

Task Force goes for rehabilitation

The Sub-Zonal Relief Coordinator for Cox's Bazar district, Mohammad Omar Farooq, has said that the joint UK-US Task Force has played a highly commendable role in speeding up the relief operations in the affected areas, reports BSS.

"The Royal Navy and the US Navy have done a wonderful work and without them, we would not have been able to get as much done so quickly," Farooq said when he met with the Acting British High Commissioner in Bangladesh, George Finlayson, at his office in Dhaka on May 29.

Meanwhile, the US Navy Task Force with its helicopters left the Bay of Bengal on May 29 leaving one ship for relief operation while the British Royal Fleet auxiliary ship Fort Orange is still continuing relief missions in the areas, a British High Commission press release said.

The commanding officer of the Fort Orange, Captain Barrie Dickinson said, "We are here to provide immediate relief in the wake of the cyclone. That phase is now ending and we are entering the longer-term rehabilitation phase," he added.

Earlier, the Acting British High Commissioner told newsmen that the Joint UK-US Task Force was less equipped to deal with rehabilitation including reconstruction, "that has to be a land based operation," he said.

Fort Orange's four Sea King Helicopters have clocked up 175 flying hours from May 20 to May 29 delivering along with six rigid raider crafts manned by Royal marines more than 250 tonnes of relief goods.

Medical teams and other relief workers were also flown to isolated areas by these means.

A senior British Naval officer Commander Mike Norman said their reconnaissance missions had discovered two or three isolated communities who got little or no aid.

More relief for survivors

By Staff Correspondent

More organisations have come forward with assistance in cash and kind for the cyclone victims of the coastal areas.

Christian Society

The Christian Service Society is continuing relief operation in cyclone-battered eleven villages of Anwara upazila in Chittagong. It has so far distributed 32 tons of food, water purification tablets, 1510 pieces of saree and lungi and installed five tubewells. Besides, a Medical Team of the organisation is treating the sick cyclone survivors in the affected areas of the upazila.

Aleem Al Razee Memorial Council

Dr Aleem Al Razee Memorial Council on Thursday distributed relief goods in the cyclone-hit areas of Bhoila, Monpara, Daulatkhani and Borhanuddin upazilas. The relief goods included 500 pieces of oral saline, 1,000 kgs of flattened rice, 250 kg of molasses, 10 tins of biscuits, 100 pieces of used crockeries and glasswares and 500 pieces of old saree, lungi and clothings. The council will also send two more relief teams soon to the coastal areas of Noakhali, Laxmipur and Chittagong and flood affected areas of Sylhet, Sunamganj and Serajganj.

BSUS

Bangladesh Samaj Unnayan Samity's (BSUS) medicare and relief operations in the cyclone-hit areas of Sandwip are going on in full swing.

One BSUS Medical Team is operating in the Malek Munsir Bazar (Haramia). Another BSUS medical team is also operating in the Maitvanga union.

Medical Teams of BSUS attended 1500 cholera and injured persons and distributed medicines among the victims of the upazila.

ROK operations

More relief goods are expected to arrive soon from the Republic of Korea. The Korean Government has decided to send emergency medicines worth US\$ 300,000 to Bangladesh to redress the sufferings of the calamity stricken people in the coastal belt of the country. A chartered plane carrying the medicines is expected to fly into Dhaka shortly. In addition, a merchant ship NGS Ranger V-1391 with one thousand metric tons of rice worth US\$ 1,000,000 will soon be arriving at the Chittagong Port. The Korean rice and medicines will be distributed among the distressed in the cyclone-battered coastal areas as part of the relief efforts taken up by the Government of Korea to alleviate the hardship of the cyclone victims.

Khulna Dist cell

Khulna District Relief Coordination Cell has so far received donations in cash and kind worth Taka twenty three lakh and seventy thousand for

distribution among the cyclone-affected people of the coastal areas and offshore islands of the country.

Army

Army personnel are carrying on relief operations at the coastal areas and offshore islands in cooperation with the local administration, NGOs and other concerned organisations.

Comilla area troops on Friday distributed more than 15 tonnes of rice, wheat, potatoes and paddy seeds at Sandwip, Hatia, Rangati and Chakthil. They also distributed other relief materials including biscuits, chira, tinned foods, other food grains, blankets, clothings, old clothes, baby-suits, sarees, bath soaps, candles, plastic containers, utensils, bleaching powder and relief boxes among the cyclone victims.

Meanwhile, army medical teams have treated 865 more patients in places.

Navy

Bangladesh Navy ships continued their relief operation in

the coastal areas and offshore islands from Chittagong, Khulna and Barisal in coordination with the concerned authorities.

BNS Shah Amanat, a logistic vessel of the Bangladesh Navy which was affected during the recent cyclone have been made fully operational by the Navy dockyard. The vessel has so far carried about 245 tons of rice and other relief goods to Sandwip and Kutubdia. Besides, the other naval ships now operating in these areas included BNS Tawfiq, BNS Noakhali, BNS Shaheed Akhteruddin, BNS Bogra and the smaller craft including the relief boats received from the Ministry of Relief.

Awami League

Bangladesh Awami League sent relief materials on Friday to the areas devastated by cyclone, tidal surge and flood. The relief materials sent by road and railway include rice, flour, chira, molasses, biscuits, kerosene, saree, lungi, clothes, utensils, medicines and other goods.

Canada, USSR pledge more relief

Canada will provide a further contribution of 5.4 million Canadian dollars to assist Bangladesh in the aftermath of the cyclone, a Canadian High Commission press release said in Dhaka on Thursday, reports BSS.

The assistance is in addition to the three million Canadian dollars, which was announced earlier. This new contribution brings Canada's total support to the cyclone victims to 8,463,000 Canadian dollars.

Canadian Minister for External Relations and International Development Monique Landry announced the new aid programme on May 28.

Report from Moscow says: The Soviet government has announced donation of relief materials worth US dollar three million consisting of diesel, cement, trucks, tractors, earth-movers and medicines.

The announcement was made Wednesday by the Deputy Minister for Foreign Economic Relations at a dinner hosted by the Bangladesh Delegation at the end of the Soviet-Bangladesh trade talks.

Madrasa edn to be modernised

Education and Cultural Affairs Minister Professor AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury Wednesday laid emphasis on modernisation of madrasa education for introducing an appropriate education system for the country, reports BSS.

The government has already

ready taken steps towards improvement of madrasa education system for making it upto date and a dynamic one, he added.

The minister was addressing the installation ceremony of the Employees Union of Bangladesh Madrasa Education Board in Dhaka. Chairman of the board, M A Mannan, presided over the meeting.

The Education Minister said since religion is closely related to our people madrasa education is being given due importance in the country.

He said Madrasa Education must be free from age-old tradition and should be aimed at improving the conditions of the people. He also called upon the officials and employees of the board to put in their best efforts for making madrasa education system effective and dynamic for building up a prosperous society.

Later, the Chairman of the board handed over a cheque for Taka 20,000 to the Minister for Prime Minister's Relief Fund on behalf of the employees of the board.

'Govt considering more measures for realising overdue loans'

Government is actively considering more stringent measures to realise overdue loans for financing rehabilitation programmes in the cyclone and flood affected areas of the country, reports UNB.

This was stated by the State Minister for Finance Mujibur Rahman while addressing the high officials of Agrani Bank at its head office in Dhaka on Thursday.

The State Minister said Bangladesh Bank has already published the list of the defaulters and concerned banks and taken legal actions for realising overdue loans, an handout said today.

"But the extent of realisation of loans was not substantial", he said adding that the banks should be freed from vicious circle to make them more responsive to the economic development of the country.

Mujibur Rahman said political pressure on banking activities or malpractice of borrowing crores of Taka in the name of same enterprise from different banks would not be allowed.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia is firmly committed to restore financial discipline in banking sector, he stressed.

Taxi recovered: One arrested

Kotwali police on Thursday morning arrested a student of Jagannath College and recovered a taxi which he hijacked the previous day.

