

Two men killed in ultralight plane crash near Tokyo

AFP, Tokyo

Two men believed to have been a pilot and his passenger were killed after an ultralight plane crashed into a golf course northeast of Tokyo, police said yesterday.

The two-seater plane went missing Saturday after it took off from an airfield in Ibaraki prefecture.

The wreckage of the plane was found at a nearby golf course early yesterday with the two victims, aged 59 and 57, in the cockpit, a local police spokesman said.

They were unconscious and were later confirmed dead, the spokesman said, adding that the two were believed to have been travelling in the plane. Police and aviation authorities were investigating the cause of the crash.

Last month, a small plane crashed into a Tokyo suburb shortly after takeoff, killing two passengers and a woman on the ground. Local media reported that engine trouble and excess weight were among the possible cause of the crash.

Journo arrested

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Sher-e-Bangla Nagar police refused to register a General Diary (GD) over a threat on him and his family, said his son Suprio Sikdar.

Police picked him up from his office around 6:30 in the evening but did not admit to have arrested him until midnight.

Muntasirul Islam, deputy commissioner (media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said around 7:30pm that the journalist was not arrested and that he was taken to "discuss" the threats. "He will go home after that."

Contacted again around midnight, Sazzadur Rahman, DC (west) of Detective Branch of police, said they arrested Probir.

He added that the journalist was being taken to Faridpur Sadar Police Station where the case was filed.

Suprio said a Sher-e-Bangla Nagar police team led by Sub-inspector Abdul Jalil went to the office of online news portal (www.u71news.com) around 6:30pm.

The SI asked Probir, editor of the news portal, to go with them to the police station to discuss the GD.

The cops first put him on a police van, but it stopped at Khamarbari, a few hundred yards from Sagar-Saikat Market from where the journalist was picked up.

Gorillas show

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Postdoctoral researcher Marcus Perlman at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Nathaniel Clark at the University of California analysed 71 hours of video footage of Koko's behaviour.

They say that they have "found examples of Koko performing nine different, voluntary behaviours that required control over her vocalisation and breathing."

They concluded that "these were learned behaviours, not part of the typical gorilla repertoire."

Perlman said: "She doesn't produce a pretty, periodic sound when she performs these behaviours, like we do when we speak. But she can control her larynx enough to produce a controlled grunting sound."

"Koko bridges a gap. She shows the potential under the right environment conditions for apes to develop quite a bit of flexible control over their vocal tract. It's not as fine as human control, but it is certainly control."

BB intel unit set to get

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move to make the intelligence unit an independent institution.

"The BFIU now uses central bank letterhead for official correspondence. Once the amendment is in force, it will have its own letterhead," he told The DailyStar.

However, the BB governor's role in the BFIU will remain unchanged, added Aslam.

Another finance ministry official said though the BFIU will be an autonomous body, its office will be on the central bank premises and all its expenses will be met from the BB's budget.

As per law, banks, financial institutions, stock exchanges, and other organisations involved in financial dealings send information to the BFIU about any suspicious transactions. Information about transactions by ministers, lawmakers and other high-profile people is also sent to the BFIU.

The intelligence unit analyses the information, take punitive action against irregularities and in some cases, forward transaction data to other organisations, including the ACC.

Former finance adviser to a caretaker government AB Mirza Azizul Islam said the move to strengthen the intelligence unit is good, but the key point here is who will be picked for the top posts of BFIU.

If there is political influence on the recruitment process like it happens in the cases of key appointments to public banks, the proposed changes to the law would not produce any good result, he added.

Ahsan H Mansur, executive director of Policy Research Institute, said the chief and deputy chief of the BFIU must have vast knowledge on financial issues.

But the question remains that how people from outside the central bank,

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Niloy's uncle Bimol Chattopadhyay told The Daily Star over the phone, "My brother [Niloy's father] and I have started worrying about the future of the case. I want a proper and speedy investigation into the incident."

Bimol, who lives in Pirojpur, also feared that the killers and their cohorts might try to change the course of the investigation by threatening Niloy's wife Asha Moni, a key witness to the incident.

Niloy, 28, was stabbed to death by four cleaver-wielding militant suspects in his bedroom in the capital's Goran. His wife Asha Moni and her sister were inside the flat at that time.

Bimol said he virtually raised Niloy since his childhood and also bore educational expenses when he enrolled in Dhaka University.

Six days after Niloy's death detectives on Thursday arrested Saad-al-Nahin and Masud Rana at the capital's Uttara and Mirpur.

