

AirAsia plane's wreckage found

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 their needs are met". Pictures of floating bodies were broadcast on television and relatives of the missing already gathered at a crisis centre in Surabaya wept with heads in their hands. Several people collapsed in grief and were helped away. "You have to be strong," the mayor of Surabaya, Tri Rismaharini, said as she comforted relatives. "They are not ours, they belong to God."

A navy spokesman said a plane door, oxygen tanks and one body had been recovered and taken away by helicopter for tests, reports Reuters.

"The challenge is waves up to three meters high," Fransiskus Bambang Soelistyo, head of the Search and Rescue Agency, told reporters, adding that the search operation would go on all night. He declined to answer questions on whether any survivors had been found.

About 30 ships and 21 aircraft from Indonesia, Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea and the United States have been involved in the search.

Media stations have been criticised for showing split-screen footage of distraught families as they were watched live footage of bodies from missing AirAsia flight being recovered from the water, reports Independent.

TV One, an Indonesian news channel, screened images from rescue crews as they encountered the debris and bodies found earlier yesterday in the Java Sea, off the coast on Borneo, on a split screen interposed with live reaction from the families of passengers.

In Surabaya airport where the passengers' family were gathered in a 'crisis

centre', six giant flat screen TVs were reported to have played the footage immediately emerging from the scene of discovery. Similar footage was later picked up by other channels and broadcast around Indonesia and South-east Asia. ChannelAsia later tweeted an apology to its users after "inadvertently" airing similar footage showing the debris and what appeared to be bodies to its viewers. Social media users reacted angrily to the actions of the media stations, with many scarcely able to believe what they were seeing.

The plane, which did not issue a distress signal, disappeared after its pilot failed to get permission to fly higher to avoid bad weather because of heavy air traffic, officials said.

It was travelling at 32,000 feet and had asked to fly at 38,000 feet, officials said earlier.

Pilots and aviation experts said thunderstorms, and requests to gain altitude to avoid them, were not unusual in that area.

The Indonesian pilot was experienced and the plane last underwent maintenance in mid-November, the airline said.

The aircraft had accumulated about 23,000 flight hours in some 13,600 flights, according to Airbus.

Online discussion among pilots has centred on unconfirmed secondary radar data from Malaysia that suggested the aircraft was climbing at a speed of 353 knots, about 100 knots too slow, and that it might have stalled.

The plane, whose engines were made by CFM International, co-owned by General Electric and Safran of France,

lacked real-time engine diagnostics or monitoring, a GE spokesman said. Such systems are mainly used on long-haul flights and can provide clues to airlines and investigators when things go wrong.

Three airline disasters involving Malaysian-affiliated carriers in less than a year have dented confidence in the country's aviation industry and spooked travellers across the region.

Malaysian Airlines Flight MH370 went missing on March 8 on a trip from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing with 239 passengers and crew on board and has not been found. On July 17, the same airline's Flight MH17 was shot down over Ukraine, killing all 298 people on board.

Bizarrely, an AirAsia plane from Manila skidded off and overshoot the runway on landing at Kalibo in the central Philippines yesterday. No one was hurt.

On board Flight QZ8501 were 155 Indonesians, three South Koreans, and one person each from Singapore, Malaysia and Britain. The co-pilot was French.

US law enforcement and security officials said passenger and crew lists were being examined but nothing significant had turned up and the incident was regarded as an unexplained accident.

Indonesia AirAsia is 49 percent owned by Malaysia-based budget carrier AirAsia.

The AirAsia group, including affiliates in Thailand, the Philippines and India, had not suffered a crash since its Malaysian budget operations began in 2002.

Fingers pointed

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 In a visit to the spot after the accident, Shipping Secretary Shafique Alam Mehdi found that there were no barriers to control movement of vehicles inside the depot.

He asked the authorities concerned to install barriers as soon as possible.

In a letter to the divisional railway manager the same day, Ahmedul Karim Chowdhury, deputy traffic manager at the depot, requested him to take necessary steps in this regard.

Though the railway owns the depot, the shipping ministry is responsible for its operation, said sources.

Seeking anonymity, a senior official at the depot said they had been requesting the railway to install level crossing inside the depot for the last couple of years. But the railway didn't respond.

Contacted, Tafazzal Hossain, director general of Bangladesh Railway, refused to comment on the issue.

Visiting the spot yesterday, this correspondent found that drivers and labourers at the depot were putting barriers with bamboos to control movement of vehicles inside the depot.

Defying warnings, the lorry of NS Cargo Ltd drove onto the rail tracks and collided with a passenger train inside the container depot on Monday, leaving six people dead and 15 others injured.

Two died on the spot and four, including a woman, at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. All were passengers of the train, coming to the capital from Narayanganj.

