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(BBS) on Friday formed a 15-

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ing relief to the cyclone hit ar-

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Relief Fund, raised for the cy-

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Federation of Teachers

Association Friday decided to

donate to the Prime Minister's

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its members serving as teach-

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of Bangladesh Scouts has

called upon all scouts to help

the local administrations of the

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Organisations' plea to aid cyclone victims

# Relief operations frustrating

By Staff Correspondent

The central relief committee of Jamaat-e-Islami called upon the people and the NGOs to donate to its relief fund, opened for the cyclone-hit people.

An account was opened to receive the donation with the Motifheel Local Branch of Islami Bank, said a Press re-

The call was made for donation Friday at a meeting of the relief committee with the party's Acting Ameer Abbas Ali Khan in the chair.

Abbas Ali Khan Friday left Dhaka for the cyclone affected areas of Chittagong and Cox's Bazar. A medical team is ac-

companying him. Besides, Nayeb-e-Ameers of the party Shamsur Rahman and Moulana Abul Kalam Azad are now conducting relief operation at different parts of Satkhira, Khulna, Bagerhat and

Pirojpur districts, the Press release said. Secretary General of Jamaat-e-Islami Mattur Rahman Nizami issued a statement after his two-day visit to the cyclone-affected areas of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and

Noakhali Narrating the devastation of the cyclone, the Jamaat leader alleged that no arrangement was so far made to reach relief materials to the affected people. He also termed the government steps in this regard as frustrating adding he found no Government relief team during his visit to the said ar-

Nizami demanded supply of adequate relief goods including food stuff, medicine and garments for the affected people without further delay.

#### Communist Party

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) at its central secretariat members meeting Friday formed a relief team with the party General Secretary Saifuddin Ahmed Manik as its head.

Saifuddin Ahmed Manik left for Chittagong while Nurul Islam for Noakhali and Mujahidul Islam Selim for Bhola to conduct relief operation at the areas.

Earlier, Nuh Islam Lenin and Mojahar Hosain, MP, left for Chittagong for the same

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purpose. In a statement issued Friday

the members of public to donate money equivalent to one meal charge to the relief fund raised by the party.

#### Ingilab Party

Bangladesh Inqilab Party President Gazi Rabiul Islam and General Secretary G N Huda in a statement to the Press urged the donor countries to help the country in the relief operation of the cyclone-

The party would also try its best to carry out relief operation. They urged the general

people to come forward to the help of the cyclone victims.

#### Gonoshasthya

A medical and a relief team of Gonoshasthya Kendra left Dhaka for Sandwip, Hatia, Char Fashion, Manpura and Kutubdia with 10 tonnes food, essentials medicines oral salines, water purifying tablets, tubewells, shallow machines and other relief materials, a press release

Three medical teams of Conoshasthya is working in the diarrhoea affected areas of

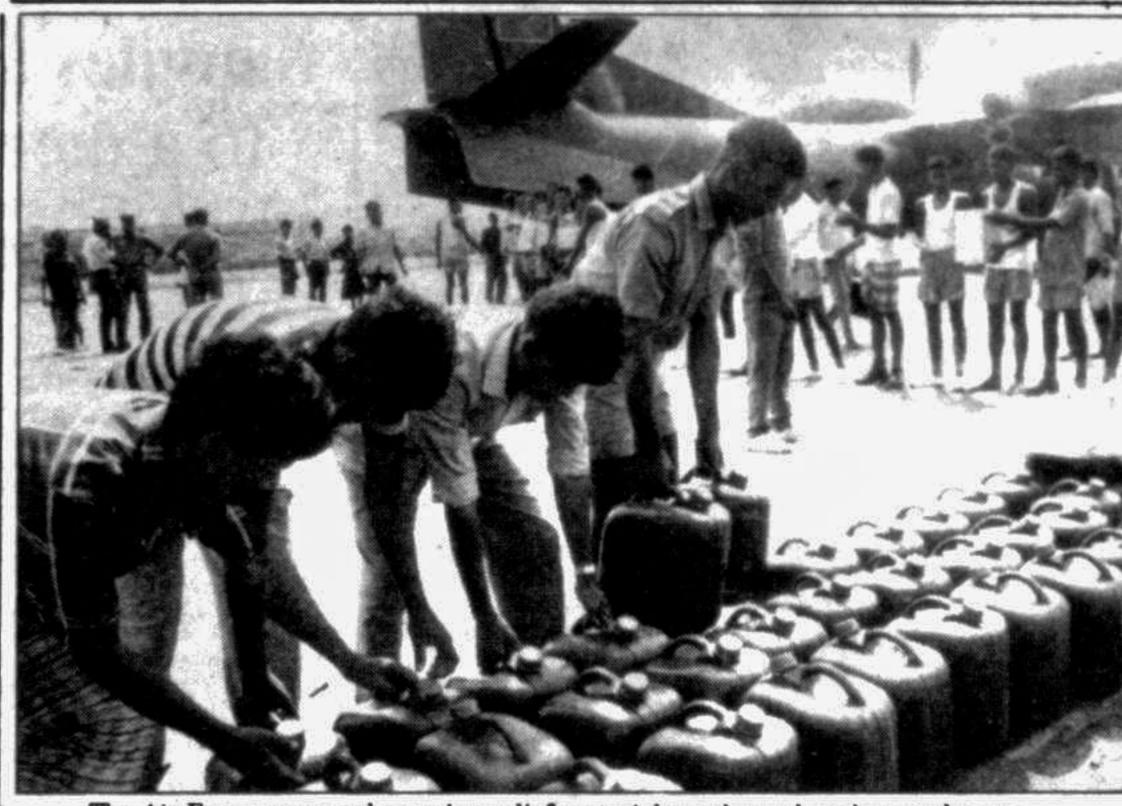
Patuakhali, Perojpur, and Dashmina.

