

Gov't Mills Setting Up Aviation Agency

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The government is considering establishing an agency that will be responsible for the country's civil aviation affairs and supervision of local carriers.

The agency would supervise civil aviation affairs and investigate the cause of accidents when they occur. At present, a bureau under the wing of the Construction Transportation Ministry is in charge of these areas but it is seen as inadequate to handle the tasks.

Even though the local aviation industry has grown many fold in the 1990s, the administrative organ taking care of it has remained virtually unchanged for the past 30 years, a ministry official said.

He said that the ministry is considering either launching an independent

agency controlling civil aviation or upgrading the present aviation bureau.

The ministry is also drawing up a package of measures to strengthen civil aviation safety. The package is expected to be wide ranging, encompassing stepped-up qualifications for pilots to higher standards of maintenance.

In addition, the government is favorably considering slapping stiffer penalties on carriers in proportion to the frequency of accidents their crafts are involved in.

This package is being prepared in the belief that pilot error is to blame for the higher rate of accidents among Korean carriers than other airlines.

This apparently does not pertain to the KAL crash in Guam because the investigation is still under way. As to its cause and the government has shown its displeasure over any indication that the pilot was responsible.

In order to produce better qualified pilots, the ministry is entertaining the possibility of establishing a pilot training center, believing that the Korean carriers rely heavily on the Air Force for its pilots and their number is not enough to ease the shortages of pilots facing the carriers.

Meanwhile, the government has ordered an inspection of radars and other air traffic control equipment in 12 local airports beginning Monday.

A joint team of six officials from the Ministries of Defense, Construction and Transportation is being set up to conduct a close examination over the operation of flight control equipment and landing and taking-off procedures at the airports.

In addition, the team is expected to evaluate how capable the airports are in dealing with accidents involving aircrafts.

ROK Joint Investigation Team

Guam Airport Facilities 'Shabby, Poor'

A South Korean investigator with the KAL-crash joint investigation team in Guam described the island's airport control tower facilities as "poor."

Ham Dae-yong, a Korean government official and part of a joint team of Korea-U.S. investigators said yesterday in an interview with the Yonhap News Agency, "For an airport that accommodates the arrival and departures of a relatively large number of international flights, the facilities in Guam are quite shabby and poor."

Ham, an international aviation coordinator with the Ministry of Construction and Transportation, was immediately dispatched along with others to the scene by the Korean government after the crash of Korean Air (KAL) Flight 801 last Wednesday.

His comments came at a time when doubts continue to be cast on the

safety standards of the Agaña airport.

A Japan Airline Flight 943 Saturday initially aborted a landing after apparently following control tower instructions to land on a grassy strip between runways, narrowly avoiding what would have been a second major airline disaster on the resort island in one week.

A software error in the Minimum Safety Altitude Warning (MSAW) system was discovered, he said, pointing out that it may have been able to prevent the KAL airline disaster that killed more than 220 passengers.

Control towers throughout the U.S. are presently scrambling to check on their systems. To my knowledge, Kimpo International Airport has also begun checking up on their equipment, Ham was quoted as saying.

Asked if he knew the possible reasons for the crash, he replied, "I can't say since the investigation is still going on. However, we can generally divide it into four factors relating to plane equipment, crew, airport facilities, and environmental factors such as geology and weather (at the time of the crash)."

"I believe a decisive clue to the crash will be found in the blackbox's Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR)," he added.

Ham also waved away rumors that the Korean delegation of investigators were prevented from entering the crash site on the first day of arrival.

"We went straight to Nimitz Hill (crash site) on arriving from Seoul and have freely passed back and forth between the airport and crash-site since," he said.

Kangwon Province Issues Biannual English Periodical

The Kangwon provincial government has issued an English periodical that will be published twice a year.

The 100-page publication dubbed "Dawning Kangwon" is an English version of the Korean language bi-monthly published under the same title since March last year.

It mainly covers history, business, tourist attractions and shopping information in the region and publicizes the major international events to be hosted in the province.

The 1998 World Cup Skiing, 1999 Asian Winter Games and 1999 International Tourism Expo are scheduled to be held in the mountainous region.

In addition to the introduction of forthcoming international events, it publicizes tours to the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) and to the Chong-

dongjin, train station on the east coast famous for its magnificent sunrises.

Eight thousand copies were published and some of them will be sent to foreign embassies in Korea, northeast China's Jilin Prefecture and other foreign provinces which have sisterhood ties with Kangwon Province. Kangwon consuls and travel agencies worldwide as well as tour information desks at Kimpo International Airport and hotels across Korea.

It is the first time for a local government entity to issue periodicals in English. But, a growing number of major cities and provinces are turning their eyes to publicize themselves in English booklets to attract foreign tourists and investors to their region.

Hanchongnyon Delegate in Berlin After Youth Festival

BERLIN (Yonhap) — A South Korean student who violated her country's laws by attending the World Youth Festival in Cuba was confirmed to be in Berlin Monday.

