

Dhaka Day by Day

For the Distressed

by S. Y. Bakht



Picture exhibition of cyclonic devastation at Bangla Academy.

The citizen of Dhaka are finally waking up to aid their cyclone affected fellow countrymen. Although a little late, Dhaka Ites have begun to grasp the magnitude of destruction and are gearing up for community-wide relief efforts. Better late than never, as the saying goes.

Various organisations, institutions, both public and private, and countless individuals have taken up programme to collect donations for the survivors of the killed cyclone that struck the coastal belt on that fateful Monday night of April 30.

A number of organisations have taken up elaborate programme to collect donations for the victims.

The Bangla Academy's outdoor stage, ideally located under a huge bunyun tree, has been declared an open-stage to create awareness and to encourage spontaneous public participation in the relief efforts. A seven day programme has been chalked out with a display of recent newspaper photographs of the devastation and a cultural evening participated by well-known artistes of the country. A number of renowned artistes have also spontaneously volunteered to perform at the open-stage function.

Noted singer Sabina Yasmin performed during the inaugural evening on Monday last. Judging from the exceptionally big turnout on the opening day, the programme is set to become a grand success.

The highlight of the programme includes a display of some graphic newspaper photographs taken from around the coastal belt recently. The enlarged photographs vividly depict the extent of destruction caused by the killer cyclone and the accompanying tidal wave and, once again, puts new meaning to the old adage that a picture can tell a thousand stories. About 46 photographs are on display, including 24 taken by the Staff Photographer of this daily, A. K. M. Mohsin.

The photographs were a crowd puller as a large crowd was continuously present at the display area. A steady stream of people from all walks of life were seen spending considerable time looking at the photographs with awe-struck attention and pain.

The display of the photographs was arranged to evoke a sympathetic response from the public, according to Professor Md. Harunur Rashid, the Director General of the Bangla Academy. "We would like people to look at those vivid photographs and feel the magnitude of the situation," he said. As an afterthought, he pointed out that people, as

of the destruction wrought by the devastating cyclone.

A minutes silence was observed in memory of the departed souls at the beginning of the evening function. In a brief speech, Professor Rashid said that the programme was arranged as a mark of respect for the dead and to collect donations to help those who are alive and are passing their days in sub-human conditions.

As there was no cover-charge at the function, he urged the audience to donate any amount of money they spare. A group of Dhaka University student members of the Bangladesh National Cadetvolunteers collected the donations, which was later locked in a trunk and is to be handed over to the Prime Minister yet, didn't seem to have grasped the magnitude of relief fund. The collection will continue during the remaining days of the programme.

Sabina Yasmin, the singer with a gifted voice, started off by singing two songs written and composed specially for this occasion by Khan Ataur Rahman. In her brief remarks the singer also urged the audience to donate wholeheartedly to help the cyclone victims.

A number of other organisations, both public and private, also have chalked out extensive programmes to solicit donations, for the cyclone affected victims. Starting from adults donating a day's salary, to young people spontaneously volunteering to collect food, clothes and money for their fellow countrymen in distress, the response is beginning to look quite encouraging.

The Shilpakala Academy has arranged collection of relief goods on a mobile unit. Well-known artistes are going around town soliciting for donations from the public.

The Nazrul Shilpi Sangstha is planning to hold a musical function in aid of the cyclone affected people on May 21 at the National Museum auditorium. The asle proceeds will be donated towards the Prime Minister relief fund.

A combined artistes forum-Shammita Shilpi Shamaj Tran Committee--has been floated recently to carry out fund raising activities for the cyclone affected people of the coastal belt. The Director General of the Bangla Academy, Professor Md. Harunur Rashid, is the convenor of the committee which plans to hold a series of cultural functions participated by leading artistes of the country. Three cultural functions are scheduled to be held at the National Museum auditorium beginning May 13.

DU exam dates shifted

By DU Correspondent

The examination dates of Dhaka University scheduled to be held in May and June this year have been rescheduled due to devastating cyclone.

The MA and MSS examinations which were scheduled to begin on June 1, will commence on 1st July.

The Honours final examinations of the Arts and the Social Science Faculties scheduled to be held on 1st June will begin from July 1.

The First year final examinations of the Arts and the Social Science Faculties, scheduled to begin from May 11 have been shifted to May 21 while those of the Science Faculty was shifted to May 25 from May 18.

The detailed programmes of the examinations will be announced later.

Students urged to learn history

Prof. Maniruzzaman Miah, Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University stressed the need for learning history in order to lead the country ahead.

He was presiding over the concluding session of the two-day-long Poet Matur Rahman Memorial Lecture series held at the Auditorium of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) Wednesday.

The session was addressed among others by Dr. Wakil Ahmed, Pro-Vice Chancellor of the university and Saleh Mostafa Kamal while the keynote paper of the lecture series was presented by Prof. Salahuddin Ahmed.

