



NEWSLETTER

Ships companies and ships linked to us:



We are working with 21 shipping companies, and have 746 men and 166 women on ships, a total of 912 crew and staff under management.

We welcome:

Norwegian Cruise Line
Krishna Bahadur Gurung
Pre Prasad Gurung
Zin Wai Myint
Pinky Uprety

Columbia Cruise Line
Ashok Kumar Shrestha
Dev Krishna KC
Hum Prasad Gurung

Saga Shipping
Pushup Gurung

Universal Shipmanagement
Yuvraj Gurung
Yam Bahadur Thapa
Roshan Bogati
Anil Thepa Magar
Arjun Bohara
Kushan Gurung



We publish this month a photograph of Disney Cruise Line.

If you have pictures or postcards of your ship, please send them in to us for future Newsletters.

GI (HK) BUSINESS

We are providing security services for 27 Hong Kong Clients and have 84 security staff employed.



During this month, I managed to travel to visit the offices of four of our Clients. I was first in Carnival (United Kingdom)'s offices in Southampton, and met all of the staff dealing with our crew and business. I flew to Miami to visit NCL and met the Director of Security and his staff, with the key managers in the HR Department. I then visited CMI for the first time and made the acquaintance of the managers working with us. Finally, I ended my tour in Seattle, where I visited the offices of Holland America, Princess Cruises and Seabourn Cruises, meeting there the key personnel handling HR issues and Carnival's the security training. Throughout, I heard nothing but good reports of the performance of our crew, and I thank and congratulate all the crew we have working on these lines.



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WORLD SECURITY

Economics

There is little economic news at the moment.

Nuclear

There have been no developments, either in the North Korean or Iranian nuclear issues.

Europe

Brexit debates dominate the news in the European Union, where a dispute between the EU and Italy over the latter's budget is beginning to have financial implications for markets. Tension between Russia and NATO countries, and between Russia and the Ukraine, remains high. Independent intelligence sources publicly identified some of the Russian security agents involved in the murder and attempted murder in Salisbury of their four victims in the summer.

In Germany, a Syrian Muslim threw a Molotov cocktail into a restaurant in the Cologne Train Station, injuring a woman, and then took a woman hostage in a pharmacy before being shot.

The Middle East and the Arab World

Conflict continues in Syria, Libya and Yemen. Iraq continues to suffer a large number of terrorist attacks.

Saudi Arabia stands accused by Turkey of the kidnapping, torture and murder of Jamal Khashoggi, a journalist critical of the Saudi regime, in Istanbul.

Palestine

A Palestinian gunman opened fire with an improvised submachine gun on a factory workers in the West Bank industrial zone of Barkan, killing two and injuring one. A rocket fired from the Gaza strip hit a home in Beersheba, injuring seven.

Afghanistan and Pakistan

Violence remains widespread in Afghanistan, causing many deaths this month, and occasional in the tribal areas of Pakistan.

Asia

Tension continues in both the South China Sea around the Spratly and Paracel Islands and in the Sea of Japan around islands held by Japan but claimed by China and South Korea.

Two terrorist acts were committed by the New People's Army, a communist group, in the Philippines, killing three and injuring three.





Thailand

The Muslim insurgency in southern Thailand, near the Malaysian border, continues, with several attacks on Buddhists and the police this month.

India

Kashmir remains disturbed and terrorist attacks continue in many rural areas of India, almost on a daily basis.

The Malacca Straits

There is no news this month of piracy in the area.

Myanmar

There is no new security news this month.

The Americas

Terrorist activities continue in Colombia and Venezuela. Shining Path guerrillas have resumed attacks in Peru.

NEPAL NEWS

Fears of violence as Nepal cracks down on Maoist splinter group

Kathmandu, Nepal - A nationwide crackdown by the government of Nepal on a Maoist splinter group has raised fears of violence more than 10 years after the end of an armed communist rebellion.

Up to 100 members of the Communist Party of Nepal (CPN), including its top leaders, have been jailed for their alleged role in pre-election violence. The party had boycotted the general elections in November last year.

CPN leaders and many of its members once fought alongside the Maoist rebels during the decade-old civil war (1996-2006), but split from the main group after the latter decided to disband the People's Liberation Army as part of a peace deal.

The government is intent on suppressing our movement. It is not interested in addressing our demands to organise rallies and mass meetings.

Source: [AL JAZEERA](#)

Nepal bans porn sites to curb sexual violence

Nepal said it had ordered more than 24,000 pornography websites to be blocked under a crackdown that activists have criticised as "ridiculous" and ineffective.

The list of websites that the telecoms authority has told providers to block has not been made public - but as explicit sites were still easily available on Thursday it was not clear if the ban was being enforced.

