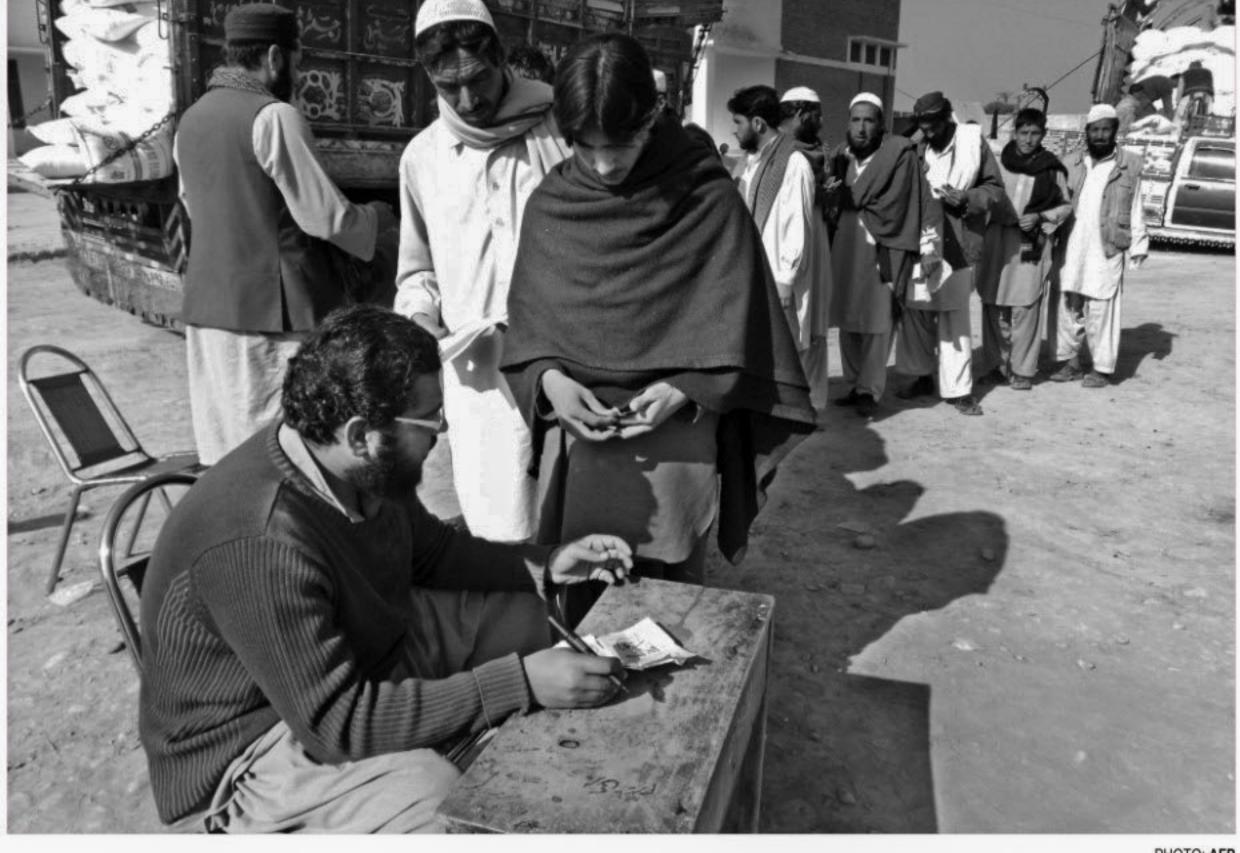
INTERNATIONAL



A Pakistani employee registers internally displaced persons (IDPs) at the World Food Programme distribution point in Tank yesterday. More than 80 people were killed in a suicide bombing on a World Food Programme project and a series of helicopter raids against militant camps in northwestern Pakistan, officials said.

Road accident kills 35 in India

AP, India

A bus collided head-on with a van that was carrying mourners returning from a funeral in northern India, killing 35 people, police and a news report said yesterday.