A Dhaka court placed each of them on eight-day police remand on Friday.

The duo, however, was yet to confess their involvement in the killing but detectives said they could glean vital information on the recent blogger killings from the arrestees.

Contacted, Muntasirul Islam, deputy commissioner (media) of DMP, claimed that they had made significant progress into the investigation.

"Hopefully, we will unveil the mystery [of Niloy's killing] soon."

He also urged Niloy's family to have faith in police.

Meanwhile, Inspector General of Police AKM Shahidul Hoque during an event in Ashulia yesterday said police lacks a system to monitor the social media, like Facebook and Twitter.

He said Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission often fails to provide accurate information on the origin of

including bureaucrats, would perform their duties efficiently if they are picked for the top BFIU posts, he noted.

Zahid Hussain, lead economist at the Dhaka office of World Bank, said an empowered financial intelligence unit is a good idea. However, the devil is always in making it work. Finding the right leadership for BFIU and allowing them space to pursue its mandate without any fear or favour will be the main challenge, he observed.

The cabinet on August 10 approved an amendment to the ACC law, giving back the police the responsibility of investigating fraud cases filed by private citizens. The ACC has been doing the job since 2013 despite manpower shortages.

However, the cases involving government property, civil servants or government bank employees would be probed by the graft watchdog.

According to another proposed change in the law, money-laundering-related crimes will be investigated by the police, National Board of Revenue (NBR) and other relevant organisations. Presently, the Anti-Corruption Commission is tasked with the job.

Both Mirza Aziz and Mansur said the finance ministry's proposal is consistent with the proposed amendment to the ACC law.

Mirza Aziz said whoever carries out investigations into money laundering, they must do it honestly. "There is no problem with laws in Bangladesh. The problem lies with those who enforce laws."

Over-stretching the ACC will not work, said Mansur, adding that the government would be better off giving the responsibility of probing money laundering to relevant government authorities.

Iraq PM clears way for military trials over Ramadi loss

AFP, Baghdad

Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi approved an investigative commission's recommendation that commanders face military justice and probable trial for withdrawing from Ramadi without orders, his office said yesterday.

Ramadi fell to the Islamic State (ISIS) jihadist group in mid-May after government forces had held out against militants in the city west of the capital for more than a year, in the worst setback for Baghdad in months.

Abadi approved "decisions of the investigative commission on the withdrawal of the Anbar Operations Command and units attached to it from the city of Ramadi," his office said in a statement.

Those include "referring a number of the leaders to the military judiciary for leaving their positions without orders and contrary to instructions (and) despite the issuance of a number of orders not to withdraw," it said.

Abadi previously said that forces in Ramadi "had to resist, and if they had resisted, we would not have lost Ramadi."

And a senior British military officer, Brigadier Christopher Ghika, said the city "was lost because the Iraqi commander in Ramadi elected to withdraw."

54 feared dead in plane crash

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After the plane failed to land, Trigana Air sent another flight over the area to hunt for it but the aircraft failed to spot anything due to bad weather.

Captain Beni Sumaryanto, Trigana Air's service director of operations, told AFP that Oksibil was "a mountainous area where the weather is very unpredictable. It can suddenly turn foggy, dark and windy without warning."

"We strongly suspect it's a weather issue. It is not overcapacity, as the plane could take 50 passengers."

Barata said the weather in the area had been "very dark and cloudy."

Trigana Air is a small airline established in 1991 that operates domestic services to around 40 destinations in Indonesia.

It has suffered 14 serious incidents since it began operations, according to the Aviation Safety Network, which monitors air accidents.

The airline is on a blacklist of carriers

Burundi crisis poses 'catastrophic' risk for region: AU

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Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma called for "utmost restraint" by all sides.

"This despicable act, and multiple other acts of violence recorded in recent months, illustrates yet again the gravity of the situation in Burundi - and the real risk of seeing a further deterioration with catastrophic consequences both for the country itself, and for the whole region," Dlamini-Zuma said in a statement.

The African Union yesterday warned of potential "catastrophic consequences" for troubled Burundi and the wider region if rivals do not resolve political differences peacefully. One day after the former head of Burundi's army during its 13-year civil war was assassinated, further fuelling fears of a new conflict, AU Commission chief

Sierra Leone ends Ebola quarantine for 500 villagers

AFP, Freetown

Sierra Leone has ended an Ebola lockdown in the northern village of Massesbe that had kept more than 500 residents in quarantine, as President Ernest Bai Koroma said only two people were still being treated for the virus nationwide.