Cho Eung-joo, a 23-year-old college senior, arrived in Berlin after 7 via Moscow and Frankfurt after attending the festival on the 4th Bundchonghanknyon said.

Bundchonghanknyon, or the Federation of Pan-National Youth and Students for Unification of the Fatherland, is a joint university student network between South and North Korea, headquartered in Berlin.

Cho was dispatched to Cuba by Hanchongnyon, the Federation of Korean University Student Councils, in breach of South Korea's ban on unauthorized visits or contact with the North.

Philippines Protest Deportation of Filipinos From South Korea

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The Philippines has protested to South Korea after it denied entry to six Filipino youths bound for an international camp meeting last month, the Department of Foreign Affairs said Monday.

The department said the Filipinos had valid travel papers, but South Korean immigration authorities wrongly suspected them of being illegal entrants.

The Filipinos were invited to an international youth camp meeting on Cheju Island, co-sponsored by South Korea's Ministry of Culture and Sports, but were denied entry upon arrival in Seoul on July 31 on suspicion of earning fake travel papers, the department said in a statement.

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Jenny Shim, right, and her daughter, Angela, two of the survivors of the crash of KAL Flight 801 on Guam are all smiles at the Samsung Medical Center where they are being treated after being flown in Tuesday from the South Pacific island.

Shortage of Undertakers, Complicated Paperwork Hamper Return of Remains

By Hong Sun-hee
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The return of 10 or more remains of the victims of the Korean Air Flight 801 crash from Guam to Korea has been postponed to today, one day later than originally scheduled. But the new schedule may be affected by a typhoon hitting the island.

Meanwhile, two survivors, Jenny Shim, 30, and her daughter Angela Shim, 6, arrived in Seoul yesterday morning and were immediately taken to a hospital. Both were not seriously injured in the crash, coming away from the disaster with only bruises.

A total of 46 bodies have been identified and the families are taking steps to bring the remains back to Korea.

The recovery of bodies from the wreckage is nearly complete, as 189 have been accounted for so far, among the 225 believed killed in the crash.

The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board issued documents to relatives so they can take possession of their loved ones' bodies, but the shortage of undertakers and complicated paperwork is hampering the return of the remains.

Reports from Guam said that an average of four hours is needed for an undertaker to prepare one body while

it takes much less to do it the traditional Korean way.

Some families wanted bodies cremated on Guam but could not have it done as it is banned by local law.

In Seoul, meanwhile, the relatives and Korean Air have agreed to set up the memorial altar for the dead at the 88 Gymnasium in Jungchon-dong near the Kimpo Airport.

KAL and the government have been criticized for their attitude in handling of all matters related to the crash.

Korean relatives in Guam complain that they are frustrated most because they do not have a channel to find out what is going on.

The NTSB gives briefings twice a day in English, but neither KAL nor the Korean consulate office in Guam or other government offices have sent anyone to help Koreans understand the contents. To further infuriate the grief-stricken relatives, a group of ruling New Korea Party lawmakers Sunday took a "commemorative picture" in front of the debris of the crashed plane, where the families are denied access to.

The debris of KE801 was passed over to KAL yesterday and the search for remaining casualties will be jointly done by KAL and U.S. officials, a NTSB spokesman said in an afternoon briefing yesterday.

Kwon Roh-kap 'Not Guilty' in Foreign Ministry Document Case

The Seoul Criminal District Court ruled on Tuesday that Rep. Kwon Roh-kap, 67, of the main opposition National Congress for New Politics (NCNP), was not guilty of libel and forgery in a case involving the alleged tampering of Foreign Ministry documents.

The court said in its ruling, "Kwon believed that he obtained legitimate Foreign Ministry documents because he received them from a ministry official. And although suspicions were raised that the documents had been

forged, Rep. Kwon did not doubt the documents' validity because the ministry official identified himself in a convincing manner during the disclosure (of the documents)."

Rep. Kwon was indicted without physical detention in May last year for libel and use of forged public documents after revealing their contents to the press.

The prosecution demanded that the court sentence him to two years in prison.

(Yonhap)

Korea to Buy Large Caliber Artillery Pieces

Korea has decided to buy Multiple Rocket Launch Systems (MRLS) and tactical missiles worth 300 billion won from the United States.

In a briefing yesterday, the Defense Ministry said that it ordered an unnamed number of MRLS and ATACMS (Army Tactical Missiles), both made by U.S. defense contractor Lockheed Martin, in June.

The two weapons are expected to beef up the ROK Army's firepower and counter large artillery pieces deployed by North Korea to attack the Seoul areas.

We are buying MRLS and ATACMS in addition to launchers and munitions

carriers," a ministry official said. These weapons are capable of destroying enemy positions spread over a large area in a short period of time so as to deter the North from a surprise attack.

It is said that the ministry has hastened to bring in these field pieces following revelations of artillery pieces deployed along the borderline in the North targeting Seoul.

Hwang Jang-yon, the most senior North Korean bureaucrat to defect ever, said at a recent press conference in Seoul that the North is prepared to use its artillery to "turn Seoul into a bowl of ashes in a matter of minutes."