Narayan Chandra Sarkar alias Tipu (23), a B A examinee, was arrested from in front of the Star Cinema Hall.

Tipu with some other youths hired the taxi (Dhaka Ga-1750) from in front of the Hotel Purban. They took the car to a under construction building at 39 Patuati. There they confined driver Harun in a second floor room and snatched away the key of the taxi. Harun managed to escape by jumping through the window of this building and informed the police of the incident.

CUJ call to implement Wage Board Award

CHITTAGONG, May 31: The leaders of Chittagong Union of Journalists (CUJ) today called upon the owners of newspapers and news agencies all over the country to implement the decisions of the Fourth Wage Board of Journalists and newspaper employees without further delay, reports BSS.

The CUJ leaders also called upon the owners of Chittagong newspapers to implement the union's three-point demand including payment of previous arrears.

The CUJ will hold a general meeting of journalists and general employees of newspapers at the Press Club here tomorrow morning in support of its demand for implementation of the Wage Board Award.

In a statement here, the CUJ President, Aktarun Nabi and the General Secretary, Anjan Kumar Sen said the conspiracy against the Fourth Wage Board Award should end with the rejection of Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Parishad (BSP) writ petition by the High Court. They said, the journalists and newspaper employees had been deprived of their legitimate rights because of non-implementation of the Fourth Wage Board Award.

They said that journalists and newspaper employees would not be responsible for any further conspiracy against the implementation of the

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Plea to reduce existing phone installation charge by 50 pc

M Mohaimen and Nazmul Kalam Siddiqui, President and Secretary General respectively of the Bangladesh Nagarkir Adhikar Parishad have urged the government to reduce the installation and shifting charges of telephone by 50 per cent of the existing charges.

Congratulating the government decision to reduce the installation and shifting charges of telephone they said that the reduction of installation charges from Tk 30,000 to Tk 20,000 was not enough. They requested the government to reduce the installation charges for both digital and analogue telephones by 50 per cent. They suggested that the monthly rate of a set should be Tk 300 or Tk 350 at the most with 200 free calls per month.

Workshop on belles letters begins

A four-day workshop on belles letters and cartoon drawing began on Friday at National Book Centre auditorium.

Cartoon Magazine and National Book Centre jointly organised the workshop, a press release said.

Sixteen-belles writer from different parts of the country have participated in the workshop.

Fazle Rabbi, Director of the Book Centre, in his welcome speech said cartoon and belles letters not only fulfil the needs of entertainment but also focus the social and political crisis.

Noted cartoonist Rafiqunnabi (Ranabi) in his inaugural speech said that the use of cartoon in most of the papers would be helpful to flourish it in future.

Among others, Mustafa Monawar and Prof Kabir Chowdhury spoke at the function.

JCD sweeps BIT polls

Bangladesh Nationalist Party backed Jattiyatbadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) has won all but seven seats in both Central Students' and Hall Union polls of Bangladesh Institute of Technology held on Tuesday.

JCD begged 23 out of 30 Central and Hall Union seats. Remaining seven seats were won by the candidates belonging to Chhatra Oikya, an alliance of Chhatra League (S-A) and Bangladesh Chhatra Union.

Ctg-Chowkighata river route reopens

Chittagong - Chowkighata river route has been reopened for navigation, says a press release.

BIWTA installed buoys, beacons and other marking material on a total of 1,100 kilometer waterways of the southern and coastal areas. All these were seriously damaged and washed away due to cyclonic storm and tidal wave.

The amount of loss in this regard was estimated at Tk. 6.33 crore.

1000 mechanised boats to be provided to affected fishermen

The government will manufacture 1000 sea-going mechanised fishing boats and provide those to affected fishermen at reduced price, reports UNB.

State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Abdullah Al Noman told UNB that each boat would cost about Tk 10 lakh and the affected fishermen, whose boats were lost in the cyclone, would be given 50 per cent grant on cost price.