2 killed in city road mishaps

By Staff Correspondent

Two persons were killed in two separate road accidents in the city on Wednesday.

One unidentified person died on the spot while a speeding truck (Dhaka-DA-4361) ran over him near Gaptali Bridge at 11 am on Wednesday.

The killer driver managed to escape with the truck. The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue. A case has been registered with Mirpur police station.

Another unidentified cyclist (36) died on the spot when a speeding truck knocked him down and ran over near Mirpur town hall between Mirpur no 10 and 11 at 1.40 pm on Wednesday. The driver escaped with the truck bearing no-4477.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was filed with Mirpur police station.

One commits suicide

By Staff Correspondent

A 65 year old man, Ikramul Majid, allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself from the ceiling fan at his residence at 9/15 Salimullah Road, Mohammedpur on Wednesday.

An U.D. case has been registered with Mohammedpur police.

PROGRAMME

Rotary Club

The 13th regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Uttara will be held today (Thursday) at 5-15 pm at "Hotel Chi Ling", Sector-4, Uttara. Today's discussion "Relief work at Chittagong and Gazipur."

Weather

Rain with hails likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast valid for 24 hours till 6 pm on Thursday says, rain or thundershower with hails accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at a few places over Dhaka, Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi, Khulna divisions.

Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged. Nor-wester squall warning : Temporary west north westerly nor-wester squall speed 60-75 kilometre per hour or more is likely to occur at one or two places over Dhaka division and Rajshahi, Pabna, Bogra, Rangpur, Jessore, Kushtia, Noakhali, Comilla and Sylhet during next 24 hours commencing 6 pm on Wednesday.

The Sun sets today (Thursday) at 6.31 pm and rises on Friday at 5.19 am.

Outlook for subsequent two days : Little change. Extended outlook for another five days : Weather may improve.

Maximum temperature of 40.2 degrees Celsius was recorded at Ishurdi and the minimum of 19.5 degrees Celsius at Sylhet.

Chief amount of rainfall recorded are Sylhet 79 mm, Comilla 26 mm, Rangamati 55 mm.

Temperature and humidity of some important towns and cities on Wednesday were :

Town/City	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in Percentage
Dhaka	34.2	26.0
Rajshahi	40.0	28.8
Khulna	34.3	28.6
Barsel	32.5	28.2
Sylhet	-	19.5
Dinajpur	-	22.5
Comilla	31.2	20.4

Emergency relief for Gazipur tornado victims directed

Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed visited Wednesday morning the tornado-hit areas of Gazipur left in ruins by the sudden fury of nature Tuesday evening, reports UNB.

He went round the devastated areas to have an impression of the magnitude of the disaster, which left at least 22 people dead and about 200 injured besides a trail of devastation on houses and factories.

Rescue workers were still engaged in clearing the rubble of damaged houses and other structures when the Acting President visited the scene, said on official handout.

A body with bruises was found lying on the ground at village Bagra.

Justice Shahabuddin was visibly distressed to see the scale of devastation and the pathetic condition in which it had thrown its victims. He talked to the affected people and expressed profound sympathy at their sufferings.

Shahabuddin directed the local administration to immediately prepare the estimate of emergency relief and submit it to his secretariat for speedy supply of necessary items.

He also advised relief workers to stand by the side of the distressed people with a sense of service to suffering humanity.

Bangladesh Army and Bangladesh Red Crescent Society are undertaking relief and rescue operation in the tornado-hit areas in Gazipur Sadar and Tongi upazilas.

Later, the Acting President visited the injured being treated in the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Some 77 people were admitted into DMCH with serious injuries. Seven of them have died so far, hospital authorities said.

He advised the attending physicians to take proper care of the injured.

Principal Secretary to the President Khorshad Alam was present during the visit.

World Red Cross Day observed

World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day was observed in Dhaka Wednesday as elsewhere in other countries belonging to the family of Red Cross Movement, reports BSS.

The day corroborated the birth day of the founder of the Red Cross Movement, Jean Henry Dunant.

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) drew up and elaborate programme to observe the day.

The day began with the hoisting of BDRCS flag along with national flag at the national headquarters of the society.

The programme included a blood donation session on completion of 10th year of the founding of blood programme of the society. The session was held at the nursing school auditorium of the Holy Red Crescent Hospital. A large number of people donated blood.

On this occasion a discussion was held at the auditorium with BDRCS Chairman Major General (Retd) AFM Abdul Haq in the chair.

Major (Retd) Ali Hasan Quorshi, Secretary General of the society, gave a brief account of how the blood programme had been drawn up and subsequently run by the society.

Heaps of corpses still lying : Kamal

Dr. Kamal Hossain Wednesday suggested formation of a national Task Force to face the post-cyclone situation, reports UNB.

