

Reflections

Need of more wisdom than knowledge

THE world went numb at the catastrophic crash of the Airbus A320 into the French Alps on Tuesday, March 24, killing all 150 people on board.

Andreas Lubitz, the co-pilot who deliberately put the plane into a descent, was said to have been going through personal life crisis. In addition it was reported that he was suffering from mental health issues; specifically depression.

Most of his family members, colleagues, doctors and acquaintances confessed that Mr Lubitz had the appearance of healthy normality. Within himself he was seriously sick.

Those consultants and professionals who dealt with his mental health issues had enough knowledge of this seriousness and should have alerted the authorities concerned in his employment.

Their explanation for not having done that was due to the 'fear of breach of confidentiality'.

Such an explanation does not adequately answer our basic fundamental puzzle of why the other 149 people should suffer despicable death along with the victim who caused this



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tragedy.

Some of the regulations that we have on health and safety, safeguarding and social care are mostly in books ignoring actual people involved. That is the reason why sometimes our highly qualified professionals get very basic things wrong, in spite of their well trained and prolonged experience.

This particular gruesome plane crash has given rise to frightening loss of faith in people in whose hands we put our lives almost on an every-day basis.

Whenever incidents of this sort happen, we hear proposals of more stringent regulations, screening and surveillance methods. Obviously, it is necessary to learn from the mistakes.

But at the same time it is important that our professionals, with relevant expertise, are also taught some practical wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord.