coordination.

Yemeni cleric advocates killing US civilians

AP, Cairo

An American-Yemeni cleric whose Internet sermons are believed to have helped inspire attacks on the US has advocated the killing of American civilians in an al-Qaida video released yesterday.

Anwar al-Awlaki has been singled out by US officials as a key terrorist threat and has been added to the CIA's list of targets for assassination despite his American citizenship. He is of particular concern because he is one of the few English-speaking radical clerics able to explain to young Muslims in America and other Western countries the philosophy of violent jihad.

The US-born al-Awlaki moved to Yemen in 2004 and is in hiding there after being

Musa

FROM PAGE 1 The team departed from their last camp, situated at 8,300

metres, at 10:00pm Saturday. Musa, founder of the North Alpine Club in Bangladesh, left Dhaka for Nepal on April 8.

Along with a group of young mountaineers, he had been preparing for years to summit the highest peak on

Income tax

The House body also asked the

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government not to allow in the next budget whitening black or undisclosed money except for those who will invest in productive sector. "At present it is not obliga-

tory for public representatives to submit tax returns, some lawmakers submit those while others do not. Other public representatives also do the same. But we have asked for making it mandatory for all, chief of the House body AHM Mustafa Kamal told journalists after it met at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

Submission of tax returns does not necessarily mean that all have to give tax, said Mustafa Kamal, popularly known as Lotus Kamal.

"Earlier in 1996, we [the then parliamentary standing committee on finance ministry] also recommended making it mandatory for lawmakers to submit tax returns. But it was not materialised," said Lotus Kamal , a ruling Awami League lawmaker.

the NBR to simplify the tax return forms and ease the process of paying tax.

It recommended expanding the tax net as well as reducing the tax rate both at individual and corporate levels.

linked to the suspects in the November shooting at an Army base in Fort Hood, Texas, and the December attempt to blow up a US jetliner bound for Detroit.

"Those who might be killed in a plane are merely a drop of water in a sea," he said in the video in response to a question about Muslim groups that disapproved of the airliner plot because it targeted civilians.

Khaleda **FROM PAGE 16**

Khaleda's lawyer barrister

Mahbub Uddin Khokon in separate letters replied the ACC notices, saying that the ACC has no jurisdiction to deal with the functions of Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Charitable Trust, since the trust is a private organisation, which is controlled by the trust law. Khokon also said his client

(Khaleda) could not remember when and how she signed the file regarding the project for construction of the Bhairab Bridge when she was the prime minister of the Copies of the writ petitions

were served to the ACC yesterday.

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Oamrul Islam and State

Minister for Home Affairs Shamsul Huq Tuku, among others, were present at the meeting. The law minister said the

government would provide within a week necessary logistics and manpower to the investigation team and prosecutors as per their requisition. He said the government has

already collected evidence of crimes against humanity and war crimes from different countries through Bangladeshi embassies. The minister, however, gave no further details. Shafique Ahmed said the

trial will be held as per the law, and it should not be made a political issue. He also said they will hold a

meeting every month like the yesterday's one with the prosecutors and investigators to discuss the progress of the trial

Meanwhile, investigation officer of the International Crime Tribunal AS Shamsul Arefin yesterday told reporters, "The process is long. It's not The committee also asked mandatory to complete the process within 5 or 10 years.

> People, against whom evidence will be found, will face trial, he said, adding, "We will supply documents as per requirement of the prosecution."

Rezaul Karim, loyal to Nurul

Islam, also submitted applica-

tion seeking candidacy for

obeying the central decision

since I do AL politics," Rezaul

withdraw his nomination

paper showing respect to the

party decision, Rezaul said

that he has still some time in

Mohiuddin joined a meet-

his hand to take the decision.

"There is no way of dis-

Asked whether he would

mayoral post.

told The Daily Star.

CCC elections

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dacy formally.

ocal unit.

whose applications were rejected are AAM Haider Ali, Wahed Asgar Chowdhury, MA Salam, Yakub Hossain and Kamal Uddin Chowdhury. The rejected applicants

will, however, get scope to file appeal with the appellate authority, Chittagong divisional commissioner, within three days of the rejection Meanwhile, the Awami

League high command's announcement to support ing of AL Mohra ward in the ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury afternoon to discuss preparain the June 17 polls has invigotory work for the poll. rated his supporters.

"If anyone goes against the

Grass roots level leaders

and activists, however, think

that it is the duty of

Mohiuddin to take initiative to

minimise gaps between him

and some senior leaders of AL

Sheikh Hasina might take

initiative to sit with the

Chittagong AL leaders soon in

and AL city unit Vice President

Nurul Islam MP welcomed the

party decision, saying that it is

Mohiuddin's duty to minimise

gaps among the leaders since

he sowed the seeds of conflict.

AL city unit Vice President

Mohiuddin's main rival

Dhaka to talk on CCC poll.

Sources said AL Chief

decision, the party will take

steps against him," he said.

BNP-backed mayoral Talking to The Daily Star, candidate Manjur Alam con-Mohiuddin said yesterday that tinued his meeting with local he filed application after people through personal level getting 'green signal' from the and social functions to secure party high-ups and the party support for the CCC polls. chief later declared his candi-

At the same time, he also started holding view exchange Mohiuddin hoped that this meetings with the leaders and formal announcement would activists of front organisations help him get all out support of BNP yesterday. from the party and general

At the meeting held at Manjur's North Kattoli residence Juba League leaders assured the BNP-backed candidate of all out support. Meanwhile, BNP

Chittagong city unit president Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury expressed dissatisfaction over accepting Mohiuddin's application for candidacy as valid, after giving him scope for correcting the affidavit--where immovable properties were shown as movable properties.

"It appears to be a sort of violation of the election commission rules. The EC could have kept the nomination paper withheld instead of taking initiative on its own to provide scope for correction," Khasru told The Daily Star yesterday.

DERAILMENT

Rail link with Ctg snapped for 4 hrs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

Rail communication with Chittagong and other parts of the country was interrupted for four and a half hours on Sunday morning as a container train derailed midway between Rasulpur and Rajapur railway stations in Comilla.

Akhaura railway junction sources said a bogie of the train went off the track at about 9:00am when it was heading for Dhaka from Chittagong. Train movement on

Dhaka-Chittagong; Dhaka-Noakhali; Sylhet-Chittagong and Sylhet-Noakhali routes were halted following the derailment, sources said. The rail link was restored at about 1:40pm after a rescue

train from Akhaura undertook the salvage operation, Deputy Assistant Engineer (Technical) TA Chowdhury of Akhaura junction said.

Malaysia mulls FROM PAGE 16

looking into existing legislation and the possibility of introducing new regulations to curb the problem of illegal foreign workers. "After the amnesty offer

expires, we will act against all those who harbour foreign workers without permits," he

Stop harassment FROM PAGE 1

The police were also ordered not to harass vehicle owners or drivers during the course of requisition. Manzill Morshed, presi-

dent of the petitioner organisation, told the court that it is clear from newspaper reports that police threaten drivers with requisition to extort money from them. The bench asked the DMP commissioner to submit

within three days names of three policemen who were photographed harassing a taxi driver reportedly over requisition on May 13. It sought the name of the cabbie as well. Jugantor, a Bangla

national daily, published the picture in its May 14 issue. The court fixed June 7 for

hearing on the rule upon the government, and assigned seven senior lawyers as amici curiae (friends of court) for expert opinion on the matter. The amici curiae are

Rafique-ul Hug, Mahmudul Islam, M Amir-Ul Islam Rokanuddin Mahmud Ajmalul Hossain, AFM Mesbahuddin and president or secretary of Supreme Court Bar Association. Home and law secretaries.

inspector general of police, DMP commissioner and deputy commissioners (traffic) of DMP south, north, east and west were asked to comply with the order and reply to

Hardrock

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every day due to the suspension of production, an official said requesting not to be

Earlier, the workers, who have been working under Blue Star Service, an outsourcing company, wrote a letter to the mine authorities saying that they would not continue working in the mine under that company from April 1.

They demanded that they should be employed as regular staff of MGMCL, reports our Dinajpur correspondent.

Mustafizur Rahman, general secretary of the miners union, said the mine company is in arrears with the workers' salary which comes around Tk 2 crore for the last two months.

The workers have been demanding regularisation of their jobs since 2001, he said.

The union's president Mominul Islam said the workers were earlier given the assurance that the mining company will regularise their jobs after their training under the outsourcing company is over.