State police official D.Y.S. Chauhan said another 14 people in the two vehicles were injured in the accident Saturday near Badaun, a town in Uttar Pradesh state.

The bus driver was among those killed, he said.

The Press Trust of India news agency, citing unnamed official sources, said one of five seriously injured people died in hospital yesterday.

Chauhan said that the van's driver lost control of the vehicle as it went through a mound of sand. It then crashed into the bus.

Badaun is 175 miles (280 kilometers) southwest of Lucknow, the state capital.

India, with the world's second-largest population, has the highest annual road death toll in the world, according to the World Health Organization.

More than 110,000 people die each year in India in road accidents caused by speeding, bad roads, overcrowding and poor vehicle maintenance, according to police.

SPACE ROCKET EXPLOSION

ISRO teams analysing data to pinpoint GSLV failure

PTI, Bangalore

Data from the ill-fated Indian rocket carrying a domestic communication satellite that exploded just after launch are being analysed by The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to know what caused the disaster, even as a veteran space scientist vouched for the robustness of the indigenous launch vehicle.

ISRO said an expert committee is likely to be formed shortly to give a report on its second space launch failure this year.

"Teams are looking at the data to find out the reason for what happened", ISRO spokesman S.

Satish told PTI here. "A Failure Analysis Committee is likely to be constituted in the next one or two days," he

said. In a major setback, the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle(GSLVF06) - powered by a Russian Cryogenic engine at the upper stage with a GSAT5P satellite on board - failed in its mission on Saturday in the first stage itself following a snag less than a minute after the liftoff from the Sriharikota spaceport in Andhra

Pradesh. U.R. Rao, a veteran space scientist and a former ISRO chief, vouched for the robustness of the indigenouslybuilt GSLV, saying it's a wellproven space rocket, and maintained that

"quality problem" led to the failure of the multicrore mission.

Speaking to PTI, Rao said: "It's just a quality problem", noting that command did not reach the actuators leading to nonignition resulting in thrust being insufficient.

Rao said unlike the GSLV failure on April 15 this year when the fault was at the cryogenic stage, this time it was at the first stage itself. Rao said the first stage is "wellproven" and "we must be able to get back to the rails very quickly".

"Once in a while, these things (failures) do happen. It has happened with Ariane (European space consortium Ariane) and Shuttle (of NASA)", he said.

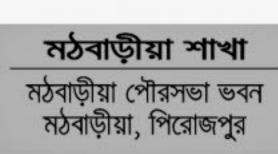
Rao does not see any impact of GSLV's failure on India's space programme as a whole, but acknowledged that it would take time to "sort out enormous data" to find out the "problem" that led to the unsuccessful mission.

He also does not believe that the failure would lead to some delay in the 2013scheduled Chandrayaan2 mission, saying: "This (GSLV) is a proven system".

The GSAT5P, meant to give a boost to communication services including TV, telephone and telemedicine, was originally scheduled for launch on December 20 but was postponed a day earlier after a leak was noticed in the cryogenic stage during precountdown checks.

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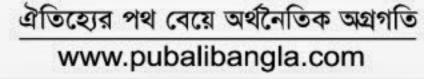






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INDEPENDENT UNIVERSITY BANGLADESH VACANCY for DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATION

Independent University, Bangladesh is looking for a suitable professional for immediate appointment as Director, Administration at its new Campus in Bashundhara, Dhaka. Directly reporting to the Vice Chancellor, the incumbent will be a member of the Senior Management.

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Age limit: Should be above 50 years

Salary & Benefits: The remuneration will be commensurate with qualification, experience and other elements of suitability. The University is however, committed to offer attractive pay package which includes: basic pay, dearness allowance, house rent, conveyance and medical allowances. Benefits include: contributory provident fund, gratuity, two festival and one annual bonuses per annum and group insurance.

The interested persons may please send their complete resume with names of three referees, two current photographs and copies of their certificates and other credentials by January 20, 2011 to:

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Petraeus commends Pak counterinsurgency

AP, Afghanistan

The top US and Nato commander in Afghanistan said there will be more coordinated military operations on either side of the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, and commended Pakistan on its "impressive" counterinsurgency efforts.

