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More organisations give relief for survivors

By Staff Correspondent

More organisations and individuals continued donations for the cyclone victims as well as carried out relief operations.

Japanese MPs

Messrs Tetsuo and Makoto Taneda, Members, Japanese Parliament and Japan-Bangladesh Parliamentarians' Association respectively on Wednesday handed over a cheque for (540,000 yen), Taka 1,30,000, to Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

Sandwip Education Parishad

Sandwip Education and Culture Parishad in Dhaka has sent one truck load of relief materials to the cyclone-affected Sandwip upazila. The relief goods included saris, lungis, saline, rice, chira and molasses which were handed over to Noor Mohammed Mostafa, General Secretary of the Parishad.

Bangladesh Air Force

Bangladesh Air Force in continuing its relief and rescue operation in the cyclone-battered areas of the off shore islands, BAF transport aircrafts on Wednesday despatched potato, dry-food, clothing etc. for Dhaka to Chittagong. BAF helicopters also carried its relief mission from Dhaka and Chittagong to ferry dry food, clothing and other essential items to different affected areas of the remote islands.

Sammito Shilpissamaj Relief Committee

The three-day programme of the Sammito Shilpissamaj Relief Committee concluded on Wednesday at the National Museum. Khalid Hossain, Selina Malek, Khurshid Alam, Monsura Begum, Mohituzzaman Moina, Tapan Chowdhury, Shakila Zafar, Indramohan Rajbangshi, Farida Parveen, Fakir Alamgir, Shukla Sarker and Shamim Ara Nipa participated in the concluding programme.

Bangladesh Rifles

Bangladesh Rifle's relief, rehabilitation and medicare operations are going on in full swing. Six sections of BDR personnel have been deployed in the cyclone-hit areas of Moheshkhali and Cox's Bazar Sadar upazila. Till Wednesday they distributed 16307 kg rice, 240 kg chira, 11 carton biscuits and 12 dozens of safety match box among the distressed people of the municipal area of Cox's Bazar.

Bekar samaj

A relief team of Bangladesh Bekar Samaj led by its President Md Hasan will leave for tornado-hit areas of Gazipur district on Friday. The team will distribute relief materials in Maleker Bari, Choydana and Noaje areas.

Rangpur Dinajpur rural service

Rangpur Dinajpur Rural Service (RDRS), a non government organisation, is planning to take up a major rehabilitation and reconstruction programme in the cyclone-hit areas of the country. A press release of the organisation said on Wednesday that it has already sent a ten-member task force to Chittagong to make a comprehensive assessment of the current situation and future needs thrown up by the recent cyclone.

on Wednesday distributed food stuff, clothing and other essential items among the poor civilian employees of the Air Base at Chittagong, an ISPR press release said.

Directorate of Social Service

Directorate of Social Service, in collaboration with more than 13,000 voluntary organisations, has sent a huge quantity of relief materials for the cyclone and tidal surge victims. According to an official source, the relief materials sent till Tuesday included, chira-1834 kg and 30 bags, gur-358kg, rice-960kg, ata-173kg, pulse-177kg, potato-240kg, bread-4161 pieces, old garments-46160 pieces and 5 bales, water jug-1230, other utensils-2598, match boxes 6686, water purifying tablets- 2434 and other essential goods.

Jamaat-e-Islami

A relief team of Jamaat-e-Islami with three truck loads of

relief materials left for Chittagong on Wednesday. The relief materials include rice, chira, biscuit, molasses, medicines and clothes.

Muslim League

The Central Relief Committee of Bangladesh Muslim League in a meeting on Wednesday has criticised the government for not reaching the relief materials received from abroad to the remote cyclone-hit areas. The meeting observed that the government was not active in reaching relief and conducting rescue operations. It appreciated the armed forces, different parties, organisations and NGOs for conducting operation relief in the cyclone-hit areas.

DU Rover Scout

Huge amount of relief materials collected by Dhaka University Rover Scouts and Rangers unit was handed over to the "University Central Re-

lief Fund" on Wednesday. Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Professor M Maniruzzaman Miah received the relief materials. The relief materials include shirt, pants, saris, blouses, lungis and scarves.

