan, where many militants fled after the US-led invasion in late 2001 that ousted the extremist Taliban regime.

"A police vehicle was attacked in an ambush in the Rabat area of Spin Boldak district in which eight police were killed and one wounded," said

local highway police commander Sahib Jan.

The Nato-led force said Monday its troops had killed a senior insurgent and nine others in an operation in the southern province of Helmand.

The men were killed in the Kajaki area on Saturday, the International Security Assistance Force said. Most Isaf troops in the region are British.

"Maulawi Hassan was killed, along with nine of his associates, during an operation that targeted his compound," Isaf said in a statement.

It said Hassan was heavily involved in illegal activities such as suicide attacks and bombings.

## More women needing cash go from jobless to topless

AP, Chicago

As a bartender and trainer at a national restaurant chain, Rebecca Brown earned a couple thousand dollars in a really good week. Now, as a dancer at Chicago's Pink Monkey gentlemen's club, she makes almost that much in one good night.

The tough job market is prompting a growing number of women across the country to dance in strip clubs, appear in adult movies or pose for magazines like Hustler.

## Ship-breakers

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Abdul Aziz also asked the petitioner (BSBA) to file a regular leave to appeal with the SC against the HC verdict within three weeks.

The HC delivered the verdict on March 17 upon a writ petition filed as a public interest litigation (PIL) by Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers' Association (BELA).

BELA's lawyer advocate Iqbal Kabir Litan yesterday told The Daily Star that the SC stayed only the portion of the HC verdict for closing the operation of the ship-breaking yards but it did not stay the full judgment.

Rest of the HC directives and observations, including the order that no ship would enter Bangladesh territory for breaking without cleaning its hazardous materials at source or outside the territory, will remain upheld, he said.

The HC in its verdict had imposed a ban on any Greenpeace listed toxic ship's entry into the waters of Bangladesh.

As per the HC order, no ship-breaking operation will take place from now without taking environmental clearance. The government has to make sure that ships are broken under safe working condition while shipyards have appropriate disposal arrangements for hazardous waste and protection of environment.

The court also directed the Ministry of Environment and Forest to frame within three months necessary rules on ship-breaking conforming with the obligations of Bangladesh under the Basel Convention, 1989, the Environment Conservation Act, 1995 and the Environment Conservation Rules, 1997.

The ministry has been ordered to inform the court after three months the status of framing of the rules.

Barrister Rokanuddin Mahmud appeared for BSBA while Barrister Fida M Kamal stood for BELA.

## Fire rumour

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Jahanara, Namita, Sarifa, Aklima, Banu and Anwara -- were taken to Chittagong Medical College Hospital for treatment.

Sources said workers of Well Washing in Kalurghat tried to escape together from its two-storeyed plant hearing the rumour at around 2:00pm, creating a stampede on the staircase.

## Hajj policy

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instead of earlier 3.5 sq metres, and in Madina it has to be 5.5 sq metres instead of 4.5 sq metres, Azad said.

He said every pilgrim will also have to show a bank guarantee of 50 Saudi riyals and transports will have to be arranged by the pilgrims themselves if they stay one kilometre away from the Harem Sharif.

The meeting also approved the Ethnic Groups' Cultural Institutions Act' 2009 and Fisheries and Hatcheries Act' 2009.

About the Ethnic Groups' Cultural Institutions Act' 2009, Azad said it will help preserve the distinct characteristics and institutions of the indigenous communities.

Their (indigenous people's) institutions, if necessary, will be considered statutory agencies and these will have the ownership of their moveable and immovable property under the act, he said.

The law will also help bring the indigenous culture into the mainstream of Bangladeshi culture apart from ensuring the participation of indigenous artists in all state functions.

The Fisheries and Hatchery Act, Azad said, has been approved to ensure the quality of fish and shrimp fry and hatcheries.

The act also includes a provision of punishment for the hatchery owners if they fail to maintain quality as described in the act.

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