

DISASTERS UPDATE

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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

National

Labourers caught in flood rescued

Jammu: Seven labourers, caught in a flash flood near a village in Kathua district of Jammu & Kashmir, were rescued by security forces after an hour-long operation on Tuesday. The labourers were engaged in collecting sand near the Ujh river in Sakta village when the flash flood occurred. (PTI, Source: **The Hindu**)

12 killed as bus falls into gorge

DEHRA DUN: At least 12 people were killed and 10 injured when a bus in which they were travelling fell into a gorge at Nirbha on the Himachal Pradesh-Uttarakhand border on Tuesday night. (PTI, Source: **The Hindu**)

India: Flood situation report as on 27 Jul 2010

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- No significant rainfall has been reported in the State.
- The flood situation in district Ambala, Kurukshetra, Kaithal, Sirsa and Fatehabad is improving.
- 600 Villages (Kurukshetra-247, Kaithal-147, Ambala-22, Fatehabad-127 and Sirsa-57) have been affected.
- 30 human lives have been lost so far across the state.
- 67 cattle/livestock have perished.
- 02 teams of NDRF have been deployed in Sirsa district consisting of 59 personnel alongwith boats and other life saving aids, for emergency response and rescue operations in flood affected areas.
- The situation is under control and getting back to normal. (Government of India, Source: **Relief Web**)

International

100 injured in blast in Chinese factory

BEIJING: About 100 people were injured today in a powerful explosion at a plastics factory in China's eastern Jiangsu Province. The blast occurred in the plastic factory in the city of Nanjing, capital of Jiangsu province, according to state-run Xinhua news agency. The injured were rushed to the nearby hospitals. There was no immediate report of any casualty but about 100 injured were rushed to the hospitals for treatment. (PTI, Source: **The Times of India**)

Roadside bomb kills 25 civilians in Afghan west

HEART: At least 25 civilians were killed when their bus was hit by a roadside bomb on Wednesday in western Afghanistan. The bus was on its way from Delaram district to Kabul when the bomb exploded. (Source: **Reuters**)