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Day 3: IAF duo face bad weather in Bangkok

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MYANMAR: The IAF's round the world expedition hit its first roadblock on Sunday when bad weather forced Wing Cdrs Rahul Monga and Anil Kumar to return to Yangon.

The duo had barely left Yangon when extreme weather prevented them from heading any further and they returned to their base without entering the Bangkok airspace. Wg Cdr Rahul Monga, the leader of the expedition, speaking to *Indiatimes News Network* said if the weather does not clear in Bangkok they would stay put in Yangon on Sunday and head towards Bangkok on Monday and stay their overnight before heading out again on Tuesday.

Wg Cdr Rahul Monga said, "I am very tired and I want to sleep." He did however add that everything was going fine and that he was enjoying the expedition. Yangon he said was a beautiful city and he was looking for more excitement ahead.

Earlier, the round the world expedition started early morning on Sunday from Myanmar capital Yangon towards Bangkok. The expedition was flagged off on June 1 from the Hindon Air Base near Delhi by the Chief of the Air Staff F H Major.

The pilots are attempting to cover a distance of 41000 kms in 64 days that includes 45 days of flying. If all goes well, they will come back to Delhi on August 4.

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