

Afghan plane crash kills 43

AFP, SALANG

An Afghan passenger plane carrying 43 people, including three Britons, crashed in the mountains of northern Afghanistan yesterday, sparking a frantic search operation, officials said.

It was unclear whether there were any survivors. The Pamir Airways plane had been en route from the northern province of Kunduz to Kabul when it came down over the treacherous Hindu Kush mountains, shrouded in heavy snow.

According to the passenger manifest seen by AFP, six people on board were foreigners and the rest Afghans.

A Turkish aid organisation, the IHH, said two of its employees -- both Turkish men -- were on board the ill-fated plane, but there was no immediate confirmation from the Turkish foreign ministry.

"I can confirm that a Pamir Airways plane has crashed over the Salang mountains with 38 passengers and five crew members on board," interior ministry spokesman Zemarai Bashary told AFP.

The Afghan acting transport minister, Mohammadullah Batash, said the aircraft lost radio contact 37 minutes after taking off on a return journey to the capital -- normally around an hour's flying.

"The plane left Kabul at 6:40 am (0210 GMT) and took off from Kunduz at 8:30 am back to

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Kunduz

Kabul, but lost radio contact at 9:07 am," Batash said.

The minister, who went to the suspected crash site in the Salang mountains to oversee the search for the wreckage and any survivors, said the cause of the crash was not clear. Poor weather could have been a contributing factor.

"We have to recover the black box to determine the cause," Batash said.

Nepali Maoist to declare Constitution on May 29

ANI, Kathmandu

The Unified CPN (Maoist) has decided to promulgate a Constitution drafted by the Party from the streets on May 29.

A politburo meeting of the party held at party headquarters on Sunday decided to promulgate its Constitution unilaterally if a consensus is not forged before the Constituent Assembly's (CA) term expires.

They decided not to vote for CA term extension if new government under Maoist leadership is not formed.

They also decided to cancel the nationwide protests scheduled for May 25 and a cadres training scheduled for May 18.

"As it is obvious that Constituent Assembly cannot come up with the new Constitution on time," Kanitpur quoted Maoist Spokesperson Dinanath Sharma as, saying, "Decision has been taken to make public the people's federal republic constitution," he said.

Lanka slammed over civilian deaths, one year after war end

AFP, Colombo

The Sri Lankan government killed thousands of its civilians by shelling "no-fire zones" in the last months of the country's decades-long civil war that ended a year ago, an independent group said yesterday.

The Brussels-based International Crisis Group urged the United Nations and Sri Lanka's aid donors to press for a war crimes investigation into the military offensive that finally crushed the separatist Tamil Tiger guerrillas.

The ICG said the military encouraged hundreds of thousands of Tamil civilians to move into government-declared "no-fire zones" and then subjected them to "repeated and increasingly intense artillery and mortar barrages."

"This continued through May despite the government and security forces knowing the size and location of the civilian population and scale of civilian casualties," the ICG charged.

It repeated allegations that government troops also intentionally shelled hospitals as well as aid operations run by international relief agencies.

"The consequences of the security forces' shelling were made substantially worse by the government's obstruction of food and medical treatment for the civilian population," it added.

The report, released on Monday, said Sri Lanka's leaders must be held accountable for

the civilian deaths, and it also blamed the Tamil Tigers for war atrocities.

"The substantial body of evidence collected by the Crisis Group since August 2009 offers a compelling case for investigation of the conduct of hostilities and the role of the military and political leadership on both sides," it said.

The ICG said it had collected eyewitness statements as well as hundreds of photographs, videos, satellite images, electronic communications and documents from multiple sources to support the charges.

The report, which also criticised the United Nations' failure to prevent the civilian deaths, comes after UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon announced he would set up a panel to advise him how to deal with the war crimes allegations.

Sri Lanka is this week holding victory celebrations marking the first anniversary of the defeat of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), who had fought for a Tamil homeland since 1972.

The ICG report did not give specific casualty figures, but the UN has reported that 7,000 civilians were killed and many more wounded in the first four months of fighting last year.

ICG report, has denied killing any civilians and has resisted repeated international calls for a probe.

Taliban attack Pak troops, spark deadly clashes

AFP, Peshawar

Taliban fighters armed with rockets and mortars attacked Pakistani troops on three fronts overnight, sparking clashes that killed a soldier and up to eight militants, officials said yesterday.

