



A woman eats her lunch by her belongings evacuated from a flooded area in Ayutthaya province yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Bangkok braces for floods

BBC ONLINE

Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra yesterday sought to reassure Bangkok residents, as efforts continue to protect the city from the country's worst floods in decades. Yingluck said flood walls would protect the city centre and it should be considered safe.

Her comments came after an evacuation warning for some suburbs issued by a minister sparked panic.

The flooding has been gathering pace for weeks. More than 280 people have been killed and Thailand's economy has been hit hard because factories are under water.

Authorities there have warned that the arrival of the runoff water, plus high tides and bad weather at the weekend, could flood parts of the city.

"Bangkok may face some problems in areas that are on the outer sides of the irrigation dykes but water levels will not be too high. But inner Bangkok has extremely high defences," Yingluck said.

"In conclusion, Bangkok should still be considered safe," she said.

Late on Thursday, Science Minister Plodprasop Suraswadi said that northern suburbs were at risk of flooding because a floodgate had burst, causing some residents to leave.

Officials in charge of managing the floods say they plan to divert the water through canals to the east and west of Bangkok and then on to the sea.

NEWS IN brief

Rabin memorial vandalised

CNN ONLINE

Authorities detained a man early yesterday after he vandalised the memorial of late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, according to police.



A nearby wall was also defaced with blue and pink graffiti reading "price tag," and "Free Yigal Amir" -- in reference to Rabin's killer.

Yigal Amir, who is serving a life sentence for the murder, is a right-wing Israeli radical who assassinated the prime minister on November 4, 1995 because he was opposed to Rabin's signing of the Oslo Accords.

Tunisia police teargas protesters

BBC ONLINE

Police in Tunisia yesterday fired tear gas at hundreds of Islamists demonstrating in the capital, Tunis, reports said.

One of the protests took place outside a private TV station which has angered Islamists by screening an animated film which critics accuse of blasphemy for including an image of God.

It was the second rally outside the Nessma TV station in a week after it broadcast "Persepolis", which deals with Iran's 1979 revolution.

Tajikistan convicts BBC reporter

BBC ONLINE

A BBC reporter has been found guilty in Tajikistan of complicity in the activities of a banned Islamist organisation, Hizb ut-Tahrir.

Urunboy Usmonov was sentenced to three years in jail, but the judge granted him an amnesty and ordered his release.

Usmonov's arrest in June sparked international condemnation - the BBC has strongly condemned the verdict.

Strong quake halts Russian oil supplies to China

REUTERS, Moscow

A strong earthquake struck Russia's Far East near the Chinese border yesterday, shaking buildings hundreds of kilometres away and halting almost all Russian oil supplies to its energy-hungry Asian neighbour.

Schools were evacuated in one Russian city and office workers fled buildings across the border in China, but emergency officials said there were no casualties or significant property damage.

Cost of "Arab Spring" more than \$55 billion

REUTERS, London

The uprisings that swept the Middle East this year have cost the most affected countries more than \$55 billion, a new report says, but the resulting high oil prices have strengthened other producing countries.

A statistical analysis of International Monetary Fund (IMF) data by political risk consultancy Geopolitics showed that countries that had seen the bloodiest confrontations -- Libya and Syria -- were bearing the economic brunt, followed by Egypt, Tunisia, Bahrain and Yemen.

Between them, those states saw \$20.6 billion wiped off their gross domestic product and public finances eroded by another \$35.3 billion as revenues slumped and costs rose.

But as the major oil producers such as the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait avoided significant unrest -- often through increasing handouts as oil prices rose -- they saw their GDP grow. Oil prices rocketed from around \$90 a barrel of Brent crude at the start of the year to just short of \$130 in May before retreating to around \$113 now.

"As a result, the overall impact of the 'Arab Spring' across the Arab realm has been mixed but positive in aggregate terms," the report estimated, saying overall the year to September saw some \$38.9 billion added to regional productivity.

Libya looks to have been the worst affected, with economic activity across the country -- including oil exports -- halted at an estimated cost to GDP of \$7.7 billion, or more than 28 percent. Total costs to the fiscal balance were estimated at \$6.5 billion, roughly 29 percent of gross domestic product.

In Egypt, nine months of turmoil eroded some 4.2 percent of gross domestic product with public expenditure rising to \$5.5 billion just as public revenues fell by \$75 million.

In Syria, where protests have continued throughout the year in the face of a bloody crackdown, the impact is hard to model but early indications suggested a total cost to the Syrian economy of some \$6 billion or 4.5 percent of GDP.

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the authorities to fix those urgently to ensure the bridge's 100-year lifespan is not shortened.

The group blamed faulty design of the bridge for the defects.

Following expert recommendations, the authorities halved the speed and load limits for trains.

