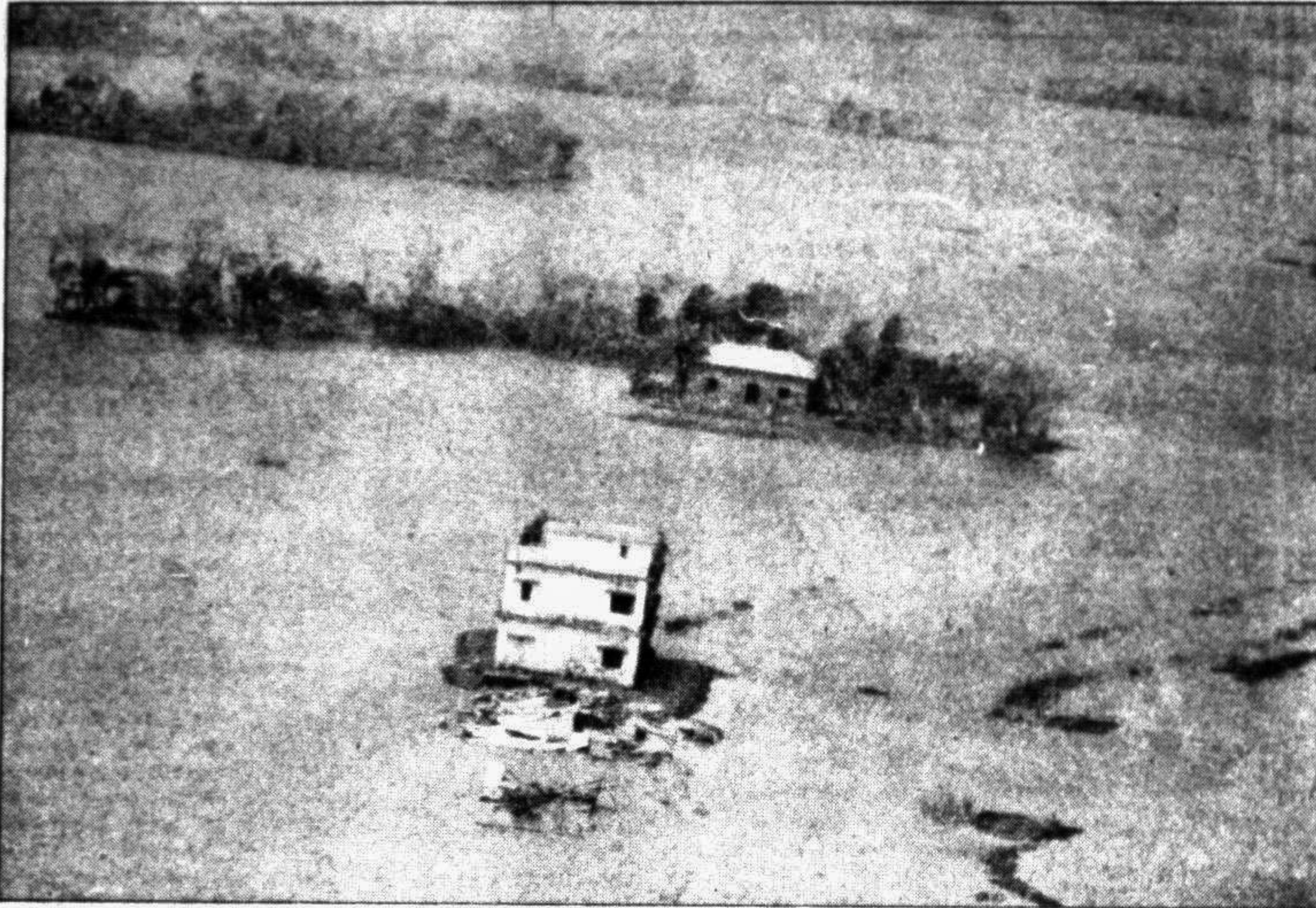


All That Came in the Deadly Cyclone's Way



The cyclone shelter in Chokoria failed to withstand the fury of the cyclone. The fate of the residents is still unknown.



Chokoria now belies the look of once a busy hamlet. Everything was razed to the ground by the cyclone.



The cyclone-stricken people at Kutubdia seen draining out their agonies to General Salam of the Bangladesh Army who went there to assess damage and destruction.



The cyclone did not make any difference between man and animal. An ill-fated goat lying dead with rubbles of a building.



A strong concrete building at Kutubdia was no match for a cyclone having velocity of 250 kilometres per hour. Nobody still knows where hundreds, who took shelter in it, have gone. May be, they were flown off to the deep sea.



Fortunate survivors of Monday night's catastrophic cyclone in Kutubdia island have nothing but an embankment to take shelter on.



Hurricane lifted a motor launch from a river near Patenga onto the ground.



Even a vehicle of Bangladesh Biman was not spared at Chittagong. Seen are only the remains.

Photos taken by Staff Photographer Mohsin

Armed Forces intensify relief operations

Members of the Armed Forces have intensified relief and rescue operations in coastal areas hit by cyclone, according to ISPR.

Army jawans from Dhaka, Jessore and Comilla arranged 80 thousand chapatti from their own ration and sent them for distribution among the distressed people in different areas Wednesday.

One hundred and eight Army medical teams have been deployed in affected areas to provide medical care.

Chief of the General Staff Major General Muhammad Abdus Salam visited different affected areas Wednesday to see for himself the progress of rescue and relief operations being carried out by the army personnel.

Bangladesh Navy is also carrying out relief operations at Maheshkhali, Manpura and other areas.

BAF aircraft and helicopters are running relief sorties from Dhaka. A BAF transport plane Wednesday air-dropped five tons of dry food including flattened rice, puffed rice, biscuits and baby food at different areas of the Kutubdia island.

BAF helicopters transported sizeable quantities of medicine, drinking water and other foodstuff to different coastal areas and off-shore islands.



Tale of a city in ruins — Chittagong

People in areas affected by cyclone have been advised the following precautionary steps by UNICEF and other organisations to prevent spread of diseases.

- If tubewells are submerged in tidal surge, water from the tubewells should be pumped out for at least half an hour to make it safe for drinking.
- Tubewell water should be used in all purposed.
- One teaspoonful alum should be mixed with a

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pitcherful water. The water should be kept for an hour and then used.

• Water purifying tablets should be used to purify water. The water should be used atleast an hour later.

• Boiled water or rain water can be used for drinking.

• Hands should be washed thoroughly with soap or ash before meals and after using toilets.

• Finger nails should be cut and kept clean.

• In absence of toilets stool must be covered with soil.

• Doctor should be con-

sulted if children catch fever accompanied by respiratory problems.

• Children with fever should not be covered with warm clothes.

• If drinking water wells have been submerged, half kg bleaching powder should be put into it in the following manner:

The powder should be divided into five parts and mixed

with five bucketful of water. The water should then be poured into the well. At least 50 bucketful water should be lifted to make the rest of the water in the well safe for drinking.

• If attacked with diarrhoea, the patient should be fed liquids like saline, tea, coconut water etc.

• Saline water should be used within six hours of its preparation.