Another 10 teams are ready to go to cyclone affected areas with 40 tonnes food, drugs and relief materials.

### Sanskritic Jote

Sammilita Sanskritic Jote in an emergency meeting on Friday took a decision to sent two relief teams to the disaster

One team will leave Dhaka for Chittagong, Sandwip, Kutubdia and Manpura, and the other for Barisal, Bhola,



The Air Force personnel carrying relief materials to the cyclone battered areas.

## Interest-free agri loans sought

ON BOARD M V LALI, May 3: Awami League Organising Secretary Tofael Ahmed, MP, has called upon the government to give interest-free agricultural loans to the farmers of the cyclone affected areas of the country, reports

Talking to newsmen last night on board MV Lali, CBP urged its members and I Ahmed, who was returning

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from cyclone-hit areas of Bhola, said unless adequate agri-loan without interest was extended to the farmers the country's peasantry would not be able to keek their backbone erect.

He demanded house building grants to those who have lost their dwelling houses in Monday's cyclonic storm. Referring to the prices of building materials vis a vis the economic condition of the masses, Ahmed said, even the higher middle-class and the middle-class people would not be able to re-build their houses if government grants were not

money for reconstruction of damaged educational institutions, mosques and other public buildings.

Meanwhile, Maj(Rtd) Hafizuddin, MP, who was also returning from his constituency in Bhola, narrated his experiences in the cyclone hit areas. Terming the available relief inadequate, Maj Hafiz demanded more relief and cash money for the affected people, he said, Lalmohan and Tajumuddin upazilas were badly affected by the cyclone.

### One held for misappropriation of relief goods

From Syed Issa

BHOLA, May 2: An office as-Deputy Commissioner of Bhola district was today arrested on

The relief goods including old garments were sent today from here to Char Fashion upazila for the cyclone-hit

The DC ordered the arrest of Abdus Salam after the UNO of Char Fashion found discrepancy between the relief materials and the list. Later, the missing materials were recovered from Abdus Salam, sources said.

He also demanded cash-

relief operations. **Nagarik Committee** Bangladesh Nagarik Committee on Friday urged the government to include representatives of all political parties, non-government organisations and prominent persons enjoining confidence of the people in the National Relief Coordination Committee.

#### **Trading Corporation** Rakibuddin Ahmed Chairman of the Trading Corporation of Bangladesh, has donated a cheque for Taka

sistant to the office of the charge of misappropriation of relief materials.

UNB says: CARE, and American NGO began emergency relief operations in the worst-affected areas of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Barisal districts soon after the

> worst-ever cyclone ravaged the coastal belt on Tuesday. It has sent 16 medical teams to the port city Friday along with purification tablets, oral rehydration solution and essential drugs.

### Patuakhali, and Barguna, by An Eye-witness Account

### Hundreds of decomposed bodies litter offshore islands

From Saiful Huda

COX'S BAZAR, May 3: Hundreds of decomposed bodies litter the shores around Kutubdia and Moheshkhali, the two worst-hit islands, battered by Tuesday's killer hurricane that lashed the country's coastal belt with untold fury.

As the victims of the monstrous cyclone recuperate from the nightmare, two days after the disaster struck the southeastern coasts and offshore islands, rescue and relief operations were yet to be put in place in full swing.

Local Administration sources at Cox's Bazar, however, said that the Navy was expected to launch an allout search down the Bay of Bengal for possible survivors or victims of the catastrophe.

Kutubdia, one of the largest offshore islands with a population of nearly 1,20,000 was described by officials as the worst-hit by the hurricane and its accompanying tidal surge which soared up to 20 feet.

Mohammad Ishaque, the local MP, said that Kutubdia and its adjoining Moheshkhali island, were still under saline water which showed no signs of receding even after two days. He feared that up to 25,000 people might have been perished from his constituency alone.

This correspondent visiting Kutubdia and Moheshkhali, which still remained virtually cut off from the mainland since the calamity, met with thousands of people who sur-

vived the nightmare but were now on the verge of death from starvation.

If you want us to survive now, please rush us something to eat .... We have had nothing since Monday evening. Give us something to eat," said Syed Ahmed, 70, retired school teacher.