The Taliban in Afghanistan and other extremist groups use safe havens across the border in Pakistan, and the US has been pushing Islamabad to clear the lawless tribal belt that runs along the frontier. The pressure has often strained US-Pakistani relations, with Islamabad bristling at suggestions it should do more.

Gen. David Petraeus, who took over command of coalition troops in Afghanistan in July, told The Associated Press there had already been coordinated operations on both sides of the border, with Pakistani forces on one side and Nato and Afghan troops on the other.

"We want to do more hammer and anvil operations," Petraeus said late Saturday, in

an interview aboard a military transport aircraft as he flew around the country on Christmas visits to bases and combat outposts dotted across north, west, south and east Afghanistan.

Pakistan recognized "the need to do more to solidify their gains in (Pakistan's Federally Administered Tribal Areas), and we are going to coordinate with them to help their operations," he said.

But the general insisted that Pakistan's efforts at combating the various militant groups active in the country must be commended.

"We have to be very clear in recognizing what Pakistan has done over the course of the last 22 months, which is quite considerable. They've conducted impressive counterinsurgency operations" in several regions, including the Swat Valley, the North West Frontier Province and the tribal regions, Petraeus said. "And they have sustained significant military losses and civilian losses during the course of that time."

In the latest militant strike against the Pakistani authorities' control over a key northwest tribal region bordering Afghanistan, a female suicide bomber killed 45 people and wounded scores more outside a World Food Program depot on Saturday.

Petraeus insisted that gains already made must be solidified before Pakistan expands its operations to other areas such as troubled North Waziristan.

"They are the first to recognize that there are groups in there that have to be dealt with over time," the general said, sitting at the desk of an office set up inside the military plane, laptops keeping him connected to operations across the country.

"But ... they've got quite a few short sticks and hornets' nests already, and rule Number 1 of a military operation is don't start something you can't finish. And they recognize the need to finish some of the operations they've already conducted before launching significant new ones."

S Korean, Chinese defence chiefs to meet in February

REUTERS, Seoul

Defence ministers from South Korea and China will hold talks in Beijing in February amid growing regional tension sparked by North Korea's nuclear programmes and hostile acts, South Korea's defence ministry said yesterday.

"South Korea's Defence Minister Kim Kwanjin and his Chinese counterpart Liang Guanglie plan to meet in Beijing in February. Details of the meeting agenda have not been discussed yet," a spokesperson for South Korea's ministry said.

Tensions have risen to their highest in decades on the divided Korean peninsula after the North bombarded a South Korean island last month, and revealed major advances in its nuclear programme.

South Korean President Lee Myung-bak in November appointed Kim as new defence minister after Kim's predecessor resigned after criticism of what was perceived as a weak response to aggression from the North, including a submarine attack in March and the shelling of Yeonpyeong island last month. North Korea on Thursday threatened a

nuclear "sacred war" and South Korea vowed a "merciless counterattack" against any fresh provocations as both sides sharpened their rhetoric after military exercises in the South.

Pyongyang has offered to re-admit U.N. inspectors concerned about its nuclear weapons programme, prompting speculation that six-party talks including the North may resume, and the worst of the most recent crisis may be over.

4 Turkish engr abducted in Afghanistan

AFP, Khost

Four Turkish engineers working for a construction firm and their Afghan driver were kidnapped yesterday in eastern Afghanistan, a senior local official told AFP.

The men were abducted in the restive Paktia province as they travelled from a building site in Dand Wa Patan district, which borders Pakistan's lawless tribal areas, to provincial capital Gardez.

"Four Turkish engineers and their Afghan driver were kidnapped by unknown gunmen and have been taken away to an unknown location," Paktia's deputy governor Abdul Rahman Mangal told AFP.