Fishing net and other equipment would also be distributed to the poor affected fishermen free of cost as part of the government's post-cyclone fisheries sector rehabilitation programme.

Apart from manufacturing the mechanised boats, the minister said, authorities have also taken up scheme for repairing as many as damaged boats at many points in the coastal belt.

Sea fishing is being seriously hampered in post-cyclone period and the government is making all out effort to rehabilitate the sector, said Noman.

He estimated that about 7000 sea-going mechanised fishing boats were damaged and more than 3000 others missing in the recent cyclone. About 60,000 fishermen were affected.

About rehabilitation in livestock and poultry sector, the

minister said the government will immediately provide each affected family in the cyclone-hit areas with 10 pieces of poultry free of cost.

Initially 20,000 families would be given the poultry bird which would cost the government Tk 1 crore, he pointed out.

The government has also planned to provide saline-resistant cattleheads to the affected farmers.

the damaged houses, educational institutions, crops and horticultures of the hill districts in detail.

Oli Ahmed said adequate quantity of rice and other relief materials were allocated and distributed in the cyclone affected areas at the directives of the Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia. He said CI sheet was allocated for the construction and repair of damaged houses and noted two thousand bundles for each district had been allocated. He assured for more CI sheet allocation. For the re-construction and repair of the damaged educational institutions, money would be allocated separately, he added.

The Minister said steps would be taken for the exploration of natural resources in the hill districts. To maintain the balance of environment he

Steps to explore natural resources in CHT underway

KHAGRACHHARI, May 31: Communications Minister Col. (ret'd) Oli Ahmed today said that the present government would take all steps for the socio-economic development of the districts of Chittagong Hill Tracts, reports BSS.

He said this while visiting Bandarban, Rangamati and Khagrachhari districts to supervise the relief and rehabilitation programmes there. He assessed three separate meeting of the relief and rehabilitation co-ordinators, government officials, regional commander and officials of Bangladesh army, leaders of BNP and other political parties. The chairman of local government parishad, parliament members and people's representatives were present. The local people's representatives and government officials informed the minister about

Exchange Confc on Public Relations next year

The fourth international Exchange Conference for Today's Public Relations-92 will be held in Hong Kong from 22-24 April '92. This was announced by Mr. Arnold King, President, World Public Relations Centre (WPRC), Hong Kong during his inaugural speech in the 3rd International Exchange Conference for Today's Public Relations '91 recently held in Hong Kong. The theme of the Hong Kong conference was "Public Relations - The Bridge Among Nations" and sponsors were Grand Chinese Public Relations Association.

The conference was organised by WPRC and participated by a large number of PR men mostly from Hong Kong, China, Taiwan, Singapore, New Zealand including Mr. Jim Pritchitt, President-elect for 1992 of the International Public Relations Association (IPRA) and Mr. Md. Mujibur Rahman Bhuiyan, Senior Information Officer, Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC).

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NGOs take up three-phased relief rehabilitation programme

From Syed Isa

started arranging food supply to the distressed families. Programme of employment opportunities in small embankment excavation of canals and tree plantation have also been undertaken by them.

Crop recovery programme by distributing seed and seedlings of vegetable and rice also include the mid-term rehabilitation programme.

Low cost housing with RCC corner post CI sheets will be distributed to atleast 15,000 cyclone hit people. Professional rehabilitation programme include, providing boats, nets, agricultural inputs to the fishermen and farmers of the cyclone battered areas. Caritas, Bangladesh has taken up Tk 30 crore project for the relief and rehabilitation programme in the affected areas.

According to a welfare official of the organisation, Caritas will spend about Tk 18

BIBM course concluded

The 18-day-long course on "frauds, forgeries and malpractices in banks and financial institutions" ended here on Wednesday, reports BSS.

Organised by the Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM), the course was participated by 26 officers of banks, financial institutions and department of police.

TENDER

Office of the Deputy Director, Central Cattle Breeding and Dairy Farm, Sevar, Dhaka, invites sealed tenders for transportation of animal feed on emergency basis from Government Flour and Animal Feed Mills, Postgola Dhaka, to cyclone affected districts. Eligible contractors under Department of Live-stock can submit tenders as per schedule at Live-stock Department, Khair Bari Road on 4-6-91 by 12 Noon.