Radio Natyakar-Natyashilpi sangsad

Radio Natyakar-Natyashilpi Sangsad in an emergency meeting on Wednesday with its chairperson Begum Aleya Ferdous in the chair decided to deposit the funds generated out of donations received from the members of the organisation to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund on Thursday.

SCI Bangladesh

A six-member contingent of Service Civil International-Bangladesh (SCI-Bangladesh) volunteers left Dhaka Tuesday with 6 ton rice, 6 ton potatoes and 800 kg lentil for distribution among the worst cyclone-affected people of Uzantia vil-

lage and Magnama Union of Chakoria upazila under Cox's Bazar district.

Institute of Applied Health

The Institute of Applied Health Science in Chittagong and Japan International Relief Friendship Foundation jointly distributed various relief goods among the cyclone affected people of Kumira on Sunday, an institute press release said on Wednesday. Dry food, clothes, water purifying tablets etc were among the relief goods. The teachers and the students of the institute along with Mr. Katsumi of Japan took part in relief distribution at Jamadarpara and Akilpur of Kumira.

Grindlays Bank

ANZ Grindlays Bank plc donated Tk 5 lacs to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for the cyclone and tidal surge affected people. Mr Mujibul Huq,

Chairman Advisory Board of the Bank handed over the cheque to the Prime Minister, Begum Khaleda Zia, at the PM's Secretariat on 14th May, 1991. Mr. Muhammad A. Ali, Acting General Manager was also present.

Sheikh Hasina

Awami League President and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina received relief materials from peoples of different walks of life at Bangabandhu Bhaban on Wednesday. Tanjid Akhtar, a seven year girl donated her savings in clay bank. Awami League sent two truck loads of relief materials to Galachipa and Patuakhali on Wednesday.

CARITAS

CARITAS distributed relief and worth Taka 7.5 lakh among the cyclone victims in Manpara and Kalapara upazilas. It has its relief operations in

Anwara, Cox's Bazar, Moheshkhali, Chokoria, Sandwip also. CARITAS will also distribute seeds in the affected areas. Meanwhile, the UN mission employees in Bangladesh have donated 78 thousand Taka in the ADAB Relief Fund.

Khulna Dist Relief Body

More donations both in cash and kind were received by the Khulna District Relief Coordination Committee on Wednesday from various individuals and organisations.

A total of cash donation of Taka 2,19,405 was received on Wednesday for the Prime Ministers Relief Fund.

