



26 Bangladeshis among 49 killed

Confusing conversation between pilot, air traffic control before US-Bangla plane crash-lands in Kathmandu; 11 medical students among 21 Nepalese dead; shocked Hasina cuts short S'pore visit



US-BANGLA AIRLINES
AIRCRAFT: DASH 8 Q400
FLIGHT: BS211

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| PASSENGER: 67 | CREW: 4 |
| BANGLADESHI: 36 | NEPALESE: 33 |
| MALDIVIAN: 1 | CHINESE: 1 |

SURVIVOR: 22



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This is the deadliest civil aviation disaster in Bangladesh's history.

At least 49 people, including 26 Bangladeshis, were killed when an US-Bangla flight from Dhaka crashed in Kathmandu's Tribhuvan International Airport yesterday.

The dead include 21 Nepalese, one Chinese and a Maldivian, Rajkumer Chhetri, general manager of the airport, told this paper at 11:30pm yesterday.

According to him, 10 Bangladeshis and 12 Nepalese survived the crash.

Of the injured, 12 were undergoing treatment at the Kathmandu Medical College Hospital while five others at Norvic Hospital, journalists in Kathmandu told The Daily Star quoting officials.

At least 40 died at the scene, eight died at Kathmandu Medical College Hospital and one at Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital.

The US-Bangla Airlines flight BS211, a 76-seater Bombardier Dash 8 Q-400, slammed on an empty field, caught fire, and came to a rest on a football pitch. It left a

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Nepalese rescue workers gather around the debris of the US-Bangla plane that crashed at Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu yesterday. Bottom, some of the bodies recovered from the wreckage of the aircraft.



Guilty, who?

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A YouTube audio clip of a reported conversation between US-Bangla flight BS211 and the air traffic control (ATC) of Tribhuvan International Airport prior to the crash reveals startling confusion over what was going on.

There appeared to be confusion over which end the plane was supposed to land, whether it had permission to land, and traffic on runway.

The Daily Star could not verify the authenticity of the audio tape that had apparently been trimmed to shorten the pauses between the ATC transmitting messages.

At the beginning of the tape, the ATC is heard repeatedly asking BS211 not to approach runway 20 and asks it to go on holding position, which is usually a circular in the air.

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Tragedy in the land of Everest

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Bored after months of work, they planned a holiday abroad. The destination they chose, upon suggestions from friends, was Nepal.

Both Sanzida Huque and her husband Rafiqz Zaman thought it would also be a

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