



# Indonesian 737 'crashes into sea'

Fishermen claim to have found debris as fear grows for 62 on board

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An Indonesian budget airline plane with 62 people on board is suspected to have crashed into the sea shortly after the Boeing 737 took off from Jakarta airport yesterday, authorities said.

Flight tracking data showed the Sriwijaya Air Boeing 737-500 plunged into a steep dive about four minutes after it left Soekarno-Hatta international airport.

Sixty-two passengers and crew were on board, including 10 children, the nation's transport minister, Budi Karya Sumadi, told reporters.

Sumadi said a dozen vessels, including four warships, were deployed in a search and rescue operation centred between Lancang island and Laki island, part of the Thousand Islands chain just north of Jakarta.

Sriwijaya Air flight SJ182 was bound for Pontianak on Indonesia's section of Borneo island, about 90 minutes flying time over the Java Sea.

Al Jazeera's Jessica Washington, reporting from Jakarta, said that the authorities believe they have found debris from the plane.

Broadcaster Kompas TV quoted local fishermen as saying they had found debris near islands just off the coast of the capital Jakarta, but it could not be immediately confirmed as having belonged to the missing jet.

Distraught relatives waited nervously for news at the city's airport.

"I have four family members on the flight -- my wife and my three children," Yaman Zai said as he sobbed.

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Police using a water cannon on protesting workers in front of the main gate of Siddhirganj Adamzi EPZ in Narayanganj. Inset, workers trying to flee the scene following police action.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

# Stop cutting the vaccines queue

WHO tells rich countries

REUTERS, Geneva

The head of the World Health Organization said there is a "clear problem" that low- and middle-income countries are not yet receiving supplies of Covid-19 vaccines and urged countries to stop striking bilateral deals with manufacturers.

"Rich countries have the majority of the supply," WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said in strongly-worded comments on vaccine nationalism at a Geneva news briefing on Friday.

"No country is exceptional and should cut the queue and vaccinate all their population while

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# Six children beat, stab teen to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Six boys, all 13 or below, were going to a shop in Kamrangchar Friday evening when one of them had his leg accidentally hit by 14-year-old Sifat coming from the opposite direction.

The boy stumbled.

This trivial matter led to an altercation during which Sifat was beaten up.

Whilst Sifat was being beaten up, one of the boys, who is just 12, asked a 10-year-old to fetch his knife.

Sifat was stabbed to death, police said.

Sifat, who worked at a local shoe factory, was stabbed in his thigh around 6:00pm and had been lying on the ground for some time.

A rickshaw-van puller found him and took him to Mitford Hospital from where he was moved to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. He died around 10:00pm,

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## BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

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#### FOOD PRODUCTION MUST GO UP

Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibur Rahman tells a high-level conference today in Natore that all ways and means must be devised

so that Bangladesh can become self-sufficient in food as soon as possible. The latest position regarding the supply of agricultural inputs and food and law and order situation are discussed at the conference presided over by the prime minister.

It is decided that necessary orders will be issued to all concerned to coordinate the movement of grains on a top-priority basis. Bangabandhu declares that a meeting will be held in Dhaka at the highest level in a day or two to consider the problems experienced by local officials regarding timely supply of agricultural inputs at the doorsteps of farmers.

#### AL'S RESISTANCE DAY PROGRAMME

A mammoth public meeting held today at the Paltan Maidan urges

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# I'm being called insane for criticising AL corrupt'

CLAIMS QUADER MIRZA

Our Correspondent, Noakhali  
Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader's younger brother Abdul Quader Mirza yesterday said Awami League men were calling him insane because he spoke against corruption and misdeeds by many leaders of the party.

The municipality mayor of Basurhat, Noakhali, went on a rant at a campaign rally on the premises of Compañiganj Upazila Parishad.

Mirza, who has stirred

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# City carved from snow, ice in China



CNN ONLINE

The 37th annual Harbin Snow and Ice Festival is continuing on as planned, although with modifications due to new outbreaks of coronavirus nearby.

The winter festival, which is a huge event in the northeastern Chinese city of Harbin in Heilongjiang province, has drawn travelers from around China and the world every December and

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# 2 dancers, a singer land in jail over rape

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

Two local dancers and a singer in Bogura landed in jail yesterday in a case filed over the alleged rape of a 14-year-old girl and attempted rape of another aged 13.

Senior Judicial Magistrate Nishkriti Hakidar passed the order in the afternoon hours after the father of the 14-year-old girl filed the case with the Bogura Sadar Police station, said Court Inspector Ashok Kumar Singh.

The accused are Raju Ahmed, 27, of Gaibandha Sadar upazila, Noyon Mia Shah, 30, of Bogura Sadar upazila, and Nisa Khatun Niha, 19, of Bogura town. They are performers of local dance groups.

According to the case statement, dancers Raju and Noyon knew the victims through Niha, a singer. On Friday night around 9:00pm, the two men asked the girls to come to Niha's home in Dattabari area of Bogura town.

After dinner, Raju

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#### PRAYER TIMING JANUARY 10

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



The workers of Dhaka North City Corporation cleaning Ramchandrapur canal in the capital's Adbor area yesterday. The corporation was recently entrusted with the task of maintaining the canal.

PHOTO: RASHED SUMON

# Trump 'silenced'

Twitter permanently suspends his account as impeachment drive escalates

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President Donald Trump, already facing mounting calls to step down or risk impeachment, suffered further ignominy Friday when Twitter permanently suspended his account, saying the US leader is too dangerous to use the platform.

After a "close review" of tweets from the @realDonaldTrump account, "we have permanently suspended the account due to the risk of further incitement of violence," Twitter said.

The move comes three days after Trump exhorted thousands of supporters to march on the Capitol as Congress met to certify his defeat to Democrat Joe Biden.

The resulting chaos, viewed with shock

around the world, left a police officer and four others dead in its wake.

Trump's frequent use of Twitter was a key part of his campaign as he overhauled the Republican Party and beat Democrat Hillary Clinton to win the presidency in 2016. Since then he has used it to fire up his political base, attacking those who opposed him.

It could also prove an insurmountable hurdle should the brash Republican choose to mount a political comeback in 2024, as he has hinted he could do on multiple occasions.

Trump later used the official @POTUS government to lash out at Twitter, addressing

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