Quotations invited by Eastern Tubes Ltd (BSEC) 374, Teigan Industrial Area from bonafide suppliers manufacturer for supply of cotton hand gloves, waste cotton, marking cloth, long cloth. Documents available at above address and also at BSEC Shaban at Kawran Bazar, Dhaka. Offers close on 16-6-91 at 11:00 A.M.

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AUCTION NOTICE

It is notified for the general information of all concerned that huge number of serviceable/unserviceable empty soyabean oil barrels, drums, polythene/nylon/gunny bags, tea chest, other packing materials and used engine oil will be sold in open auction at 10.00 hours on 11 June 1991 "Station Supply Depot, ASC Jalalabad Cantonment Sylhet." Other rules and conditions will be intimated at the place of auction.

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SHORT TENDER NOTICE NO. 147 OF RHD
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DURING 1990-91

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from bonafide enlisted contractors of Roads & Highways Department in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 for the following works:-

| Short Tender Notice No. | Name of work | Estimated Cost | Earnest Money | Class of Contractor | Time Completion |
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| 147 | Construction of Flexible pavement at 2nd K.M. (Part) & 3rd K.M. (Part) of Fatchabad-Ramdashat-Maduna ghat road during 1990-91. | Tk. 19,10,735/- | 38,215/- | "A" to "D" General category contractor | 30 days |

Schedule of items, specification, terms and conditions etc. can be seen and purchased from the office of the undersigned/Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division Noakhali/Cox's Bazar/Planning & Programming Division, Dhaka and Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Roads Sub-Division-I/II/III/1st line workshop Sub-Division, Chittagong by cash payment upto 8.6.91 Eng./24.2.98 Bangla during office hours only.

Tenders will be received by the Addl. Chief Engineer, RHD, Chittagong Zone, Chittagong/Superintending Engineer, RHD, Chittagong Road Circle, Chittagong Superintending Engineer, RHD, Project Control Circle, Dhaka and by the undersigned upto 12-30 Noon 9.6.91 Eng./25.2.98 Bangla and the same will be opened on the same day at 12-45 Noon in front of interested tenderers who likes to remain present on the occasion.

Md. Abdul Khaleque Miah
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Chittagong Road Division,
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KHULNA, May 31: The Non-Government Organisations in Khulna including CARE, Caritas, Prodon and Uttarani are carrying out extensive relief operations at cyclone battered areas at Bhoila, Barisal, Patuakhali and Chittagong districts. The NGO bodies have taken up three phased relief and rehabilitation programme there.

Foodstuff including chira, gur or sugar salt, rice, dal, potatoes, clothings, buckets, lamps, match boxes, utensils, Kerosene, oil, water containers, oral saline, water purifying tablets, tents and tarpulins were distributed to the cyclone victims.

Besides, blankets, high protein biscuits and plastic sheets were also distributed to the affected people in the cyclone hit areas. The areas include 37 unions of 7 upazilas under 4 districts hit by the devastated cyclone on April 29.

The organisations have also

'EMPLOYMENT'

Commercial House requires a Secretary with 5 years post English, shorthand and typing between 30 and 40 years of age should apply with CV and telephone number to P.O Box No: 3647, Dhaka by 5th June '91.

Engineers (Civil) with minimum 3 to 5 years experience with hydrological data bases, collection, storage and retrieval, knowledge of Lotus 1-2-3, Data Base required for a rural development programme. CV in triplicate, 3 pp photos, copies of certificates and names and address of two referees should reach the Advertiser G.P.O. Box: 4185, Dhaka-1000, by 12th June '91.

International Organisation requires a Contoller of Accounts. Chartered Secretary with 5 years post qualification experience may apply with full particulars and telephone number to BAREE PEAR & KHAN Chartered Accountants 2/9, Sir Syed Road, Mohammadpur, Dhaka, Phone: 814107.

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