Talking to The Daily Star over the phone, Nazmul Islam, chief of the probe body formed by railway ministry, said evidence collected so far by the committee suggested that the lorry driver's recklessness led to the accident.

He said they already took testimonies of 17 people who include several witnesses.

About the installations that obstruct drivers' view inside the depot, Nazmul, also divisional transport officer of the railway, said he would make a recommendation for removing those structures.

Meanwhile, Maksudar Rahman, additional superintendent of railway police, said they were still trying to track down the lorry driver and his helper.

Police seized the lorry, and would ask Bangladesh Road Transport Authority to examine the vehicle's fitness papers, he said.

Fakhrul, 42 others sued

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 In the case statement, the opposition leaders were accused of leading, ordering and advising party activists to carry out the arson attack with intent to deteriorate the law and order on the eve of a nationwide hartal called by the alliance.

The accused include senior BNP leaders Rafiqul Islam Miah, Mirza Abbas, Barkat Ullah Bulu, Amanullah Aman, Ruhul Kabir Rizvi, Habibun Nabi Khan Sohel, Shahid Uddin Chowdhury Annee, Mir Sarafat Ali Safu and ZM Zahid Hossain, Bangladesh Jatiya Party (BJP) Chairman Andalib Rahman Partha and Jamaat-e-Islami leaders Prof Mojibur Rahman and Rafiqul Islam Khan.

ASI Malek in the case statement mentioned that at least two home-made bombs had been exploded to kill the driver and helper of the bus carrying staff of the public administration ministry.

REMAND OF GOYESHWAR
 A Dhaka court yesterday placed BNP standing committee member Goyeshwar Chandra Roy on a two-day fresh remand in a case filed with Turag Police Station in connection with creating anarchy in Dhaka.

Metropolitan Magistrate Shahriar Mahmud Adnan passed the remand order after showing him arrested in the case.

Earlier, the Detective Branch of police produced him in the court with a 10-day remand prayer on completion of a three-day remand in a case filed in connection with the violence in Bakshibazar on Wednesday.

On Wednesday, some 200 Bangladesh Chhatra League leaders with iron rods and sticks swooped on BNP activists gathered at Bakshibazar to show their support for party chief Khaleda Zia who was scheduled to appear in a court in two graft cases.

The police earlier showed Goyeshwar arrested in a case filed with Shahbagh Police Station over an attack on ruling party's Netrakona-1 MP Chhabbi Biswas near Dhaka Medical College Hospital, several hours after detectives had picked him up from a house in Siddheswari.

The arrest came a day after he vowed that the opposition alliance would hold rallies across the country blocking roads if the government obstructed a rally at Bhawal Badre Alam College in Gazipur.

Khaleda

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 press conference about the ongoing political situation of the country this evening at her Gulshan office, where she might issue the ultimatum, a staff of the BNP chairperson's media wing said yesterday.

BNP insiders said Khaleda, at the press briefing, might urge the government to meet opposition's demand for holding dialogue within a short period.

The BNP chief has finalised a package of fresh anti-government movements and she might announce the first phase of it, party insiders added.

The BNP chief will also call for a national unity among the like-minded political parties.

The former opposition leader might also announce tougher programmes if the government does not give them permission to hold rallies on January 3 and 5 in the city.

Fingerprint

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 fingerprint of defence minister Ursula von der Leyen using pictures taken with a "standard photo camera". Krissler had no physical print from Leyen.

Fingerprint biometrics are already considered insecure, experts say. Krissler, also known as Starbug, was speaking at a convention for members of the CCC, a 31-year-old network that claims to be "Europe's largest association" of hackers.

He told the audience he had obtained a close-up of a photo of Leyen's thumb and had also used other pictures taken at different angles during a press event that the minister had spoken at in October.

Krissler has suggested that "politicians will presumably wear gloves when talking in public" after hearing about his research.

Fingerprint identification is used as a security measure on both Apple and Samsung devices, and was used to identify voters at polling stations in Brazil's presidential election this year,

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Pass rates up in Ebtedai

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 The Ebtedai examination - a rise of 0.18 percentage points from last year. The pass rate in JDC exams is 93.50 percent, up from 91.11 percent the previous year.

The number of GPA-5 (grade point average) achievers in the Ebtedai examination however was 6,541 this year, down from 7,253 last year.

A total of 2,65,974 class V madrasa students (1,32,054 girls and 1,33,920 boys) sat for the Ebtedai examination this year.

The percentage of boys coming out successful in the exams is also higher this year - 96.11 percent against 95.84 percent for girls.

The number of students who obtained GPA above 3.5 is 1,12,461. A total of 1,36,271 students earned GPA between 1 and 3.5.

This year, the number of unsuccessful students is 10,701.

Over 3,06,058 students from 11,410 madrasas across the country registered to appear in the examinations. Of them over 2,65,974 students sat for the exams. It is apprehended that the students who registered to sit for the exams but failed to attend the tests might drop out altogether.