Director Farook Hossain told The Daily Star that MGMCL would not be able to resolve the issue unless the ministry concerned gives a policy guideline on the matter. Captain (retd) SR Patwary,

MGMCL Managing

chief liaison officer of Blue Star Service, said the work contract between the mine company and the outsourcing company expired on March 31, and then Blue Star Service won another contract in a bid.

But the miners refused to work under the outsourcing company from April 1 by not signing in the company's register book though they went to their workplace every day.

Rab, police

competition for publicity of their activities.

Both Rab and police security arrangement and arrange security measures for the same programmes like celebrations of Pahela Baishakh, Independence Day and Victory Day without any coordination, the meeting observed.

Even each of the units competes for holding press briefings to announce their success, the meeting discussed. Replying to a query from

The Daily Star after the meeting, IGP Nur Mohammad admitted a lack of coordination among the Rab and police personnel. He said, "All the units of Rab and police have been asked to work together with proper coordination from today. "There may have been

competition with any unit or person which is not bad. But we must avoid unhealthy competition," the police chief said. Replying to q query over

the competition of holding

separate press briefings, he

said, "Both the organisations will be directed to hold joint press briefings.' The IGP added he directed both Rab and police to refrain from giving statements

against each other. However, Rab DG Hassan Mahmood Khandker declined to admit lack of coordination between Rab and police saying, "It's not right there is no coordination. The meeting

Qamrul FROM PAGE 16

Oamrul also said he had no doubt about that Zia was a

patriotic freedom fighter. The remarks came just two days after he said that Zia was spying for Pakistan during the

war of independence of

Bangladesh in 1971. The state minister said he analysed Zia's action after the assassination of Bangabandhu in 1975 and 'speculated' that Zia might have made a pact with the Pakistani force.

"I still wonder thinking about how a brave soldier, a sector commander, perpetrated the crimes of killing those who he stood aside during the war and fought against the Pakistani army just three and half years ago," Qamrul said. Earlier on the day,

Chairman of the Standing Committee on Agriculture Ministry Shawkat Momen Shahjahan said Qamrul's earlier remarks on Zia were unwanted and unnecessary.

"Such comments could only ignite unwanted debates in the political arena. We would get nothing good from this," Shahjahan said while addressing a budget discussion organised by Unnayan Shamannay at a city hotel.

Technology (Buet) said the

city will face a huge water

crisis in the near future if Wasa

continues lifting groundwater

through the huge number of

unabated, might lead to disas-

ters like subsidence of the

ground surface, said Selim

Around 80 percent water of

unconfined aquifers, which

are the closest to the ground

surface, is used up, said Md

Eftekharul Alam, an engineer

of Bangladesh Agricultural

been forced to lift water from

the deeper confined aquifer at

90 points of the city including

Mirpur, Nakhalpara,

Ibrahimpur and Manipur, said

a former chief engineer of the

According to a Wasa statis-

tics, currently the source of 87

percent of supply water in the

capital is groundwater

through 551 deep tube wells.

The remaining 13 percent

comes from surface water

through 4 water treatment

plants at Sayedbad and

Chandnighat in Dhaka City;

and at Godnail and

are also around 1,200

authorised private deep tube

wells in the city, which are

extracting groundwater as

well, on top of which there are

To save Dhaka from an

impending disaster, the

experts suggested stopping

pollution of the rivers in and

around the city, and reclaim-

ing other water bodies as well,

along with recharging the

plants in industries, and set-

ting up waste treatment plants

to treat human excreta, are a

must for preserving surface

water sources, said Prof Mujib

Use of effluent treatment

aquifers.

almost 2,000 illegal ones.

Md Nurul Haque said there

Sonakanda in Naraynaganj.

agency, Md Nurul Haque.

Dhaka Wasa has already

Development Corporation.

The practice, if goes on

its deep tube wells.

Bhuiyan.

Rainwater

FROM PAGE 16 arrival of the police.