Vacancy Announcement (Build your career with us)

SI No.	Name of Posts	Subjects	Qualifications
1	Professor	Nursing	Master's in Nursing preferably PhD in Nursing with at least 05 (five) publications in recognized journals, minimum 03 years experience in the field of Nursing as an Associate Professor in a reputable Nursing College.
2	Associate Professor	Nursing	Master's in Nursing with 03 years experience as an Assist. Professor or equivalent post with 03 (three) publications in recognized journals.
3	Assist. Professor	Nursing	Master's in Nursing/MHE with 03 years experience as Lecturer & at least 02 (two) publications in a recognized journal.
4	Lecturer	Nursing	Master's in Nursing/equivalent 03 years teaching experience in a recognized Nursing College/Institute.
5	Lecturer	English	Master's in English from a recognized University 03 years teaching experience in a reputable College/University.
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7	Lecturer	Psychology	Master's in Psychology from a recognized reputable University with 02 years teaching experience.
8	Lecturer	Nutrition & Dietetics	Master's in Nutrition with 03 years teaching experience in any reputable professional institute.
9	Instructor	Nursing	BSc in Nursing (Master's in Nursing/MPHE will be preferable). Minimum 03 years experience in clinical teaching in a reputable Nursing Institute/College/Hospital.

N.B: Salary: Salary/remuneration will be negotiable/as per scale of Public Colleges.

Interested candidates are requested to apply to the undersigned with CV and 2 copies of passport size recent photograph along with attested copies of all academic transcripts/certificates, nationality certificate etc, on or before 3rd January 2011. Short listed candidates will be called up to appear in an interview board. No TA/DA allowed walking for the interview.

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NOTICE OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM)

Notice is hereby given to all Shareholders of the Company that the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Company will be held on Thursday 27th January, 2011 at 11:30 AM at the "Lake Shore Hotel," La-Vita Hall, House#46, Road#41, Gulshan-2, Dhaka to transact the following business and to adopt resolution as special resolution.

1. To consider enhancement of Authorized Capital from Tk.50,00,00,000.00 (Taka Fifty Crore) divided into 50,00,000 Ordinary Shares of Tk. 100.00 each to Tk. 200,00,00,000.00 (Taka Two hundred Crore) divided into 20,00,00,000 Ordinary Shares of Tk. 10.00 each and amend Clause V of the Memorandum of Association and Clause 6(a) of the Articles of Association as follows:

Amend the Clause V of Memorandum of Association:

Existing Clause The authorized share capital of the Company is Tk.50,00,00,000.00 (Taka Fifty Crore)only divided into 50,00,000 (Fifty lac) ordinary shares of Tk. 100.00(Taka one hundred)only each with power to increase or reduce the share capital and to divide the shares in the original or any increased capital into several classes to attach thereto any preferential, deferred or other special rights, conditions and restrictions as may be determined by the Company in General Meeting.

Proposed Amendment The authorized share capital of the Company Tk.200,00,00,000.00(Taka Two hundred Crore)only divided into 20,00,00,000(Twenty Crore)ordinaryshares of Tk.10.00 (TakaTen) only each with power to increase or reduce the share capital and to divide the shares in the original or any increased capital into several classes to attach thereto any preferential, deferred or other special rights, conditions and restrictions as may be determined by the Company in General Meeting.

Amend Article 6 (a) of the Articles of Association to read as under: Existing Clause

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To Change the Market lot of Shares:

The Board of Directors of Reliance Insurance Limited has decided in its Board Meeting held on 26th October, 2010 at "Lake Shore Hotel", House # 46, Road # 41, Gulshan-2, Dhaka to change market lot from 50 (Fifty) shares to 100 (One hundred) shares per lot subject to the approval of Regulatory Authority and the shareholders in the Extra Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Company which is going to be held on Thursday 27th January, 2011.

To adopt, print and circulate new Memorandum and Articles of Association.

By order of the Board (M. Sabir Ahmed ACA, FCS) Company Secretary

Record date for Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) - 5th January, 2011. Shareholders whose names appeared in the Members Register of the Company or in the Depository on the Record Date, will be eligible to attend the Meeting.

A Member entitled to attend and vote at the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) can appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf. Forms of Proxy, duly stamped, must be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company at least 72 hours before the time fixed for the Meeting.