

DISASTERS UPDATE

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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

National

Two killed, one injured in accident near Uppinangady

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Two persons died while one suffered serious injury following an accident involving a lorry, a tempo and a bus in Neeralakatte village near Uppinangady on the Bengaluru-Mangaluru National Highway on Tuesday morning.

The Puttur Traffic police said the three were travelling in the tempo. Two died at the spot, while the injured was shifted to a nearby private hospital.

According to police, the lorry and tempo collided around 5 a.m. and the bus hit the tempo. More details of the accident are awaited.

Rains trigger landslide on Gangotri highway in Uttarakhand

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More than five dozen people were stranded and the priest of a famous temple was trapped under debris in Gangotri after heavy rains triggered a landslide in the region on Tuesday morning, an official said.

The landslide on the Gangotri highway caused nearly 65 pilgrims to be stuck on one end of the road, while priest of Gangnani Garmkund temple was trapped under the debris.

Lightening had struck Kaliyar region near Roorkee, killing three while more than a dozen people were injured in a similar incident in Paudi.

Most parts of Uttarkashi have been receiving heavy rainfall since Monday evening leading to caving in of some 'kuccha' houses and landslides on the Gangotri highway.

The regional Met department has predicted light to moderate showers in the hill state on Tuesday.

Fire at Jadavpur University

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KOLKATA: A fire broke out at Jadavpur University on Monday evening. Five fire tenders took almost 15 minutes to bring the situation under control.

According to eye-witnesses, a blaze was spotted in the Bengali department of the university around 5.45 pm. According to firemen, the fire may have started from a defective air-conditioner in the department.

International

10 killed as Shabab targets high-profile hotel

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Security forces assist Somali MP Abdalla, who was wounded following a car bomb claimed by al Shabaab militants outside the president's palace in the country's capital Mogadishu on Tuesday.

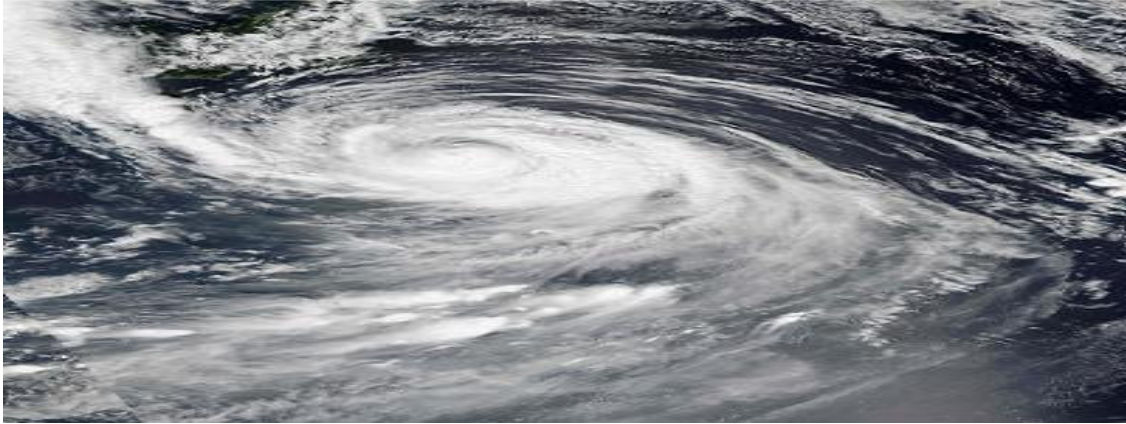
At least 10 people, including soldiers and civilians, were killed in Somalia's capital Mogadishu on Tuesday when a car bomb claimed by al-Shabab exploded outside the Presidential Palace and also damaged two nearby hotels.

Information Minister Mohamed Abdi Hayir said that a meeting of security officials was under way inside one of the hotels, the SYL, at the time of blast and that one Minister and some state radio journalists were injured.

The hotel is frequented by government officials and police said it believed the facility was the likely target. The SYL and another hospitality facility were partially destroyed by the blast, Major Mohamed Ali, a police officer, said.

Typhoon Lionrock nears Japan, over 100 flights grounded

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This August 29, 2016 Nasasatellite image shows Typhoon Lionrock off Japan.

TOKYO: More than 100 flights were cancelled and evacuation warnings were issued for thousands of people as a powerful typhoon approached [Japan's](#) northeast on Tuesday, a region devastated by a massive earthquake and tsunami five years ago.

Typhoon [Lionrock](#) was expected to make landfall in the northeast Tohoku region later on Tuesday, with sustained winds of 120 km per hour and gusts up to 176 kph as it moved north from the [Pacific Ocean](#), according to the Japan Meteorological Agency.

Toyota Motor Corp said production would be suspended on Tuesday at two of its factories in the typhoon's path due to concerns that heavy rain and strong wind would affect road conditions and delay parts deliveries.

Tokyo Electric Power Co, operator of the [Fukushima Daiichi](#) nuclear power plant wrecked in the March 2011 disaster, said it had suspended some outdoor operations. About 1,200 households lost power in eastern Japan near Tokyo.

The category one typhoon was expected to dump about 35 cm of rain in the northeast by Wednesday morning, more than the average rainfall for all of August, according to meteorologists.

However, Lionrock was expected to be downgraded to a tropical storm by the time it made landfall.

Broadcaster NHK said airlines had cancelled 110 domestic flights, while some Shinkansen bullet train services were also suspended. No injuries have been reported, chief cabinet secretary [Yoshihide Suga](#) told a news conference.

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