The clashes broke out in three villages in Orakzai, one of seven districts in Pakistan's semi-autonomous tribal belt and where the military has waged an offensive against the Taliban since late March.

"One soldier was martyred and five wounded," an official from the paramilitary Frontier Corps told AFP by telephone on condition of anonymity.

Lahore HC dismisses Rehman Malik's plea

ANI, Lahore

The Lahore High Court has dismissed an appeal filed by Pakistan Interior Minister Rehman Malik against punishments announced by the Accountability Court yesterday.

"It should be mentioned that accountability courts declared three-year sentences for not appearing in two different cases," reports The News.

At the outset of the case, the court suspended his sentences on his plea and granted him bail.

Legal experts, however, said Malik might be arrested for being a court absconder.

Monsoon rains displace 75,000 Lankans

AFP, Colombo

At least three people were killed and about 75,000 people were driven out of their homes as monsoon rains lashed Sri Lanka yesterday, the disaster management centre said.

Some roads in the capital and in worst-hit central and southern Sri Lanka have been rendered impassable, the centre's assistant director Pradeep Kodipillai said.

The Meteorological Department warned there could be landslides in some parts of the country.

Since Sunday, electricity supplies to main towns outside the capital have been disrupted due to trees falling on power lines.

AFGHAN WAR

Nato death toll hits 202 this year

AFP, Kabul

The deaths of 202 Nato soldiers in 2010 marked the deadliest January to mid-May in the nearly nine-year Afghan war, as the Taliban fight escalates and the West pours thousands more troops into battle.

The grim milestone was recorded in an AFP tally based on the independent icasualties.org website, after four Nato soldiers were killed yesterday.

Two Italians were killed in northwestern Afghanistan by a roadside bomb, the weapon of choice of Taliban-led insurgents fighting the Western-backed government and around 130,000 US-led foreign troops in the country.

Two other soldiers, whose nationalities were not released, died in similar attacks in western and southern Afghanistan, the military said.

Italy is currently the fifth largest contributor of troops to the Nato force in Afghanistan, with 3,300 troops in the International Security Assistance Force, and heads the western regional command headquartered in Herat.

From January to end-May 2009, 119 Nato soldiers died in Afghanistan. Overall 520 Nato died in 2009, the deadliest year so far for US-led foreign troops since the 2001 US-led invasion brought down the Taliban regime.

Since summer 2009, one or two Nato soldiers have died on average each day. The United States and its Nato allies are increasing to 150,000 their military deployment in Afghanistan. About two thirds of the troops are American.

The United States believes the "surge" of troops can wrest the initiative from the Taliban in key population centres and allow American forces to start withdrawing from the unpopular and costly conflict next year.

Commanders have long warned that an influx of new troops would lead to an increase in military fatalities, particularly when the fighting season peaks during the warmer summer months.



Indian Congress President and United Progressive Alliance (UPA) Chairperson Sonia Gandhi interacts with supporters at her Rae Bareilly constituency in Uttar Pradesh yesterday. Sonia Gandhi is on a three-day visit where she will inaugurate a post office building, WIMAX broadband internet service and the opening of a new road.

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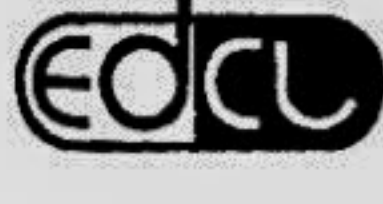
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Bangladesh seeks proposals from interested and well qualified organization/firms for following consultancy services.

- Review Social Barriers and v. of Village Courts
- Developing Quick Reference Guide to Village Courts Judgments
- Conducting Survey to Determine UP Capacity to Use IT Facilities for Service Delivery

Submission of Proposal: The envelope should state "Name of the Consultancy Services" and should be marked as '**Confidential**' and addressed to the **UNDP Procurement Unit**, IDB Bhaban (12th Floor), Begum Rokeya Sharani, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207. The deadline for submission of Proposal is **31 May, 2010, 11:00 AM. Proposals should be submitted to REGISTRY** in IDB Bhaban (12th Floor), Begum Rokeya Sharani, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.

All interested firms may obtain the Bidding Documents from website http://www.undp.org.bd/proc_more.php

Submission Procedure: Bidders can participate in more than one bid but offer have to be submitted separately. Each offer should comprise of 2 copies for each, 2 separate envelopes for technical and financial proposals.



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