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American soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Division load relief goods onto a helicopter in Tongduchon Sunday to transport them to the flood-stricken areas as the roads leading to the region were blocked by landslides.



Kim In-jin, right, an executive of the Hanjin Group, headed by Cho Chung-hoon, delivers 3,500 boxes of mineral water to Kim Ki-hyong, mayor of Uijongbu, for flood-stricken people in the city Sunday. The water delivered yesterday at the Uijongbu City Hall was the first installment of 120,000 bottles of water which is to be delivered by the parent group of Korean Air (KAL) to flood victims in the Kyonggi-do area by Tuesday.

English Class Due for Aspiring Lawyers

English will be added to the curriculum of the two-year mandatory course for those who pass, the state-run test to enter the legal profession.

The envisioned measure is designed to better prepare prospective lawyers for the task of working on lawsuits on matters of international trade.

The move comes in response to the observation that novice lawyers who choose to work at law firms instead of obtaining appointments as prosecutors or judges right after they complete their training course at the Judicial Research and Training Institute are having difficulty handling international lawsuits.

Starting with this year's fall semester, those enrolled in the

preparatory course will learn English legal terms from foreign lawyers working at local law firms, who will be invited to give lectures.

A considerable portion of the English component of the curriculum will be taught through the use of audio and visual materials.

Starting next month, first-year students will be required to take the English course, whereas second-year students may take it as a special extracurricular subject.

Students will also learn laws related to bankruptcy, court mediation and forcible closure in the business sector to enable them to work more effectively on such cases, the number of which has increased dramatically in recent months.

Korea, Czech Sign Aviation Accord

Korea and the Czech Republic signed an agreement to allow airlines of both countries to operate up to four flights weekly with no distinction between those transporting cargo or passengers from April of next year, the Construction and Transportation Ministry said yesterday.

According to the ministry, the agreement was reached in aviation talks held on Aug. 6-7 in Prague between delegations of the two nations.

The two nations also agreed to permit "Own Stopover," which enables the flights of a Korean airline operating to nearby European destinations to extend its route to the Czech Republic.

Regular flight operations between the capital cities of Korea and the East European nation will be possible starting next April with the agreement, said the ministry.

For Accurate Weather Forecasts

Radar to Be Set Up in West Sea

The government and the ruling party are considering introducing a super computer and setting up radar in the West Sea to boost the accuracy of weather forecasts.

Spokesman Shin Ki-nam of the National Congress for New Politics told reporters that his party members and officials of the Korea Meteorological Administration exchanged views on what caused the unprecedented floods and how to prevent future calamities through the early prediction of weather changes.

KMA administrator Moon Sung-eui was quoted as saying that a super computer and radar should be introduced shortly because his agency's existing equipment is unable to come up with accurate weather forecasts.

He also pointed out that the current delivery system of weather forecasts failed to work during the "gueril-

la-style" torrential rains because the agency's predictions didn't reach citizens in a timely manner.

Moon proposed that the government work out a system under which the broadcasting media is fully utilized for the swift transmission of weather forecasts.

In the meantime, the government has worked out a series of flood relief programs, including tax cuts and loan extensions, to help citizens whose houses or business facilities were damaged or destroyed by the recent torrential rains.

Acting Prime Minister Kim Jong-pil on Saturday convened a meeting of Cabinet members in order to discuss ways of helping flood victims.

"The government will have to step up preparedness in the event of natural disasters. In particular, all possible human resources including civilians, government

officials and soldiers should be mobilized to take precautions against possible landslides, torn dikes or further flooding," Kim said.

At the meeting, Finance-Economy Minister Lee Kyu-sung said that his ministry would instruct local banks to extend loans, especially to farmers who submit reports regarding the extent of their damages to local governments.

Vice Commerce-Industry-Energy Minister Choe Hong-geun reported to the meeting participants that total financial damages sustained during this past week by small and medium-sized industries amount to 19.7 billion won.

His ministry will offer loans and other assistance as soon as possible to help restore damaged industrial facilities, Choe said.

Warnings Posted About Mines Lost in Floods

By Hong Sun-hee
Staff Reporter

An explosive device which was carried away by flood waters injured a vacationer after it washed ashore on an island off Incheon Saturday prompting military officials to issue a warning that at least 10 tons of munitions were swept away by the torrential rains that hit the northern Kyonggi-do area last week.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff announced that Shin Tong-sun, 45, suffered a serious wound to his right foot from an explosion Saturday, which occurred when he was walking on a debris-covered beach on Seo-do island.

There is a chance that the bomb was one of some 200 M-14 anti-personnel mines which were placed around three Air Force air defense artillery units north and west of Uijongbu before being swept away by landslides and floods caused by the torrential rains.