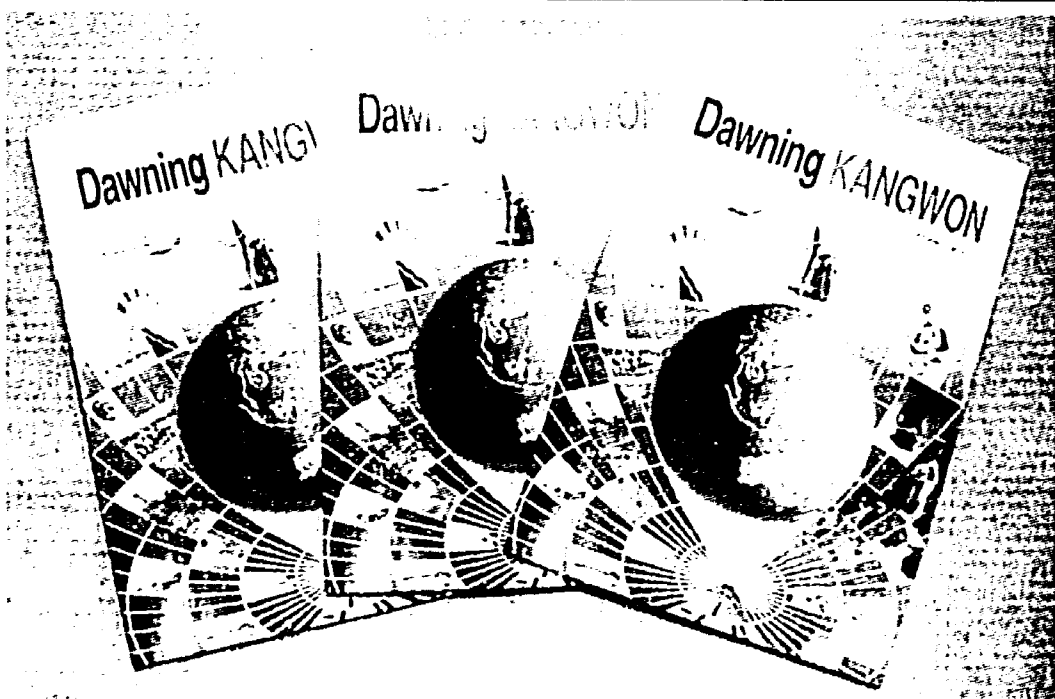
The ministry also said that about 100 billion won was earmarked to execute the

planned weapons purchases for this year.

The ministry's shopping list included air traffic control radars to monitor flights in battle areas and replacements for current CM614 Ampred Personnel Carriers (APC) aimed to protect airfields. The radars are made by U.S. electronics maker IIT and the new carriers by Daewoo.

The Daewoo APCs have recently passed evaluation tests with flying colors and weapons experts said that they are better equipped to counter the A1-2, low altitude infiltration aircraft, which the North has.

The ROK Air Force is planning to buy an unannounced number of the Daewoo APCs at a cost of 40 billion won.



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Weather Forecast

TODAY	TOMORROW
Cloudy with isolated showers. Morning lows range from 16 to 24°C (61-75°F), daytime highs, 22 to 33°C (71-92°F).	Cloudy with isolated showers. Morning lows range from 17 to 25°C (63-77°F), daytime highs, 23 to 33°C (73-92°F).
Sunrise: 5:46 a.m. Sunset: 7:28 p.m.	Sunrise: 5:47 a.m. Sunset: 7:27 p.m.
Seoul: Cloudy with isolated showers 24°C (75°F) / 33°C (92°F)	Seoul: Slightly cloudy, isolated rain 25°C (77°F) / 33°C (92°F)
Pusan: Cloudy with sporadic showers 22°C (71°F) / 27°C (80°F)	Pusan: Cloudy, isolated showers 23°C (73°F) / 27°C (80°F)
Taegu: Cloudy with light showers 22°C (71°F) / 30°C (86°F)	Taegu: Cloudy, isolated showers 23°C (73°F) / 30°C (86°F)
Kwangju: Cloudy, sporadic showers 24°C (75°F) / 31°C (88°F)	Kwangju: Cloudy, isolated showers 24°C (75°F) / 32°C (90°F)
Taejeon: Cloudy with isolated showers 23°C (73°F) / 33°C (92°F)	Taejeon: Slightly cloudy, sporadic rain 24°C (75°F) / 33°C (92°F)
Chuncheon: Isolated showers 22°C (71°F) / 33°C (92°F)	Chuncheon: Light clouds, isolated rain 23°C (73°F) / 33°C (92°F)
Kangnung: Cloudy with light showers 21°C (70°F) / 28°C (82°F)	Kangnung: Cloudy 22°C (72°F) / 29°C (84°F)
Cheju: Cloudy with sporadic showers 24°C (75°F) / 28°C (82°F)	Cheju: Cloudy with sporadic showers 23°C (73°F) / 29°C (84°F)

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