The septuagenarian with gray whiskers broke down in tears while telling his tale of the "doomsday" (Keyamat). "First came the winds and it grew stronger and stronger. As the night advanced, came the all-devouring tidal surge." The 20-feet surge swept

away Ahmed's home and his entire family whose fate he knew not. He was washed two kilometers away from his home and found himself tucked amid a heap of sands on another islet across a chan-

This correspondent accompanied by photographers from Associated Press and Asiaweek, arranged a speedboat from the district administration and braved the rough waters of the Bay in a frantic bid to reach Kutubdia.

"We approached the island after a gruelling three-hour journey.... But we could not land. All that we could do was to scuttle around in the water and see the signs of ravages wrought by the disaster."

Corpses and carcasses were still being washed ashore after nearly three days of the disaster. Kutubdia and its adjoining

small islets still remained inundated. On Wednesday, a helicopter carrying Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia could not find a place to land.

At Moghnama in Chokoria upazila. the Correspondent met a group of nearly 100 survivors, mostly from nearby Kutubdia upazila. who were swept ashore by the tidal surge on Tuesday

Among the survivors was Umme Habiba, clutching her 10 day-old baby boy. The 30year-old mother, clad only in petticoat and blouse, said she and her son were brought to the shore by the surge from Borkup in Kutubdia, about three kilometres away.

SM Jeshimuddin, the Red Crescent team leader of Moghnama union, told the Correspondent that 60 per cent of 50,000 population in his area were washed away by the tidal surge.

Only a few were lucky to survive besides the 3,500 people who took refuge crammed in the union's lone three-storted cyclone shelter.

Survivors were passing their days in the open without food and water, still experiencing occasional rains and gusty wind. No relief has yet reached them, he said.

Jalaluddin Ahmed, Chairman of Dhurun Union Parishad in Moheshkhali upazila, said the people of his area buried some 7,000 bodies swept ashore in last two days.

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### No contact with Bhola chars

CHAR KACHHAPIA (Bhola), May 3: The fate of 20,000 inhabitants of various isolated char areas of Bhola district is still uncertain as no contact could yet been made with those areas since Tuesday's cyclonic storm and tidal surge, reports BSS.

The areas still remaining snapped include Dalachar, Char Patila, Char Kukrimukri, Char Nizam and some other tiny newly emerged chars (lands) of the islandic district.

The mechanised boats known as trawlers and ferry service through country boats are the usual means of communications with these char areas. But both systems remained snapped since the cyclone lashed over the coastal belts with the rivers remaining still turbulent and the weather

A desperate attempt by BSS roving correspondent Azizul Islam Bhuyian together with a press team from the capital to reach Dalchar, Char Patila and Char Kukrimukri on Thursday morning had to be abandoned at the mid-river when the tide turned rough and wild.

Principal Nazrul Islam, MP elected from Char Fashion and Manpura upaztla told newsmen that a trawler with some nominal relief materials was sent Wednesday for Char Patila. "But we are yet waiting for its safe return," he said.

## Dateline Chittagong

## Sandwip's marooned people in desperate need of food

Hundreds of marooned people on Sandwip have been in desperate need of food and water as they pass dreadful moments in the midst of decomposing corpses and carcasses three days after the killer cyclone mauled the island, reports UNB.

Diarrhoea has already broken out in epidemic form on the island with about 2.40 lakh inhabitants, 40 per cent of whom are feared to have been washed away by Tuesday's hurricane and tidal surge.

A government official who flew to Sandwip this afternoon by a helicopter with relief materials said the relief were taken to the island for the first time today since the cyclone struck.

The relief goods carried by the helicopter did not include drinking water — the most wanted item by the survivors.

Giving his account of the disaster on Sandwip island, the official, who wanted not to be quoted, said that it was difficult to locate the island which was still submerged by saline water that came with

structure seemed traceable", the official said adding that the few buildings which withstood the fury of the cyclone were without roofs.

seen such calamity in my life and cannot say how many were killed by Tuesday's cyclone".

Sandwip, Hatiya and Urir Char areas are drifting downstream river Feni, witnesses and officials said. The human carcasses are accumulating in the embank-

ments of Sonagaji and Companiganj upazilas, apprehending that Monday night's tempest might have taken a total toll running over a lakh.

A local fisherman said "while returning from fishing this evening, I saw about a hundred decomposed bodies of islanders still floating in the Feni River.

Sixty bodies were seen floating in the river Wednesday, Lalmohan Jaladas added.

casses floating down the Fent River reached the cross-dam, Mahuri dam and Kuktijoddha dam in Sonagaji upazila Thursday afternoon.

Seven decomposed bodies were picked up from the WAPDA dam Wednesday, local people said.

With the help of the district administration, the burial of 28 bodies have already been done.

The UNO of Companiganj told UNB, 130 bodies were netted there Wednesday. Thirty were buried Thursday while the rest were disposed on Friday.

The air is stipped in stench from the decomposed bodies Solluting environment and the water of river Feni as Well. Amid shortage of food,

medicines and drinking water, the environmental pollution might lead to eruption of water-borne diseases in the district, local people apprehended.

Meanwhile, five relief teams of Bangladesh Army and 13 medical teams were working in Sonagazi upazila, which local people think insufficient to cope with the situation.

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