"It's a warlike situation and everyone should respond to meet the challenge", said Dr. Kamal, Vice-Chairman of Bangladesh Bar Council and a member of Awami League Presidium, addressing newsmen at the Jattya Press Club Wednesday morning.

On return from his visit to cyclone-hit Chittagong and Cox's Bazar, he said the picture of the affected areas was almost as if they had been hit by a nuclear holocaust.

"And it is not possible to tackle the situation by the government machinery alone... It needs total involvement of the entire nation."

Dr. Kamal led a relief team to the cyclone ravaged areas May 5-6.

Narrating his experiences of the devastation, the Awami League leader said heaps of corpses and carcasses were still lying in remote islands of Maghna, Kutubdia and Chokoria. They need immediate burial.

Besides, he said, the affected people in remote corners of Chittagong and Cox's Bazar districts were yet

to receive any relief materials, Dr. Kamal observed.

Relief teams of different organisations are faced with serious problems in the absence of transport, he said adding if water transport is made available at certain strategic points in the affected areas.

Dr. Kamal also suggested setting up of an information centre in Dhaka to monitor movements of relief teams and goods as well as to identify areas and locations where relief materials have not yet reached.

He said alongside the relief and rescue work, steps should be taken to make damaged industries operational and thousands of acres of agricultural lands cultivable for next harvest.

Immediate repairs to coastal embankments should begin before monsoon so that croplands can be protected from saline water incursion, he said.

Dr. Kamal further suggested that donors should be requested for aid in kind including essentials like salt, clothes, kerosene, CI sheets and plastic sheetings.

Barrister Amrul Islam and AU Ahmed were present at the press conference.

No sign of distribution of relief by Govt : Jamaat

The Acting Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami, Abbas Ali Khan, Wednesday called for making united and integrated national efforts to save the survivors of the devastating cyclone, reports BSS.

"It is not possible on the part of the government alone to face such a colossal calamity", he said adding "unfortunately the government is looking at this greatest tragedy from the party angle."

Khan was addressing a press conference at the Jattya Press Club Wednesday on his return from cyclone-hit areas of the country. Jamaat Secretary General and Leader of the Parliamentary Party Maulana Motiur Rahman Nizami also addressed the press conference.

Narrating his experience of affected areas of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Noakhali districts, the Jamaat acting chief said, burial of corpses and carcasses should be completed without any delay to check any possible outbreak of epidemics in the cyclone-hit areas.

He said the loss of human lives would exceed two lakh while properties damaged would be more than eight to 10 thousand crore Taka.

Besides, the fish resources of the rivers and the ocean have been destroyed, he said adding "I have seen numerous dead fishes along the coastal belt."

Abbas Ali Khan said, the death toll would have been much fewer had the government taken timely measures to evacuate the people from the danger zones. He alleged that despite warning by the Met Office three days before the calamity, no effective measures were taken by the government to evacuate the people from the danger zones.

Khan referred to the loss of Air Force planes and Naval vessels in the cyclone and said these costly national properties could have been saved if those were removed to safer places on time.

Khan said, in most of the affected areas he visited there was no sign of distribution of relief by the government. In some places, some relief materials from the government had reached but the quantity was very negligible, he added.

The Jamaat leader alleged that the present government like the previous autocratic regime was making "exaggerated publicity on radio and TV about distribution of relief materials."

He said, in the affected areas the members of the Armed Forces and the workers of the Jamaat-Shibir were working round-the-clock to redress the sufferings of the people. The Jamaat-Shibir workers were also burying the bodies after holding janaza prayers, he said.

Besides party leaders, Jamaat MPs elected from Satkania and Chakaria Shahjahan Chowdhury and Enamul Haq Manju had accompanied Khan during his tour to the affected areas.

BUET classes resume May 18

By DU Correspondent

Under graduate level classes of all the faculties of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) will resume on May 18 instead of earlier scheduled of May 11.

The date has been shifted due to devastating cyclone and participation of faculty members, students, officers and employees in the relief operation.

Admission of new first year students in the residential halls will begin from May 16.

Relief team leaves May 12

A 12 member Relief Team of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) comprising teachers, students, officers and employees will leave Dhaka for the cyclone-hit areas on May 12.

All engineers, architects, former and existing students are requested by the university authorities to donate relief materials to the Relief Fund constituted at the Dr M A Rashid Hall of the University.

ML standing body dissolved

Kazi Abdul Kader, President of Bangladesh Muslim League and Chairman of the Standing Committee, Wednesday announced the dissolution of Standing Committee of Bangladesh Muslim League, reports BSS.

In a statement, Kazi Kader said he took the step being empowered by the constitution for the greater unity of the party.

He called upon different groups to face the national disaster unitedly for overall unity of the party.

