

## Plane crash in Karachi kills 12

AFP, Karachi

At least 12 people were killed when a Russian-made cargo plane crashed in a fireball seconds after taking off from Karachi on Sunday, a spokesman for Pakistan's civil aviation authority said.

Rescue workers recovered 12 bodies from the crash site, including four identified as local labourers, and the death toll was expected to rise.

Authorities said the Ilyushin IL-76 operated by Georgian airline Sunway slammed into buildings soon after refuelling and taking off from the airport in Pakistan's business capital.

The plane was carrying eight crew members and 31 tons of supplies for Sudanese capital Khartoum and the crash was so severe that fire engulfed two buildings, as well as adjacent construction sites, the spokesman said.

"Rescue workers have recovered 12 dead bodies, these include eight crew members and four labourers on ground," Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) spokesman Pervez George earlier told AFP.

George has already announced that all eight people on board have been identified.

Authorities said they had brought the fire under control but rescue workers were still searching for bodies.

"Rescue workers are still digging the debris. There may be more dead bodies under it," he said.

"We do not know the exact number of those killed on ground," he added.

Police has also confirmed that at least 12 dead bodies have been recovered from the crash site but the search was still continuing.

"Rescue workers have recovered 12 dead bodies, we are still searching for more," police official Shad Masih told AFP.

Police surgeon for southern Sindh province Hamid Parhiar earlier said nine bodies had been brought to different hospitals.

"Three of them are local labourers. The rest of six dead bodies are badly mutilated and beyond recognition," he told AFP by telephone.

The plane crashed into buildings under construction in the Dalmai neighbourhood, where the Pakistan Air Force and Navy have residential apartments and offices close to Jinnah International airport, witnesses said.



Pakistani fire-fighters extinguish fire caused by a Russian-made cargo plane that crashed after taking off from Karachi's airport early yesterday killing all on board. The crash caused a massive blaze in the Dalmai neighbourhood, where the Pakistan Air Force and Navy have residential apartments and sensitive installations close to the airport.

## Maoists kill 3 in eastern India

AP, New Delhi

Suspected Maoist rebels blew up an ambulance with a land mine in eastern India, killing at least three people inside, a news report said yesterday.

The insurgents detonated the roadside mine in Kandhamal district of Orissa state on Saturday night, the Press Trust of India quoted police officer Manmohan Praharaj as saying. The victims were a patient, a female paramedic and the driver.

Rebel attacks in the area often hit government vehicles, but it wasn't known if the ambulance was targeted. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack in the Brahmanigaon region, nearly 720 miles (1,100 kilometers) southeast of New Delhi.

Police officers in the remote area could not be reached for comments on Sunday.

Inspired by Chinese revolutionary leader Mao Zedong, the rebels have been fighting in several Indian states for more than four decades demanding land and jobs for farmers and the poor. About 2,000 people including police, militants and civilians have been killed in the past few years.

## US deployment in Afghanistan outstrips Soviet war

AFP, Kabul

The US-led war in Afghanistan is now longer than the Soviets' futile campaign in the besieged nation -- and after nine years and 50 days of battle, the West is also groping for an exit.

Afghanistan's brutal terrain remains littered with the rusting hulks of Russian tanks captured during the 1979-89 war, and is now testing more than 140,000 US-led forces fighting rebel guerrillas to keep their own ally in power.

After Nato announced plans to end its combat mission by 2014, many of those who lived through the Soviet years say they remember similar attempts to build up local security forces and manage a dignified withdrawal.

While troops are making some gains against Taliban insurgents in pockets of the restive south and east of the country, progress remains uneven and violence is at an all-time high, the Pentagon admitted in a report last week.

The International Crisis Group says the coalition's strategy to break the Taliban, build popular support among civilians, woo disenchanted rebels and boost Afghan security forces is failing.

Afghan security forces "have proven a poor match for the Taliban", the Brussels-based ICG said in a report issued Sunday, after the milestone of nine years and 50 days was reached on Friday.

"Without outside support, (President Hamid Karzai's) government would collapse, the Taliban would control much of the country and internal conflict would worsen, increasing the prospects of a return to the destructive civil war of the 1990s," the report said.

The civil war followed the Soviet withdrawal, as warlords and rival factions fought first against a weak Moscow-backed regime and then among each other for the spoils of power.

The Taliban came to power in 1996, and were initially welcomed by many Afghans for bringing an end to the chaos with their

militant brand of Islamist government.

Former Soviet Union leader Mikhail Gorbachev, who withdrew his country's troops from Afghanistan, last month told the BBC that victory for Nato was "impossible" as the coalition faces record deaths, and as the military tries to convince a weary Western public that they should stay the course.

The Russians waged a far bloodier war, with more than one million people killed in the decade of fighting.

"Village after village was evacuated because of heavy indiscriminate bombing of the Soviets. They were brutal," said Nader Naderi, who sits on the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission.

"The coalition forces are much more selective, much more targeted," he said.

Civilian casualties are a thorny issue for Nato, with many Afghans blaming it for a rise of a third in civilian deaths in the first six months of 2010, to 1,271. The vast majority of deaths, however, are caused by insurgents.

## Myanmar must address criticism of election

AP, Yangon

A UN special envoy to Myanmar said yesterday that its military government has told it must address concerns about recent elections, which critics charge were rigged.

Vijay Nambiar, who is also chief of staff for UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, spoke Sunday to reporters as he was ending a two-day visit.

He said he listened to as many parties as possible about their "hopes, expectations and concerns at this critical juncture" following the Nov 7 polls and the release of opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi from house arrest.

## Afghan EC certifies parliamentary winners

AFP, Kabul

Afghanistan's election commission said yesterday it would issue winners' certificates to successful candidates in parliamentary polls, despite an ongoing fraud probe into the controversial results.

The move by the Independent Election Commission (IEC) follows a decision by the attorney general to investigate claims of corruption in the vote, and to criticise the IEC for "prematurely" releasing the disputed results.

The top prosecutor has arrested nine people over the fraud claims and summoned four election officials for questioning, including two from the IEC.

But the investigation has been dismissed as politically motivated by electoral officials, who say the attorney general is being manipulated by the government which is said to be unhappy with the vote outcome.

In accordance with electoral law, the IEC "will distribute certificates to all winning candidates",

the body said in a notification to winners, asking them to appear at their office on Monday to collect their certificates.

One of the IEC officials accused by the attorney general's office, spokesman Noor Mohammad Noor, has dismissed the allegations and refused to comply with the summons.

The IEC, the top vote body in the country, released nearly all official results about two months after Afghans went to the polls and cast some 5.6 million ballots.

The announcements were delayed after election officials threw out a quarter of votes cast in the September 18 poll and disqualified 24 early winners, including Karzai allies, after processing more than 5,000 fraud claims.

Ahmad Zia Rafat, a commissioner and spokesman for the Electoral Complaint Commission, who has also been summoned, said the bodies had behaved properly, and has vowed not to "bow down to any kind of pressure by anyone".

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## Opposition cries foul in Egyptian election

REUTERS, Cairo

Opposition charges of ballot stuffing, bullying and dirty tricks clouded a parliamentary election in Egypt yesterday in which the ruling party wants to prevent its Islamist rivals from repeating their 2005 success.

Some voters were turned away by officials saying there was no election or that polling booths had shut. Others reported finding ballot boxes stuffed to the brim minutes after voting began, rights groups and opposition campaigners said.

The outlawed Muslim Brotherhood, whose candidates must run as independents, is contesting 30 percent of seats in the lower house where it won an unprecedented 20 percent in 2005.

But even senior Islamists expect a lower total this time, with the government determined to squeeze its most vocal critics out of parliament before a presidential vote in 2011.

## Parents charged over child's injury

AFP, Sydney

The parents of an Australian child left a paraplegic by a car accident in April the two-year-old boy was sitting on his mother's lap in the back seat of the family car, which was being driven by his father.

"The boy was not properly restrained in an approved child restraint and severely damaged his spine in the crash, the result of which means he is now a paraplegic with no active movement in his lower limbs," police said in a statement.

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  ৩. শিল্প ও বাণিজ্যিক গ্রাহকদের ক্ষেত্রে ৫০ কিলোওয়াট পর্যন্ত লোড বরাদ্দ প্রাপ্ত গ্রাহকদের শুধুমাত্র লাইট ও ফ্যান লোডের ৭%, ৫০ কিলোওয়াটের উর্ধ্বে লোড বরাদ্দ প্রাপ্ত গ্রাহকদের লাইট ও ফ্যান লোডের ১০% এবং পোশাক শিল্পের জন্য লাইট ও ফ্যান লোডের ৫% এর জন্য সোলার প্যানেল বসানোর অনুরোধ জানাতে হবে।
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