The anti-personnel mines resemble the bottom section of a standard military flashlight, which is khaki in color and measures 4 cm in height, 5.5 cm in diameter and is 94.2 grams in weight.

Because these munitions are likely to flow downstream along with large

quantities of trash, people are urged not to step on or touch the soil, trash and other debris which wash up beside rivers and to report to military authorities any unusual objects they find, the JCS said.

The military is doing its utmost to retrieve the munitions lost in the floods, officials said.

Last Thursday, the military said that over 10 tons of mortar shells, flare bombs and grenades, which were stored in ammunition storage facilities on the flood-stricken outskirts of Seoul, had been swept away toward the Han River and remain unaccounted for.

The U.S. Army Second Division in Tongduchon is learned to have recovered all 10 containers of ammunition it lost and to have found that most of the munitions inside had remained intact.

In comparison, the ROK Air Force had not yet recovered any of the M-14 anti-personnel mines it lost by Saturday morning despite days of search operations by some 100 soldiers. These mines are said to be small and light and completely wrapped in plastic except for their detonators, making it highly probable that they have drifted faraway and will therefore be difficult to find, experts said.

They suggested that safety measures

governing the storage of ammunition should be intensified in the Korean military. The munitions were housed in brick structures with slate roofs which were "temporarily" set up in the moun-

tains many years ago and so are not very resistant to floods. Only one percent of the Korean military's munitions is said to be packed in containers, according to insiders.



Employees of Strong Capital Management Co., based in Milwaukee, Wis., who are on incentive trips to Korea, are greeted by officials of the Korea National Tourism Organization upon their arrival at Kimpo International Airport Saturday afternoon. The tour group of 500 brought the total number of KNTA-sponsored corporate incentive tourists to 9,750 from 44 organizations this year.

Private Body to Ship Fertilizer to NK

A private organization supporting com farming in North Korea will send fertilizer to the North via a South Korean freighter tomorrow.

The National Movement for Planting Corn in North Korea said over the weekend that the Korex Pusan, a South Korean-flag cargo ship, will leave Yosu, Cholla-namdo, Tuesday, carrying

1,000 tons of UREA fertilizer bought with money donated by citizens and will arrive at Nampo, North Korea, Thursday or Friday.

The fertilizer will be delivered directly to the North, without the offices of the Korea National Red Cross, and the Korex Pusan will be the first South Korean-flag freighter to be used by a

private organization in delivering aid products to the North, a spokesman for the movement said.

The movement was launched to help Dr. Kim Soon-kwon, a scientist who developed the Super Com which grows fast in famine-stricken Africa, develop similar com for North Korea.

Together with the fertilizer, 30 bicycles will be delivered, he added. (Yonhap)

Weather Forecast

TODAY

Cloudy with occasional rain across the country. Morning lows will range 21 to 26°C (70-79°F), daytime highs 26 to 32°C (79-90°F).

Sunrise: 5:43 a.m.
Sunset: 7:31 p.m.

Seoul: Cloudy, occasional rain
24°C (75°F) / 30°C (86°F)

Taejon: Cloudy, occasional rain
25°C (75°F) / 32°C (90°F)

Chuncheon: Cloudy, occasional rain
20°C (68°F) / 27°C (81°F)

Kangnung: Cloudy, occasional rain
21°C (70°F) / 26°C (79°F)

Kwangju: Cloudy, occasional rain
26°C (79°F) / 31°C (88°F)

Taegu: Cloudy, occasional rain
25°C (77°F) / 30°C (86°F)

Pusan: Cloudy, occasional rain
25°C (77°F) / 30°C (86°F)

Cheju: Overcast, showers
28°C (82°F) / 33°C (91°F)

TOMORROW

Cloudy with occasional rain across the country. Morning lows will range 23 to 27°C (73-81°F), daytime highs, 28 to 31°C (82-88°F).

Sunrise: 5:41 a.m.
Sunset: 7:36 p.m.

Seoul: Cloudy, occasional rain
24°C (75°F) / 28°C (82°F)

Taejon: Cloudy, occasional rain
24°C (75°F) / 32°C (90°F)

Chuncheon: Cloudy, occasional rain
20°C (68°F) / 25°C (77°F)

Kangnung: Cloudy, occasional rain
21°C (70°F) / 24°C (75°F)

Kwangju: Overcast, showers
26°C (79°F) / 32°C (90°F)

Taegu: Overcast, showers
25°C (77°F) / 34°C (93°F)

Pusan: Overcast, showers
25°C (77°F) / 32°C (90°F)

Cheju: Overcast, showers
27°C (79°F) / 33°C (91°F)

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