Gen Kongsompong calls on Gen Noor Uddin

The Supreme Commander of the Thai Armed Forces and Chairman of the National Peace Keeping Council General Nonthorn Kongsompong called on Chief of Army Staff Lt General Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan at the Army Headquarters Wednesday, reports UNB.

They discussed matters of mutual interest.

Thai Ambassador to Bangladesh Chaiya Chidazengee was present on the occasion. Bangladesh Ambassador to Thailand Major General Moinal Hussain Chowdhury was also present, said an ISPR press release.

The Thai Army Chief and members of his entourage were given a briefing on the cyclone and tidal bore in Bangladesh that devastated the coastal areas and the off-shore islands.

JU BCL (S-A) confce held

SAVAR, May 8 : The annual conference of Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-A), Jahangirnagar University Unit was held yesterday at the university Shaheed Minar premises, reports BSS.

Student leader Md Shah Alam inaugurated the conference while Prof. Ali Asgar attended it as the chief guest.

A new committee has been formed with Ruhul Amin as President and Abu Sayed Swapan as General Secretary of the University BCL unit.

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- Class of society
- Smooth the
- Young horses
- Capital of Texas
- Kind of collar
- Ice cream holders
- Exist
- Greek letter
- Arrows
- Vigoda
- Behold!
- Catholic Church heads
- Untanned
- Makes sudden expiration of breath
- Walks in water
- The sweetcap

Answer to Previous Puzzle

28 Father

29 Maphis-topheles

31 Kitchen appliance

34 Foot part

35 Perceives by touch

36 Proceed

37 Sea eagle

38 Not drastic or irritating

39 In favor of

40 XVII X III

41 Whiskers

42 War god

43 The Orient

45 Enroll for military service

47 Dispatches

48 Wanders

DOWN

1 "The Club"

2 Ox of

3 Transgress

4 Tellurium symbol

5 Fleas;

6 Trousters

7 Regrets

8 Kind of curve

9 Latin conjunction

10 Eat in small bits

11 Paras

12 Wants

13 Danish coins

14 "The Dirty"

15 Helped

16 Flower part

17 Gives prior notice

18 Dined

19 Handie

20 Slim

21 Light long racing boat

22 Eagles' nests

23 Urine animal

24 Outlet

25 Parch

26 Suites of rooms

27 Twist

28 Formally precise

29 Prohibit

30 "— car"

31 44 Brother of Odin

32 Negative

Election Commission for JUCSU polls

JU Correspondent

A five-member Election Commission for Jahangirnagar University Central Students Union (JUCSU) election has been formed by Vice-Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University Prof Kazi Saleh Ahmed.

Chairman of History Department Prof Md Enamul Haq has been chosen as the Chief Election Commissioner. The Election Commission includes the Dean of Science Faculty Dr Md Abu Sayeed Khan, the Provost of Shahid Salam Barkat Hall Dr Alauddin Ahmed and the Provost of Fazilatunnessa Hall Mirza Mayzuddin. The Proctor of the university will act as the Secretary of the Election Commission.

Assembly beside RU exam centres banned

KHULNA May 8: Khulna Metropolitan Police ordered a ban on assembly of five or more persons within a radius of two hundred metres of the centre of Degree examination of Rajshahi University which begins from May 9, reports BSS.

The police ordered a ban on using of microphone or loud-speaker around the examination centres.

The order will remain valid till June 20.

There will be nine degree examination centres in the city.

Biman Poultry Complex

Reference No. BPC/01/57/91/2022

Date: 29-04-91 / 15-01-98 (BS)

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide contractors for the following works.

Schedule	Name of Work	Time Limit	Amount of Earnest Money
"KA"	Breaking up of old floor of Parent House No. 1 and 2 and construction work of new floor.(The work of one house must be completed first before starting work of another house)	(45 + 45) =90 (ninety) days	2.5%
"KHA"	Making of Shutter for the first gate and fitting.	15 (fifteen) days	2.5%

Tender schedule may be obtained upto 25-05-91 on payment of Tk. 300/- (Three hundred only) (non-refundable) per set for schedule No. "KA" and Tk. 100/- (one hundred only) (non-refundable) for schedule No. "KHA" on all working days from the Accounts Department, Biman Poultry Complex, Ganakbari, Savar, Dhaka and from the Director's Office, Speical Project Directorate, Biman Bhaban, Motijheel, Dhaka.

Tenderers will have to submit attested copies of Trade Licence, work-experience certificate (certificate of similar amount of money as quoted in the tender) and Income Tax clearance certificate etc. with tenders.

Tender will be received on 30-05-91 upto 12 Noon in the Tender Boxes kept at Biman Poultry Complex, Ganakbari, Savar and in the ground floor of Biman Bhaban, Motijheel, Dhaka (in front of Security Box) and be opened the same day at 2.05 in presence of tenderers (if any) in the office of the undersigned at Savar.

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