As in the last three years, students from Barisal Division had the highest pass rate of 98.39 percent while Chuadanga at 83.51 per cent had the lowest pass rate among all districts.

The top three best performing institutions in terms of number of GPA 5 achievers and pass rates are Baitush Sharaf Adarsha Kamil Madrasa in Chittagong followed by Mirwarishpur Senior Madrasa and Darannajat Siddikia Kamil Madrasa in Demra.

The number of GPA-5 achievers in JDC examination has seen a small increase this year with 19,300 against 19,211 last year.

The total number of students who sat for the JDC examination was 3,11,540 this year.

This year's exams saw more girls than boys (1,52,817 girls against 1,38,488 boys) but a lesser number of girls secured GPA 5 (9,516 girls against 9,774 boys).

The top three best performing institutions in terms of number of GPA 5 achievers and pass rates under Madrasa Education Board are Tanjumul Ummah Cadet Madrasa in the capital followed by Darunnajat Siddikia Kamil Madrasa in Demra and Jameaya Quasemia (Kamil Madrasa) Mohila Shakha in Narsingdi.

Military Engineer Services Directorate of Works & Chief Engineer (Army) Invitation for Re-Tenders

1. Ministry/Division : Ministry of Defence.
2. Agency : Military Engineer Services.
3. Procuring entity name : DW & CE (Army), Dhaka Cantt.
4. Tender name : Renewal/alteration/modification of existing Offr's Qtr (Bldg No. 164/1-10 & 183/1-10) at Staff Road area under GE (Army) Maint North at Dhaka Cantt (Group-I).
5. Invitation for tender No. : 60 of 2014-2015/E-6 Dated 22 December 2014.
6. Procurement method : Open tendering method.
7. Source of funds : GOB.
8. Tender publication date : 31 December 2014.
9. Tender last selling date : 07 January 2015 up to 1430 hours.
10. Tender submission date & time : 08 January 2015, 1200 hours.
11. Tender opening date & time : 08 January 2015, 1230 hours.
12. Name & address of the office(s) :
 - Selling tender documents : a. Tender Selling & Information Centre of DW&CE(A) at GE (A) Project, Dhaka Cantt.
 - b. DW & CE (Army), Dhaka Cantt.
 - Receiving tender documents : Tender Selling & Information Centre of DW&CE(A) at GE (A) Project, Dhaka Cantt.
 - Opening tender documents : Tender Selling & Information Centre of DW&CE (A) at GE (A) Project, Dhaka Cantt.
13. Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting : Tender Selling & Information Centre of DW&CE(A) at GE (A) Project, Dhaka Cantt, 07 January 2015, 1000-1100 hours.
14. Eligibility of tenderer :
 - a. Contractors enlisted in MES Class 'C'.
 - b. Contractors enlisted in other govt/semi-govt/ autonomous organisations in similar capacity having necessary security clearance.
15. Price of tender document : Tk 2,000/- (non-refundable).
16. Amount of tender security : Tk 2,30,000/- (As Pay Order/Bank Draft).
17. Time of completion of wks : 06 (six) months.
18. Contact details : Phone: 9832678, Mili: 2678 Fax: (02) 9833284 Website: www.army.mil.bd
19. Special instructions :
 - a. Tenderer shall submit copy of letter of valid enlistment & security clearance with application on company letterhead when purchasing tender.
 - b. Detailed requirements are mentioned in tender data sheet of tender documents.
 - c. the procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.

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16512	Supply of the following items as per approved sample & direction of Engineer in charge, i) Hatch bolt ii) 4" long brush hinge iii) Hydraulic door closer iv) Mortice door lock v) Hanging lock vi) Bleaching powder vii) 3 mm thick clear glass viii) Putty. Ref. No. Admin-15/CCD-2/egp/2014-15/10, Date: 23/12/2014.
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16542	Supply of the following items as per approved sample & direction of Engineer in charge, i) 4' long (40 watt) tube light ii) 2' long (20 watt) tube light iii) 11/13/14/15 watt B-22 CDL (Pin & Screw type) iv) 15 watt Spiral Type lamps B-22 CDL v) 20 watt Spiral Type lamps B-22 CDL vi) 23 watt Spiral Type Lamps B-22 vii) 40/60 watt Incandescent Lamp viii) 100 watt Incandescent Lamp. Ref. No. Admin-15/CCD-2/egp/2014-15/13, Date: 24/12/2014.
16543	Supply of the following items as per approved sample & direction of Engineer in charge, i) 28" long heavy double gas burner made of stainless plain sheet (Manual Ignition) ii) Gas burner Nozzle iii) 1/2" gas cock (Uzala). Ref. No. Admin-15/CCD-2/egp/2014-15/14, Date: 24/12/2014.

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