Koroma himself on Friday cut the yellow ribbon that had ringed the village in the northern district of Tonkolili to mark the completion of the standard 21-day quarantine period, a State House release said.

"None of the villagers tested positive (for Ebola)," a health ministry official told AFP.

Koroma described the lifting of the last large-scale quarantine in the country as "a special day in the lives of the people", but he cautioned against "complacency in the fight against the receding virus", according to his speech which was broadcast on national radio on Saturday.

"Only two patients (both in the northern district of Bombali) are in treatment centres throughout the country", Koroma told the cheering villagers.

"But you should not rest until Ebola is eradicated," he said. "Our efforts should be sustained until the last case is discharged," he added, his voice occasionally drowned out by the sound of drums and animal horns.

"I shall be making on-the-spot checks across the country," Koroma warned, without giving further details.

Massesbe, a predominantly agricultural village some 200 kilometres from the capital, went on alert three weeks ago after a trader from Freetown who was visiting his mother tested positive for Ebola and later died.

But with no cases emerging in the village, the director of the National Ebola Response Centre's Situation Room, Ibrahim Sesay, said the country was making progress in its battle against haemorrhagic fever.

"We are doing 90 percent better," he told reporters.

"There has not been any new case of Ebola throughout the country for more than a week now and only 86 people are in quarantine nationwide."

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International Crimes Tribunal in March 2010, in line with the party's electoral pledge to try those who committed crimes during the country's liberation war in 1971. The second tribunal was formed two years later to expedite the trials.

The tribunals on August 6 amended their rules of procedures, giving a hint that one of them will remain functional, tribunal sources said.

Of the two provisions added, one says, "When any tribunal remains unformed, the case(s) under trial or at the pre-trial stage pending before it shall be deemed to have been pending before another functioning tribunal, and subject to the provision of the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, 1973, it shall proceed from the stage at which it was so before the former."

The other reads, "Any of the functioning tribunals shall have the power to receive the record of another tribunal, when it remains unformed, together with the judgment, order and direction of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh rendered in an appeal, arising out of its judgment, for the purpose of necessary compliance."

Four out of six judges of the tribunals will return to the High Court and one new HC judge will join the rest two judges to form a tribunal, the sources said. The changes might take place in the first week of September.

The investigation agency has so far received 627 allegations against 3,420 people, said its coordinator Abdul Hannan Khan.

Trial of 24 accused in 21 cases is over. Two other accused are under trial. Investigations into five cases, including the case against the Jamaat-e-Islami as party, have been completed and 25 other cases are being investigated now.

The government would decide whether to reduce the number of tribunals, Hannan said, adding that many cases were pending and so if one tribunal dealt with those, the trial

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all government and private workplaces provide facilities for working mothers to take good care of their babies while at work," said Matia.

A concept note of the Compact2025 read, "Hunger and undernutrition are two of the greatest scourges facing our planet today. We can eliminate both, and we can do so by 2025, which will also help end extreme poverty and will contribute to achieving multiple Sustainable Development Goals."

"By working across sectors and with multiple stakeholders to provide evidence-based knowledge with an emphasis on country-led progress, Compact2025 will contribute to the achievement of global food security and nutrition by 2025," it added.

Akhter Ahmed, chief of party of the Bangladesh Policy Research and Strategy Support Program, IFPRI, explained to The Daily Star that the governments of Bangladesh and two other African nations -- Ethiopia and Rwanda -- have shown firm commitments to work for fast eradication of hunger and undernutrition. That was why these were taken as focal countries, he added.

"In Bangladesh we have achieved the MDG goal on poverty-reduction well in advance, but still 28 million people consume below the daily minimum diet requirement of 1,800 kilo calories because of a large population base," Akhter observed.

The number of stunted [too short for one's age] children [under-five] dropped from 41 percent in 2011 to 36 percent

now, which is still very high, Akhter reckoned.

Studies from Ethiopia, India and Nigeria show that every \$1 invested in reducing child stunting, an indicator of undernutrition, generated between \$12 and \$34 in economic returns.

Akhter said countries like Brazil, China, Thailand and Vietnam have succeeded in reducing undernutrition quite fast and the "Compact2025 would create opportunities for others to learn from their lessons".

