

# DR Congo plane crashes at airport

More than 50 feared to be dead

AFP, Kinshasa

A plane carrying 112 people crashed as it attempted to land in stormy weather in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo yesterday, but at least 53 people have survived, the air company said.

The plane, operated by Hewa Bora Airways, crashed at Kisangani airport in the northeast of the country.

"We don't know how many people are dead but there are at least 53 survivors from a total 112 passengers and personnel crew," the airline's director Stavros Papaioannou, told AFP.

"The crew members of the Boeing 727 are the first (confirmed) dead," Papaioannou said.

"They arrived at Kisangani, there was bad weather, they tried to land without reaching the runway," he continued, adding that heavy rains at the time had hampered the rescue operation.

The plane was on its regular commercial

route from Kinshasa to Kisangani and Goma when it was hit by the storm as it approached the airport, Lambert Mende, a spokesman for the local administration said.

A plume of black smoke could be seen at the end of the runway, an AFP journalist reported. But flights, which had been suspended after the crash, resumed a short time later.

Plane accidents frequently occur in DR Congo which are often blamed on ageing and poorly maintained aircraft, the flouting of safety rules and bad weather.

Each of its 50 or so airlines has been blacklisted by the European Union which has banned them from its airspace.

A UN aircraft crashed as it tried to land in a storm in Kinshasa in April, killing 32. One person survived in one of the worst disasters ever involving UN transport.

In August last year 20 people were killed after a plane flown by the head of a local airline crashed during landing in the west of the country.



A demonstrator dressed in a Rupert Murdoch mask controls puppets of British Prime Minister David Cameron (Foreground) and British Minister for Culture, Media and Sport Jeremy Hunt, (R) during a protest against Murdoch's proposed takeover of BSkyB, in London yesterday. The media mogul was forced to shut his top tabloid, News of the World, on Thursday over a phone hacking scandal.

PHOTO: AFP

# Hillary to visit India in July

AFP, New Delhi

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is to visit India this month for strategic talks with Indian leaders, a spokesman for the Indian foreign ministry said yesterday.

Hillary will be the most senior US official to visit India since a state visit by US President Barack Obama last November.

She will travel to New Delhi to attend the second India-US Strategic Dialogue on July 19 after presiding over the first such meeting between the world's two largest democracies last year in Washington.

"We are working on a programme" for Clinton's visit, foreign ministry spokesman Vishnu Prakash told AFP.

Prakash did not elaborate on the topics up for discussion during Clinton's talks with Indian foreign minister S.M. Krishna but regional security was expected to be high on the agenda.

# Democrats seek ban on Thaksin party

AFP, Bangkok

Thailand's defeated Democrats launched a legal bid yesterday to ban the victorious party of fugitive former premier Thaksin Shinawatra, threatening fresh political turmoil.

The move is sure to anger Thaksin's "Red Shirt" supporters and dents hopes of an end to years of political deadlock in the troubled kingdom.

The Democrat Party asked the Election Commission (EC) to pursue the abolition of Thaksin's Puea Thai Party, the winner of Sunday's election, on the grounds that banned politicians were involved in its campaign.

# Syria braces for massive protest

13 killed; regime accuses US of meddling

AFP, Damascus

Syrian security forces opened fire on anti-regime protests yesterday, killing at least thirteen people, activists said, while nearly half a million people demonstrated in the protest hub of Hama.

The continuing crackdown on opponents of Bashar al-Assad came as the president's regime accused US Ambassador Robert Ford, who had visited the city, of inciting violence.

The casualties included two protesters killed in a central commercial neighbourhood of Damascus, Abdel Karim Rihawi, who heads the Syrian League for Human Rights, told AFP.

In the central city of Homs, "at least five people were killed in the Al-Khalidiya neighbourhood by security forces who opened fire

against demonstrators," he added.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said at least 24 people were injured in Homs and that some people were gravely wounded.

Both US envoy Ford and French Ambassador Eric Chevallier visited Hama on Thursday.

On Friday, the regime accused Ford of meeting "saboteurs" there and inciting anti-Assad protests.

"The ambassador incited these saboteurs to violence, to demonstrate and to refuse dialogue" with the government, it added.

The foreign ministry called Ford's presence in Hama "obvious proof of the implication of the United States in the ongoing events, and of their attempts to increase (tensions), which damage Syria's security and stability."

# Pakistan air strikes kill 42 militants

AFP, Peshawar

Pakistan officials said yesterday that a four-day air and ground offensive against militants in a key tribal district had left 42 enemy fighters and eight soldiers dead on the Afghan border.

There was no independent confirmation of the death toll because journalists and aid workers do not have free access to the district of Kurram.

The military announced the operation on Monday, under pressure from Washington to do more to destroy militant sanctuaries since US Navy SEALs killed Osama bin Laden north of the capital Islamabad on May 2.