Asked about separate

Speaking anonymously, a

press briefings for the same

purpose, the Rab chief

senior detective who attended

the meeting said, "We are

professionally working for

investigation and conducting

operation, while most of the

Rab personnel are deputed to

the law-enforcement agencies

in conducting operations but

have no earlier experience in

IGP Nur Mohammad vester-

day said until final disposal of

the SI killing case, it could not

be said that Rab or police were

wrong in their investigation

the police HQ, he said, "We

have taken both their findings

and the investigation officer

would come up with conclu-

sion at the end of his investiga-

has developed over arrests of

Goutam murder suspects, a

high-powered monitoring

committee would be formed

so that the investigation could

not be diverted to a different

Rare encounter

shots that could be consid-

ered to be of some value. Out

of frustration for not getting

good picture that would help

started continuing my nature

could hear the Shakhh calls

from hedge of man height

and the huge growth of

Motmotia or Busy Mat grass

(Lippia alba) in all the marshy

areas along the periphery of

the garden. After four hours of

walk I have heard and seen at

tried to download pictures

and identify the warbler from

the pictures with the help of

the guidebooks on birds. Also

dispatched some of the pic-

tures to local and overseas

birdwatchers. At least two of

the responses suggested that

the species is Radde's Warbler

that is one of the rarest migra-

most ardent birdwatcher in

Dhaka- there are just two

records of its sightings in the

country in past century or so

as reported in the Bird vol-

ume of the Asiatic Society's

Encyclopedia of Fauna and

I saw and photographed on

8th May is the Radde's

Warbler and its presence in

the Botanical Garden in good

number during the second

week of May is a sure proof

that the species is not only a

rare winter migrant but also a

passage migrant through

The contract for the aquifer

awarded to IWM in December

8, 2009 by Wasa. The institute

is supposed to submit its

report in March next year, said

has been in use all over the

world. If we get a positive

result from the pilot project,

we will start implementing it

city next year," said Wasa

compounds of high rises can

also be brought under the

groundwater, he said. When

Sayedabad Water Treatment

Plant Phase-II will be com-

pleted, surface water's share

at the city's taps will rise to 23

percent, he added saying, the

plant is scheduled to be ready

for operation in two and a half

to set up two more water

treatment plants in Khilkhet

and Keraniganj of the city with

capacities of treating 50 crore

litres and 45 crore litres

respectively per day, he said,

"We are hoping that the two

treatment plants will be oper-

ational within the next five

years, curbing our depend-

ency on groundwater to fifty

ity of supplying around 200

crore litres per day while the

demand is for 220 crore litres.

Bangladesh Water

Development Board, ground-

water level in Mirpur dropped

53.75 metres between 1991

and 2008, while the decline

was 18.59 metres in

Mohammadpur, 37.4 metres

in Sabujbagh, 8.22 metres in

Sutrapur, and 14.14 metres in

Dhaka Cantonment during

the same period.

Dhaka Wasa has the capac-

According to a statistics of

Wasa also took an initiative

programme then.

years.

percent.'

"It is not a new technique, it

the Wasa high official.

Considering that the birds

Flora of Bangladesh.

Dhaka City.

As per Enam Al Haq- the

tory birds of Bangladesh.

Soon after reaching home I

east a dozen of this warbler.

Within next half an hour, I

me identify the warbler

watch through the garden.

The IGP said as confusion

At a press briefing held at

investigation," he observed.

"They might have expertise

declined to comment.

for a certain period.

PRESS BRIEFING

and arrests.

tion.'

direction.

held today testifies to our

Lotifa told The Daily Star yesterday, "Some students of the college stalked me while I was going to the teacher's hall room after taking a class."

Zakir said, "As I protested the incident, the gang harassed me physically. They also kept me confined in the hall room till I was set free by the police. The teachers said they will

continue work abstention programme until the stalkers are brought to book.

A four-member probe team headed by S M Shah Alam, assistant professor of Islamic history department, was formed to inquire into the matter and submit report within three days. Additional police forces

were deployed on the college campus.

US to give

FROM PAGE 16 Rollins said the US is likely to

provide additional \$15.5 million this year for agricultural development in Bangladesh. She mentioned that the US

government contributed \$ 475 million to the Global Agriculture and Food Security Trust Fund. Other donors include Spain, Canada Australia and South Korea. The total amount of the fund will be \$1.3 billion for next three years. US embassy officials Mark

Visocky, Jo Lesser-Ol Theten, Kanta Jamil and Harvey Sernovitz also spoke at the press conference.