Only 60 percent of Nepal's population has access to the internet, according to the telecom authority's numbers, raising further questions about the efficacy of banning online porn to curb sexual violence.

The move, which the government says is in order to curb sexual violence, follows a national outpouring of anger this summer in response to the brutal rape and murder of 13-year-old Nirmala Panta in July.

The government stoked further ire by describing the protests as a conspiracy against the ruling party.

In response to the mounting criticism, a state crackdown on "pornography and vulgar content" was announced last Friday.

"Easy access to porn and vulgar content through the internet has affected our social values and social harmony and it has encouraged sexual violence," the government said in a statement.

Source: [AL JAZEERA](#)

UN accredits Nepal Army training centre in Kavre

The United Nations has accredited the high quality training imparted by Nepal Army's (NA) training centre in Panchkal in Kavre district. The Birendra Peace Operation Training Centre (BPOTC) trains NA's personnel deployed by the United Nations in its Peacekeeping Missions all over the world. Established in 1986, this is the first time the BPOTC has received the UN accreditation in over 30 years. This recognition follows the US government's clearance on human rights vetting.

The BPOTC is one of four Nepal Army units that recently cleared human rights vetting. It was among a dozen units under US government restrictions for human rights violations during the decade-long Maoist insurgency. The Panchkhal-based training centre, where 15-year-old Maina Sunuwar was killed after she was detained and tortured in 2004, was under US restrictions before receiving vetting clearance last year. Soldiers picked Sunuwar from her home in Kharelthok accusing her of links with the Maoist rebels. They killed and buried her inside the training centre. Her body was later exhumed from BPOTC premises.

The UN's Department of Peacekeeping Operations for the first time issued recognition certification for two trainings--United Nations Contingent Pre-deployment Training and United Nations Staffs Officers Course--conducted by the BPOTC. The two trainings are mandatory before deploying any army personnel as blue helmets in war-hit nations. The certification issued by United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operation Jean-Pierre Lacroix is valid for four years from October 31, 2018 to October 30, 2022.

Bhandari said the clearance of human rights vetting of the US government was a contributing factor in receiving the recognition. The NA had long been lobbying with the UN for the certification. The issue was pushed strongly during Lacroix's visit to Nepal in the last week of June. After his visit, a monitoring and evaluation team from the peace operation department of the UN inspected the training centre before recommending the recognition.

Source: [The Kathmandu Post](#)

HONG KONG NEWS

MTR delays hit Hong Kong passengers for second time in October

Hong Kong MTR passengers faced disruption for the second time in a month on Thursday, when trains were delayed on two rail lines.

Train services for the Tseung Kwan O Line and Kwun Tong Line were gradually resuming after a short suspension and delay, according to MTR announcements early that morning.



At the same time, services on the Kwun Tong Line were delayed due to signal problems. Train frequency was reduced to every 10 minutes.

The MTR Corp later confirmed there had been a power supply interruption at Po Lam station that prevented the first North Point-bound train from departing and subsequently led to the suspension of services from Hang Hau to Po Lam.

The control centre immediately arranged for the North Point train to be removed from the tracks, and services resumed at 7.05am.

Source: SCMP

Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam bulldozes ahead with Lantau Island reclamation idea...but at what cost?



Thousands of residents have already excoriated the massive plan, while questions remain over what it does to the land supply task force, how much it will cost, and whether it can pass the legislature

“No artificial islands!” the protesters chanted, as they marched through the business district of Hong Kong

Island, on October 14. “We have a say in Hong Kong’s tomorrow!”

Observers said it was remarkable so many turned up, just days after Chief Executive Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor announced a massive reclamation project to add 1,700 hectares for a new metropolis and homes for 1.1 million people.

Lam did not put a price tag on the project east of Lantau Island, which is expected to cost upwards of HK\$500 billion (US\$63.8 billion) and take the next two or three decades to complete.

“Pouring money into the sea,” read the placards some protesters carried.

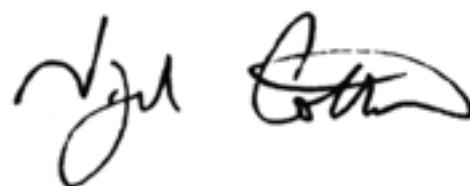
“Disaster for generations to come,” read others.

The huge Lantau Tomorrow Vision project is part of Lam’s grand plan to develop Lantau and its surrounding areas into a new metropolis. It is set to be the city’s largest and costliest infrastructure project.

Source: SCMP

Conclusion

From all of us at BGOS and GIMS, we wish you all a very happy Dashain, and hope that you and your families managed to enjoy the festival, at least in some way.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nigel Collett', written in a cursive style.

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