According to the original design, the speed limit for trains was 40 kilometres per hour. It was reduced to 20 km/h for passenger trains, and 16 km/h for freight trains.

Moreover, a train with two locomotives cannot cross the bridge now. The freight trains must have empty containers in between the loaded ones.

The maximum UDL (Uniformly Distributed Load) capacity of the bridge has also reduced.

The capacity of the bridge has decreased as the successive governments failed to select a firm for the repairs.

Experts have suggested the government urgently build an exclusive railway bridge parallel to the existing one to meet the increasing demand of train service.

Communications ministry sources said an initiative has been taken in this regard sensing the existing bridge might be left out of the proposed Trans-Asian Railway, Asian Highway, and other sub-regional connectivity routes due to its poor condition.

Blast wounds two in Assam

REUTERS, Guwahati

At least two people were wounded yesterday by a bomb in the northeast Indian state of Assam, police said.

India to have whistleblower

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provide for setting out the practical regime of right to information for citizens."

The Act applies to all States and Union Territories of India except the State of Jammu and Kashmir which has its own act. Under the provisions of the Act, any citizen may request information from a "public authority" (a body of Government or "instrumentality of State") which is required to reply expeditiously or within thirty days.

Manmohan Singh exhorted public authorities to proactively disclose information that was not exempted. He said he was against the dilution of the RTI Act.

However, "RTI should not affect deliberative process of the government," he said.

Addressing the two-day annual convention of the Central Information Commission here, Singh said "we wish to make the Right to Information an even more effective instrument for ensuring transparency and accountability in administration."

He said there was a need to strike a balance between disclosure of information and the limited time and resources available with public authorities.

"The Right to Information should not adversely affect the deliberative processes in the Government," he said adding, "We must take a critical look at it. There are concerns that need to be discussed and addressed."

There have been demands for amending the transparency law by certain

sections of government who feel it is "transgressing" into their functioning.

Amendments to the RTI Act and exemptions given to security agencies from making disclosures under it are expected to be debated at the conference being attended by information commissioners.

"Another concern that has been raised is that the Right to Information could end up discouraging honest, well meaning public servants from giving full expression to their views."

"I think we need to remember here that a point of view brought under public scrutiny and discussion in an isolated manner may sometimes present a distorted or incomplete picture of what really happened in the processes of making the final decisions," he added.

China won't divert water

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have been calling for greater usage of this river. However, considering the technical difficulties, the actual need of diversion, and the possible impact on the environment and state-to-state relations, the Chinese government has no plans to conduct any diversification project in this river," Jiao Yong, the Chinese Vice Minister for Water Resources, told reporters in response to a query during a press conference in Beijing Wednesday.

Stretching over 2,900km, the river flows across Qinghai Tibet Plateau.

Concerns increased as

China formally started construction of a hydro-power dam on the Brahmaputra in November last year in Zangmu, around 9km north-west of Gyaca in Tibet. Beijing maintains it is a runoff of the river project and would harm the interest of lower riparian country.

The 510 MW Zangmu Power Station, estimated to cost about 7.9 billion yuan, is being built about 540 km upstream from the point where the Brahmaputra enters India. The project envisages construction of six power generating units, with 85 MW installed capacity each. The first unit is slated to be commissioned by 2014.

New Delhi's apprehensions also stem from the fact that there is no treaty between India and China on the sharing of trans-border rivers despite the fact that both sides have been sharing flood season data through an agreement for this specific purpose.

Legal Notice

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
Company Matter No. 304 of 2011

IN THE MATTER OF:
An Application under section 81(2) read with Section 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994

AND
IN THE MATTER OF:

Ms. Ok Kyung Oh, Managing Director, TaeHung Packaging BD Ltd. Tower Palace APT E-712 DoGoK Dong, KangNam Ku, Seoul, Korea. Present Address: Hosnabad Apartment, APT NE-5, House No. 38, Road No. 1, Block-1, Banani, Dhaka.

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Petitioner

TaeHung Packaging BD Ltd. Teen Sarak, Joydebpur, Gazipur-1700, Bangladesh and others.

-----Respondents.

Notice is hereby given that an application under Section 81(2) read with Section 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994 was filed moved in the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh by the Petitioner for condonation of delay in holding the Annual General Meetings of TaeHung Packaging BD Ltd. for the years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011. Upon hearing of the application on 11.10.2011 Hon'ble Company Judge Mr. Justice Mamnoon Rahman has been pleased to admit the said application and fixed date of hearing on 20.11.2011. Any person interested to oppose the said application may appear before the Hon'ble Court either in person or through an advocate on the date fixed for hearing. Copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of necessary cost.

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স্মারক নং-বিএসএম/প্রশা-০২/২০১১/১৬৭ তারিখঃ - ১২/১০/২০১১

পুরাতন গাড়ি (২টি) বিক্রয়ের দরপত্র আহবান বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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