He added there were a good number of social safety-net programmes (SSNPs) in operation in Bangladesh and earlier studies showed that if SSNPs were tagged with nutrition education, these could make a big difference in the fight against hunger and undernutrition.

Makhduma Nargis, additional secretary to the health and family welfare ministry, told this correspondent that ensuring food security was no longer a big challenge now. Making people aware of the nutrition aspects of food they consume was rather more important, she added.

"Through community clinics we're trying to educate people and make them aware of the value of nutrition in their diet," said Makhduma, also the project director of Revitalisation of Community Healthcare Initiative in Bangladesh.

During the 2015-2025 period the Compact2025 programme would provide research-based guidance on developing, implementing and scaling up successful poli-

cies and strategies; fill knowledge gaps in designing country-led food security and nutrition strategies; identify pragmatic, action-oriented strategies to address challenges on the ground while learning from stakeholders at all levels and from all sectors; and work with countries to develop context-specific, practical road maps to accelerate the elimination of hunger and undernutrition.

According to IFPRI, it is possible to end hunger and undernutrition by 2025 by adapting successful strategies employed by countries such as Brazil, China, Thailand and Vietnam.

China and Vietnam -- both agriculture based-societies where smallholders dominate -- have successfully adapted agriculture-led strategies: Vietnam had reduced hunger from 45 percent in 1990-1992 to 13 percent in 2012-14 and China reduced child stunting from 32 percent in 1990 to 8 percent in 2010.

Brazil employed social protection-led strategies and targeted nutrition interventions to eliminate hunger and reduce child stunting from 19 percent in 1989 to 7 percent in 2007.

Thailand adapted agriculture-led as well as social protection-led strategies and targeted nutrition interventions to rapidly reduce hunger and undernutrition. It reduced hunger from 36 percent in 1990 to about 7 percent in 2012-14 and reduced child stunting from 25 percent in 1987 to percent in 2008-09.

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১.	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	:	শ্রী বঙ্গ মন্ত্রণালয়, পুলিশ বিভাগ।
২.	সম্প্রদায়িক সনদের নাম	:	পরিচালক (প্রশাসন), পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ।
৩.	দরপত্র আহ্বানের বিষয়	:	বিভিন্ন প্রকার স্টেশনারী মালামাল ক্রয় ও বিজ্ঞাপিত ভাঙারের মালামাল ক্রয়।
৪.	দরপত্র আহ্বানের সূত্র	:	স্মারক নং-তারিখঃ ১২/০৮/১৫খ্রিঃ
৫.	কাজের সংশ্লিষ্ট বিবরণ	:	পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ-এ ব্যবহারের জন্য স্টেশনারী ও বিভিন্ন প্রকার বিজ্ঞাপিত ভাঙারের মালামাল ক্রয়।
৬.	তহবিল	:	রাজস্ব (GOB)।
৭.	কাজের পদ্ধতি	:	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM)।
৮.	দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	:	০৩/০৯/২০১৫খ্রিঃ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়।
৯.	ক্র-টেন্ডার মিটিং	:	০১/০৯/১৫খ্রিঃ বেলা ১১.০০ ঘটিকা। টিউলিপ, রুম নং-১১১, পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ।
১০.	দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ	:	০৬/০৯/২০১৫খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকা।
১১.	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	:	০৬/০৯/২০১৫খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা।
১২.	দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়কারী	:	পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ, মিরপুর, সেকশন-১৪, ঢাকা-১২০৬।
১৩.	দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী দপ্তর	:	পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ।
১৪.	দরদাতাদের যোগ্যতা	:	(ক) হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স (খ) ভাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সার্টিফিকেট (গ) আয়কর পরিশোধের সনদপত্র (ঘ) অর্থনৈতিক সঙ্কলনের প্রমাণপত্র (ঙ) সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা সনদপত্র। বর্ণিত সকল প্রকার কাগজপত্র প্রথম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িতকর্তৃত্ব আবেদনপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে।
১৫.	দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য	:	৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)।
১৬.	আবেদনমিতি	:	২০,০০০/- (দশ হাজার) টাকার পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট (ফেরতযোগ্য)।
১৭.	(ক) নির্বাচিত দরদাতার সাথে বাসেরিক ভিত্তিক প্রয়োজন অনুযায়ী সময়ে সময়ে মালামাল সরবরাহের লক্ষ্যে Frame work of Agreement সম্পাদন করা হবে। (খ) কোন কারণ দর্শনিলে ব্যতীত কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।		
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