

Plane wreck on mountain



Members of a rescue team searching for the wreckage of Aseman Airlines flight EP3704 in Iran's Zagros mountain range.

London

Iran has located a passenger plane that crashed with 65 people on board, a military spokesman said yesterday, two days after it disappeared from radar over mountainous terrain, increasing Iranians' fears about the country's aging fleet of aircraft.

The Aseman Airlines flight from Tehran disappeared on Sunday, 50 minutes into its journey to the southwestern city of Yasuj. The spokesman said it had crashed into a mountain. No one is expected to have survived.

Glacial temperatures and mountainous terrain hampered search and rescue efforts, adding to the grief and anger felt by families of the victims and wider society in a country that blames decades of sanctions for the

poor state of its planes.

The twin-engined turboprop ATR 72 was over 24 years old. According to data cited by the Flight Safety Foundation's aviation-safety.net website, it had been restored to service just three months ago after being in storage for six years.

The wreckage was finally spotted by a military drone, Revolutionary Guards spokesman Ramezan Sharif said.

"Two helicopters were sent to the coordinates that the drone had located, and found the wreckage," told state television.

"The plane had hit top of the mountain before crashing 30 metres (yards) further down."

After a long wait to locate the plane, families will have

to endure further delays until the bodies of their loved ones are returned as helicopters are unable to land in the hostile terrain and the work will have to be carried out on foot, and emergency service official said.

More than 100 people demonstrated outside a local government office in Dena Kooh county on Monday, demanding officials step down for their handling of the disaster after announcements that wreckage had been found on Monday were then denied.

A video on Tasnim news agency showed an angry man shouting at Iran's Minister of Roads and Urban Development Abbas Akhoundi: "Would you have flown on the same plane?" (Reuters)

Blue whale carcass covered with graffiti

Santiago

A blue whale carcass has been stomped on by people taking selfies and covered in graffiti after it washed up on a beach in Chile.

The huge 66ft whale created a stir among locals after it was discovered on the shoreline of Punta Arenas in the Magallanes Region of the country.

But pictures soon emerged online showing people clambering on the dead mammal's body and trampling on its back.

Footprints could be seen on its carcass and one online picture showed how someone had scrawled 'Ana, I love you' on its flank.

Furious social media users have hit out at the 'vandals'.



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One, called Carmen Julia Gonzalez Escanilla, said: 'We are losing respect and empathy for everything today.'

The whale has now been taken away by Chilean authorities to establish its cause of death. (MailOnline)

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"No words will do justice to the children killed, their mothers, their fathers and their loved ones. UNICEF is issuing this blank statement. We no longer have the words to describe children's suffering and our outrage"

Geert Cappalaere
UNICEF's regional director

Rest in sight

US ramps up Black Sea presence



The US Navy is ramping up its presence in the Black Sea as part of a bid to counter Russia's increased presence there.

Maldives Emergency extended by 30 days

The Maldives' Parliament on Tuesday approved extending the state of Emergency by 30 days following a request by President Abdulla Yameen.

One million trees for Trump Forest

More than one million trees have been pledged for Trump Forest, a bid by environmentalists to offset the US Presidents curtailing of clean energy initiatives by planting 10 billion trees around the globe.

Libya coastguard rescues 441 migrants

Libya's coastguard rescued 441 migrants in two separate operations as their boats drifted off the western coast.

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Gun shop that sold Florida school shooter his rifle closes

Coral Springs

The gun store that police say sold Florida school shooter Nikolas Cruz the AR-15 assault weapon that was used to kill 17 people last week has "closed indefinitely."

The owners of Sunrise Tactical Supply in Coral Springs, Florida, closed the shop due to fears for both themselves and the area, their lawyer told *Miami Herald*.

"They are scared - not just for their safety - but more

importantly about how the reaction is going to be for the rest of the community as they try to re-enter it," lawyer Douglas Rudman said.

He added that the owners felt a "tremendous sense of responsibility in this situation and just horribleness that they feel that one of their weapons fell into the hands of this maniac," who is blamed for the deaths at Florida's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High in Parkland. (The Washington Post)

Avalanche of garbage kills 17 residents of trash mountain



Residents stand next to an excavator working at the site of a dump collapse

Maputo

Heavy rains triggered the partial collapse of a huge mound of garbage in Mozambique's capital on Monday, killing 17 people who were buried by the avalanche of debris.

Authorities believe more bodies could be buried at the Hulene garbage dump on the outskirts of Maputo, and a search was underway. The garbage in the poor, densely populated area where the disaster happened rose to the height of a three-story building, according to the

Portuguese news agency LUSA.

LUSA and Radio Mocambique both reported 17 deaths. Half a dozen homes in the shadow of the trash mountain were destroyed and some residents in the area fled for fear of another collapse.

"The mountains of garbage collapsed on the houses and many families were still inside these residences," Fatima Belchoir, a national disaster official, told LUSA. Authorities are trying to help people who lost their homes, she said. (AP)

He ordered late-night meal, but UberEats driver shot him dead

Atlanta

An Uber driver has turned himself in after allegedly shooting and killing a late-night food-delivery customer over the weekend in Atlanta, Georgia.

Robert Bivines, 36, made an UberEats delivery late Saturday before witnesses said he exchanged words with and then shot the 30-year-old male customer, Ryan Thornton, multiple times.

Police said shots were fired from the delivery vehicle, a white Volkswagen, striking Thornton. The driver then

drove away, police said.

But he surrendered on Monday and arrested and transported to jail for booking on charges related to the murder, according to a spokeswoman with the Atlanta Police Department.

"We are shocked and saddened by this senseless act of violence and our hearts go out to Ryan's friends and family," Andrew Hasbun, an Uber spokesman, said in an email. The company worked with Atlanta police and cut off the driver's access the app before he turned himself in. (Bloomberg)