# Kashmir violence at lowest level ever

Casualties drops by 50pc since last year

AFP, Srinagar

The number of violent incidents in Indian Kashmir fell below 100 in the first half of the year, the lowest level since the start of an insurgency more than 20 years ago, according to police.

Official records showed that the number of incidents in the first half of 2011 fell by 50 percent to 97 compared with last year's figure of 196.

Seventy-nine people were killed in violence between January 1 and June 30 -- 42 militants, 12 Indian security personnel and 25 civilians, a police officer told AFP.

At the peak of the unrest in Indian-administered Kashmir in 1996, 13 people were dying on average per day. In 2001, about 10 a day were killed on average.

A total of 375 insurgency-related deaths were recorded in 2010, the same as 2009, when the figures were the lowest for any single year since the start of the insurgency against Indian rule in the Himalayan region in 1989.

The figures for 2010 do not include the estimated 117 fatalities during a summer of public protests against Indian rule, with most deaths caused by security forces firing live ammunition on demonstrators.

The violence in Indian Kashmir has been stoked by Pakistan-based groups that send militants over the de facto border that divides Kashmir between Pakistan and India.

Indian military leaders say that so-called "infiltration" bids are also at a 20-year low, with just one militant killed on the border this year.

The improvement in security has rekindled hopes of a good summer season for the vital tourism industry.

Over 500,000 Indian and 16,000 foreign tourists visited the scenic region during the first half of the current year, according to the tourism department.

# Malaysian capital locked down for rally

AFP, Kuala Lumpur

Malaysian police yesterday prepared to lock down the capital ahead of a controversial electoral reform rally which has triggered fears of chaos in downtown Kuala Lumpur.

Organisers had agreed to hold Saturday's protest at a stadium after complaints that a planned street protest could turn into a riot, but the deal was thrown into confusion after police refused to give the necessary permit.

Bersih organisers said the rally would now be held outside Merdeka Stadium, despite warnings from authorities who have already arrested more than 200 people accusing them of drumming up support for the event.

Major roads in the capital will be closed from midnight yesterday, public buses plying city routes will be diverted, and long-distance buses will be halted at terminals outside Kuala Lumpur.

Police have also obtained a court order to bar 91 leading activists from downtown areas.

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House # 4, Road 21, Sector # 4, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka-1230  
**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR SERVICES (FIRM)**

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Finance
2	Agency	Non-Profit Organization
3	Name of Procuring Entity	Social Development Foundation (SDF)
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not used at present
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6	Expression of Interest for Selection of :-	Service Provider Firms
7	EOI Ref. No.	1. General Procurement Notice (GPN), appeared in the Development Business, issued On - line publication, Dated- May 04, 2010. 2. a) SDF / Procurement / S 5.0 (ENJ) / (4757-BD) / 2011 b) SDF / Procurement / S 6.0 (ENJ) / (4757-BD) / 2011
8	Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	05 / 07 / 2011
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>		
9	Procurement Sub-Method	Consultant's Qualification Selection (CQS)
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>		
10	Budget and Source of funds	Development Budget (Credit)
11	Development Partner (if applicable)	IDA
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>		
12	Project/Program Code (if applicable)	IDA Credit no. 4757-BD
13	Project/Program Name (if applicable)	Empowerment & Livelihood Improvement "Nuton Jiban" Project
14	EOI Closing Date and time	27/07/2011 (By 4.00 PM)
Expressions of Interest must be delivered (through e-mail and/or paper copies) to the address mentioned below. The firm must mark the EOI for the assignment i.e. : A) * EOI for providing Internet Service * B) * EOI for providing Security and Cleaning services *.		
<b>INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT</b>		
15	Brief Description of the Assignment	The Social Development Foundation (SDF) intends to hire two separate firms for providing services as per following : <b>A) To provide an Internet Service (ISP) to transform it into internet based office communication and management platform.</b> The scope of work will include: Email facilities for the SDF staff ; Connecting SDF own MIS, website for hosting all its activities, reports, relevant information, and announcement etc. for the stakeholders; Internet browsing for extracting various information for SDF use ; Exchange and transfer of data with the clients and stakeholders; Maintain necessary backup of important data/ files and restore them from secured location ; Exchange and collect public opinion on SDF activities through online; Any other available facilities as felt by SDF. <b>B) To provide Security and Cleaning services in SDF head quarter building</b> The scope of work will include: <b>I) In security part :</b> Will ensure the security of all sorts of SDF both movable and immovable assets (e.g. men, money, materials, equipment, vehicle etc.) within its premises and take the assistance of the related law enforcing agencies in case of legal requirement; The security personnel will ensure the security of SDF for 24 hours a day. The company will provide a number of trained, unarmed and able security personnel as required as per survey report acceptable to SDF. <b>II) In Cleaning part :</b> Will ensure the cleanliness of SDF office methodically and hygienically as per agreed routine mutually within a stipulated time as per convenience of SDF; Will provide uniform and name card for the cleaners; Will supply all kinds of cleaning materials e.g. detergent, disinfectant, other cleaning materials etc. and equipment e.g. mop, bucket, washing brush, cloth duster etc; cleaning of inside the SDF office building, all furniture and fixture, equipment and machineries and the bathrooms, Commodes, Basins, fittings etc.
16	Experience, Resources & Delivery Capacity Required	1. Interested Service Provider firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to provide the services. The firms should be experienced and reputed in the field, having considerable experience in providing such services. 2. The EOIs would be reviewed on the basis of the following: • Registration of firm (at least 5 years); • Organizational Capacity and available Resources with Infrastructure/Connectivity) • Available Key Technical staffs/Resource Staff; • Experience of the firm(s) in similar task ; • Evidence of the organization's bank account; • Client lists for the last 3 years.
17	Other Details	a) The Service Provider firms shall be selected in accordance with - World Bank Guidelines for Selection and Employment of Consultants (issued August 2004 and revised October 2006 and May 2010) and Public Procurement Rules 2008. b) Expression of Interests (EOI) shall be submitted in sealed envelope, delivered to the address of the under signed.
18	Association with foreign firms is	Not Applicable
19	Ref. No.	Location
20	S 5.0 (ENJ) for ISP Services.	SDF Head office
20	S 6.0 (ENJ) for Security & cleaning services.	SDF Head office
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>		
21	Name of the Official Inviting EOI	Md. Nurul Islam Sardar
22	Designation of the Official Inviting EOI	Managing Director
23	Address of the Official Inviting EOI	Social Development Foundation House # 04, Road # 21, Sector # 04, Uttara, Dhaka-1230.
24	Contact Details of the Official Inviting EOI	Email: md@sdffbd.org , Web site : www.sdffbd.org
The Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or rejects all EOIs - Incomplete or partial EOIs will be rejected. - The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the EOI, or annul the EOI process at any stage without assigning any reason(s) whatsoever, and without incurring any liability to the affected applicant(s).		
Managing Director Social Development Foundation (SDF)		