DB official

FROM PAGE 16 him as extortion. They threat-

ened to implicate him in a Yaba processing charge if he tried to do otherwise. As the complainant refused

to pay the amount the accused

threatened him with "crossfire", says the case state-Later, the complainant gave them Tk 1 lakh the same day and the accused released him after taking his signature

After that the accused continued to threaten to pay the rest of the amount. They even asked him to go to the DB office on the Minto Road. Following the threat, the

on a blank paper.

complainant brought the matter to the notice of their higher authorities. Moreover, Zahirul filed a complaint with Sabujbag Police Station but to no avail.

court, he said. The complainant appealed to the court to issue arrest warrants against the offenders.

He then filed the case with the

Ctg arms haul

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truck loads of arms and ammunition from the jetty of Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Limited (CUFL) in 2004.

Muniruzzaman Chowdhury, the investigation officer (IO) of the case, also senior assistant superintendent of police of CID, submitted the petition. recharging project was

The same court on March 22 extended the time till Sunday.

Mentionable, a Chittagong court on February 12, 2008 ordered further investigation into the case following an appeal by the then Metropolitan Public Prosecutor Ahsanul Haque Hena.

CID started a probe into the on a much larger scale in the case on April 26, 2004 after the first IO Ahadur Rahman, DMD Liakat, adding, private erstwhile officer-in-charge of Karnaphuli Police Station, was relieved of his duty in the wake of controversy. Wasa already made a plan to reduce its dependency on

Non-students FROM PAGE 16

involved in extortions and snatching at the university during the BNP-led fourparty alliance government. Ashiq, however, denied the

allegations against him and

said that he would soon enrol in MBA programme to get back studentship. Some JCD men said the new committee members

Golam Mostafa Tuhin, former student of sociology department, Salauddin of Islamic history department, Igramul Haque Hira of anthropology department and Moniruzzaman Shah Tuhin and Zahirul Haque completed their university education at least two to three years ago. According to the central and RU JCD leaders, the new

committee was asked to form a 61-member full-fledged body within next three months. JCD central unit president Sultan Salauddin Tuku told

The Daily Star that Ashiq and

others are dedicated leaders of RU unit of JCD. He also affirmed that no non-student would be on the new full-fledged RU

committee.

8 cops injured College teacher

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Zannatul Hasan, knew about the criminal gang.

Hasan, who was undergoing treatment at Rajarbagh Police Lines Hospital, was not available to talk to this correspondent, as doctor did not allow.

But some other injured policemen in Dhaka Medical College Hospital told this correspondent that they believe it to be a 'militant' group.

Kadomtoli Police Station second officer Azam Khan Faruki also told The Daily Star, he suspects the criminals as militants.

The injured criminal, whose identity could not be ascertained, was arrested and admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Police and witnesses said

several bombs were found abandoned in and around a three-storey building at South Dania. Injured policemen are

Additional SP Zannatul

Hasan, Sergeant Shah Alam, ASI Sirajuddoula, and constables Samsuddoha, Sohrab Hossain, Morshed Ali Mollah, Jonny Biswas and Neuren Islam. Of them, Sirajuddoula, Shah Alam, Samsuddoha,

were admitted to DMCH while four to Rajarbagh Police Lines Hospital. Sohrab told The Daily Star,

Sohrab, Morshed and Jonny

Tongi flyover FROM PAGE 16 flyover. The width of its foot-

path is six metres and the

number of spans is 14. Roads and Highways Department sources said the construction work of the flyover began on March 16 in 2006 and Tk 18.33 crore was earmarked to complete it on March 15 in 2008.

In the preliminary design, the length of the flyover was 42.68 metres and the link roads on both sides were 450 metres. But the local people started movement demanding changes in its design, as there was no arrangement for movement of the people under the flyover.

In the face of the movement, the work of the flyover stopped within 7-8 months. Later in June 2007, the work of the flyover resumed as per the revised design.

In the changed design, its length was raised to 350 metres and the link roads reduced to 200 metres, while the cost increased to Tk 23.75 crore. The time fixed to complete the flyover was in March

An additional amount of about Tk 5.50 crore was spent due to changes in design and increase in time of construction work, the sources said.

