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Date: Monday, September 6
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Rudder 601

Serengeti charter plane crashes

Ten American tourists among missing; no word on possible survivors

ARUSHA, Tanzania (AP) — A charter plane carrying 10 American tourists from Tanzania's Serengeti National Park crashed yesterday in bad weather on the slopes of Mount Meru, Africa's fifth-highest mountain.

There was no immediate word on survivors. Rescuers circled the crash site in a helicopter, but low clouds and drizzle made it difficult to see and impossible to land, Regional Police Commander Juma Ng'amag'waka said.

The flight was en route from the park to Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA) in Tanzania to connect with another flight going to Nairobi, Kenya.

"The plane has been located, but it's night now, and I don't think we will have any more information tonight. I don't know anything about survivors," Ng'amag'waka said. "We have sent rescue teams there, including detectives."

Margaret Munyagi, head of the Tanzanian Civil Aviation Authority, said the pilot of the Northern Air charter did not report any problems to the control tower.

"The pilot communicated with the con-

trollers at KIA about 15 minutes before he was due to land around 10:30 a.m.," she said.

Arusha-based Northern Air refused to comment.

In neighboring Kenya, Isabel Mbugua of the African Medical Research Foundation, an air rescue organization, sent a helicopter and a medical rescue team to the site, 125 miles south of Nairobi.

She said nearby villagers spotted the downed aircraft on a lower slope of the 15,067-foot mountain.

Mount Meru is located slightly north of Arusha, where most safaris to the Serengeti, Mount Kilimanjaro and the Ngorongoro Crater begin.

Mbugua said bad weather prevented the rescue helicopter from landing at the crash site, and a medical team was on its way there in four-wheel-drive vehicles.

She said the pilot, whom she contacted by radio, said there was movement at the site. It was not clear, however, who or what was moving — survivors or villagers.

"They are hoping they have survivors," she said.

Russian troops battle militants

MAKHACHKALA, Russia (AP) — Government troops searched house to house for Islamic rebels yesterday in a village in Dagestan they captured overnight, the Interior Ministry said.

Helicopter gunships, artillery and rockets hammered two nearby mountainous villages where the militants, who had imposed strict Islamic law in the area, were holding out for a fourth day.

Russian forces estimated that more than 80 rebels have been killed, but that number could not be independently confirmed.

Israel, Palestine near security deal

JERUSALEM (AP) — Working hard to overcome 11th-hour snags, Israelis and Palestinians approached agreement yesterday on a land-for-security deal that set a one-year deadline for ending decades of hostility.

On a day marked both by shouted ultimatums and grins of optimism, the sides cleared all but one hurdle to reviving the U.S.-brokered Wye accord hours before Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was to arrive in the region.



ALBRIGHT

"There is a desire to have peace" Albright told reporters as she flew to Morocco yesterday. "There is a sense we have to move on. And what I want to do is to play a fruitful role."

The issue that still threatened a planned signing ceremony in Egypt, to be attended by Albright, was the number of Palestinians in Israeli jails to be released. Negotiators said the difference was down to just 30: Israel was ready to release 370 prisoners; the Palestinians insisted on 400.

Two items that had vexed Prime Minister Ehud Barak's pledge to revive Wye were resolved: a timetable for an Israeli withdrawal from 13 percent more of the West

Bank and a deadline for a status agreement.

The new deadline for a Palestinian-Israeli agreement would be a year after the return of Wye — meaning Sept. 2000 if all goes well this week.

"We hope we will reach a conclusion of the present negotiations in the next few hours," Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat told reporters at The Hague, where he met Dutch Prime Minister Wim Kok.

Palestinian officials said a call from President Clinton urged Arafat to cut that visit and return to the region to direct negotiators. White House officials Clinton had not made such a

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JITTERBUG I	SUN	8-9:30	GRV
COUNTRY & WESTERN I*	SUN	8-9:30	MSC
COUNTRY & WESTERN II	THUR	7-8:30	GRV

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