# TELANGANA STATE BID Minister urges PM to resolve impasse

IANS, New Delhi

Union Petroleum Minister S Jaipal Reddy met Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Friday and called for steps to resolve the impasse over creation of a new state of Telangana from Andhra Pradesh.

Sources said Reddy, who was with the prime minister for over 30 minutes, apprised him of political developments in Andhra Pradesh in the wake of resignation of about 100 legislators and 15 MPs from Telangana region in support of their demand for a separate state.

Reddy, who is an MP from Chelvela Lok Sabha seat in Telangana region, pressed for an early decision to resolve the impasse and said there was a groundswell of support in the region for creation of a new state.

**Wanted**

**UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA:** Applications in prescribed form, obtainable from the Office of the Registrar, are invited from the Bangladesh nationals for appointment of one temporary Lecturer (against leave vacancy) in the Department of World Religions and Culture in the pay scale of Tk 11,000-490x7-14,430/-EB-540x11-20,370/- (NP Scale-2009).  
**QUALIFICATIONS:** Candidates must have Honours degree in World Religions and Culture/Religious Studies/History/Islamic History & Culture and Master degree in World Religions and Culture. Those who have Honours degree in History/Islamic History & Culture will get preference. Candidates must have first class at least either in Honours or in Master with at least second division in SSC and HSC examinations. Those who have applied earlier for the post would need to reapply as under new terms and conditions.  
Eight copies of application together with attested copies of certificates, testimonials, mark-sheets and proof of experience along with a Pay-Order/Bank Draft of the value of Tk 750/- (seven hundred fifty) only, payable to the Registrar, should reach him on or before 24/07/2011. Candidates already in service must apply through proper channel.  
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**Wanted**

**UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA:** Applications in prescribed form, obtainable from the Office of the Registrar, are invited from Bangladesh nationals for filling up 03(three) permanent posts of Lecturer in the Department of Music in the pay scale of Tk 11,000-490x7-14430-EB-540x11-20370/-.  
**QUALIFICATIONS:** Candidates must have first class either in Honours or in Master's degree or in both in Music with at least second divisions in the SSC & HSC examinations. Other qualifications being equal preference will be given to those who have higher degrees. Third division/class at any level will not be acceptable. Those who have applied earlier will be considered against these posts, so they need not reapply.  
Eight copies of application together with attested copies of certificates, testimonials, mark-sheets and proof of experience along with a Pay-Order/Bank Draft of the value of Tk 750/- (seven hundred & fifty) only, payable to the Registrar, should reach him on or before 26/07/2011. Candidates already in service must apply through proper channel.  
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