



Indonesian 737 crashes into sea

Fate of 62 on board remains unknown

REUTERS, Jakarta

A Sriwijaya Air plane crashed into the sea yesterday minutes after taking off from Indonesia's capital Jakarta on a domestic flight with 62 people on board, and their fate was not known.

The Boeing 737-500, en route to Pontianak in West Kalimantan, disappeared from radar screens after taking off just after 2:30 pm (0730 GMT) - 30 minutes after the scheduled time because of heavy rain.

Indonesian Transport Minister Budi Karya told a news conference that 62 people had been aboard flight SJ182, including 12 crew. The detik.com website quoted him as saying the plane crashed near Laki Island, some 20km (12 miles) from the airport.

Rescue agency Basarnas said in a statement it would send a team to the Thousand Islands area to help in the search for victims "after the crash of Sriwijaya Air SJ182".

All those on board were Indonesian, Indonesia's transport safety committee said.

Indonesia's Navy had pinpointed the site of the missing aircraft and ships had been sent there, a Navy official said. Authorities did not say whether they believed there were survivors.

Indonesian airline Sriwijaya Air's chief executive, Jefferson Irwin Jauwena, told a news conference that the plane had been in good condition before the flight.

The nearly 27-year-old Boeing 737-500 was much older than Boeing's problem-plagued 737 MAX model, one of which crashed off Jakarta in late

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Police using a water cannon on garment workers demanding arrears in front of the main gate of Siddhirganj Adamzi EPZ in Narayanganj. Inset, workers fleeing the scene amid 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 Kamrangirchar 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

Maintain peace and order at any cost

January 10, 1973

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

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 Companiganj Upazila Parishad.

Mirza, who has stirred up a debate in the country's

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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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JAMAAT 6:05 1:15 4:15 5:35 7:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Workers of Dhaka North City Corporation cleaning Ramchandrapur canal in the capital's Adabor area yesterday. The responsibility to maintain the canal was recently shifted to the corporation from the Dhaka Water Supply And Sewerage Authority.

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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