Ahsanullah Master, who was elected parliament member from the area in 1996 and 2001, placed his demand at Jatiya Sangsad on different occasions for constructing a flyover near Tongi Rail Station. In recognition of his contri-

bution, the PM directed the

authorities concerned to

name the flyover after him.

walk-out was due to begin. "As a sign of goodwill and

good faith I am making this offer now to (BA chief executive) Willie Walsh," Tony Woodley, joint head of the Unite union, told reporters on Sunday.

reinstate our people's travel (benefits) ... and this union will call off" the strike.

union bosses.

Last-ditch negotiations to

protestors, television pictures showed, and police said they had to escort him from the building in London after the security breach.

reach the aircraft, doused the

tion is that the aircraft

touched down and did not

contain itself within the run-

way space," minister Patel

pilot, a Serbian national, as a

"very experienced" flier who

had logged 10,000 hours of

early to determine the precise

cause of the crash, Patel noted

that the sanded safety area

surrounding the runway in the

event of an overshoot was

shorter than at some airports.

spillover area and in this case

apparently it had not been

able to stop the plane," he

get airline operated as a sub-

Air India Express is a bud-

"It does not have much of a

Stressing that it was too

He described the chief

"The preliminary observa-

fire with foam.

flying time.

crowds of local residents had streamed to the site to help rescue victims.

by a hand or by the leg,

each other." cutters to start their examination of the plane's remains,

across the muddy slopes. years described hearing a loud thud shortly after touchdown

Civil Aviation Minister Praful Patel, who flew to the

crash site, said on Saturday that eight passengers had survived. It was the country's deadliest crash since 1996 when two passenger planes collided in

both flights. One survivor, Umer Farooq, spoke to reporters from his hospital bed where he was being treated for burns to his arms, legs and face.

and then the cabin filled with smoke," he said. "I got caught in some cables but managed to scramble out."

ern city of Patna. The country's air safety record has been good in recent

India is struggling to turn round its finances after posting a net loss of more than one billion dollars last year.

Talking to The Daily Star, Parveen Rahman, a local who witnessed the scene, said she saw two men and two women running away and one of the males getting injured when a bomb exploded in his hands. Soon after the incident,

"During the fight, one of the

male criminals fled firing

bullets while two women ran

away brandishing bombs," he

DMP Commissioner AKM Shahidul Hoque visited DMCH. But he could not give any detail. ABM Khurshed Alam

Bhuiyan Jewel, a doctor at Rajarbagh Police Lines Hospital, told this correspondent at 12:50am that four injured police members were taken to the hospital.

Of the four, Constable Neuren Islam, who suffered critical injuries in his legs, was sent to Orthopedic Hospital. "His both legs were hit by

bomb splinters. We sent him

to Pongu Hospital," Jewel said. BA strike set

to go ahead

after talks falter AFP, London

BA cabin crew were set to

Monday after talks between the airline's management and union chiefs collapsed. However the head of the country's biggest union said he would cancel the strike if

BA agreed to restore staff

benefits that had been

stripped away by the loss-

strike for five days from

making carrier. Talks between the two sides that collapsed on Saturday had yet to resume with just hours before a mass

"Willie, turn round and

A BA spokesman earlier told AFP that the airline was willing to meet again with

"We are certainly available for talks," he told AFP.

try and halt the planned strike were abandoned on Saturday after dozens of noisy protestors stormed the building where negotiations

were being held. Walsh was harangued by

Air India plane

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"At times we dragged them

Mohammed Azim, one of the first people to reach the plane, told the CNN-IBN news channel. "Bodies were topped on About 25 investigators used mechanical metal-

while hired labourers cleaned up debris scattered widely The few survivors of India's worst aviation disaster in 14

Officials said the landing conditions were fair with good visibility and reported there had been no distress call from the cockpit.

mid-air near New Delhi with the loss of all 349 on board

"The plane veered off toward some trees on the side

Television images from the immediate aftermath of the crash showed smoke billowing from the fuselage as emergency crews, who struggled down steep, wooded slopes to

sidiary by the state-run carrier. Many of the passengers were Indian migrant workers returning from jobs in the Gulf to visit their families. US-based aircraft manufacturer Boeing said it was

sending a team of investiga-

tors to India to help in the

inquiry. The last major plane crash in India was in 2000, when 61 people were killed after a passenger jet plunged into a residential area near the east-

years despite the rapid increase in airlines keen to serve increasingly wealthy domestic customers. The disaster came as Air