Netherlands' children

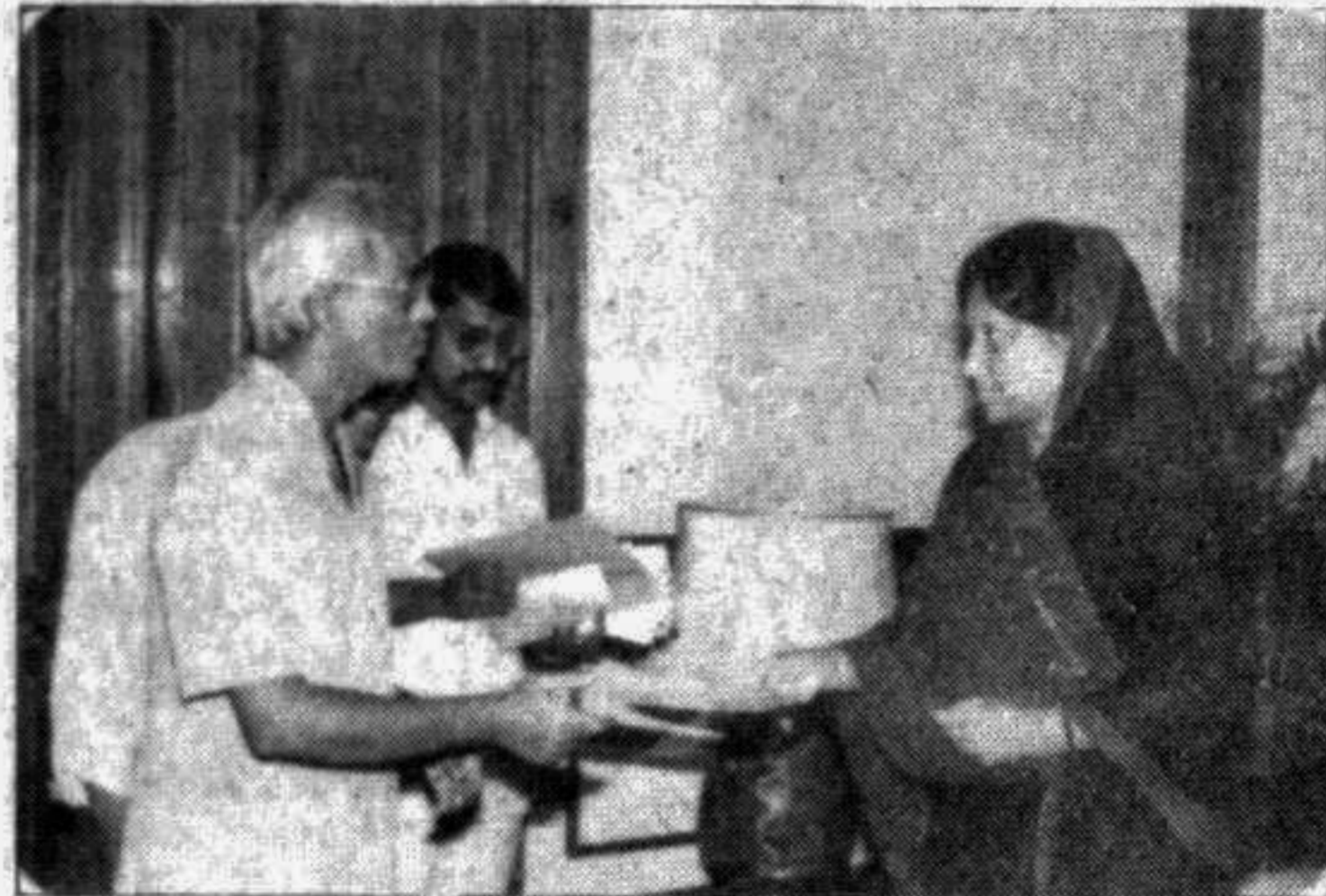
Children of Netherlands in Bangladesh collected Taka 60,000 in cash and kind through holding a fair and show at the Netherlands Club in Dhaka last Friday.

The cash and goods were handed over Monday to the Director of Terre Des Hommes-Netherlands, who is presently distributing relief materials on Dhal Char, Char Kukrimuri and Char Pattila in Char Fasson upazila under Bhola district.

Inner wheel

Inner Wheel Clubs of Dhaka has donated Taka 20,000 to the Women Together Fund and Taka 5,000 to Rotary District Rehabilitation Fund.

They have also donated substantial quantity of chira, molasses, rice, potato, salt, matches, candles and clothing for the people of the cyclone-affected areas. An Inner Wheel member along with some Rotaractors have left Dhaka for distribution of these materials in the affected areas.



The employees of Social Marketing Company donated their two days salary to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund in aid of the cyclone affected people. In the photo A K M Shamsuddin, Executive Director of SMC handing over the cheque to the Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at Sugandha on Tuesday.



Md. Qamrul Huda, General Manager, Bank of Credit & Commerce International (Overseas) Ltd, Bangladesh handing over a cheque of Tk. 50 lakh to the Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia. Finance Minister, Saifur Rahman is in the centre.



Md. Abu Solaiman Chowdhury, Dy. Commissioner, Pabna opening the 34th branch of IFIC Bank Ltd at Pabna on Saturday. Rezaul Karim, Senior Executive Vice President, IFIC Bank Ltd, is also present.



Muksudur Rahman, President, Dhaka University Researchers' Association called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on Sunday and handed over a cheque for Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

SPGRC confce from May 27

A 4-day annual general conference of Stranded Pakistanis General Repatriation Committee (SPGRC) will be held from May 27-30 at the Institution of Engineers in city, reports UNB.

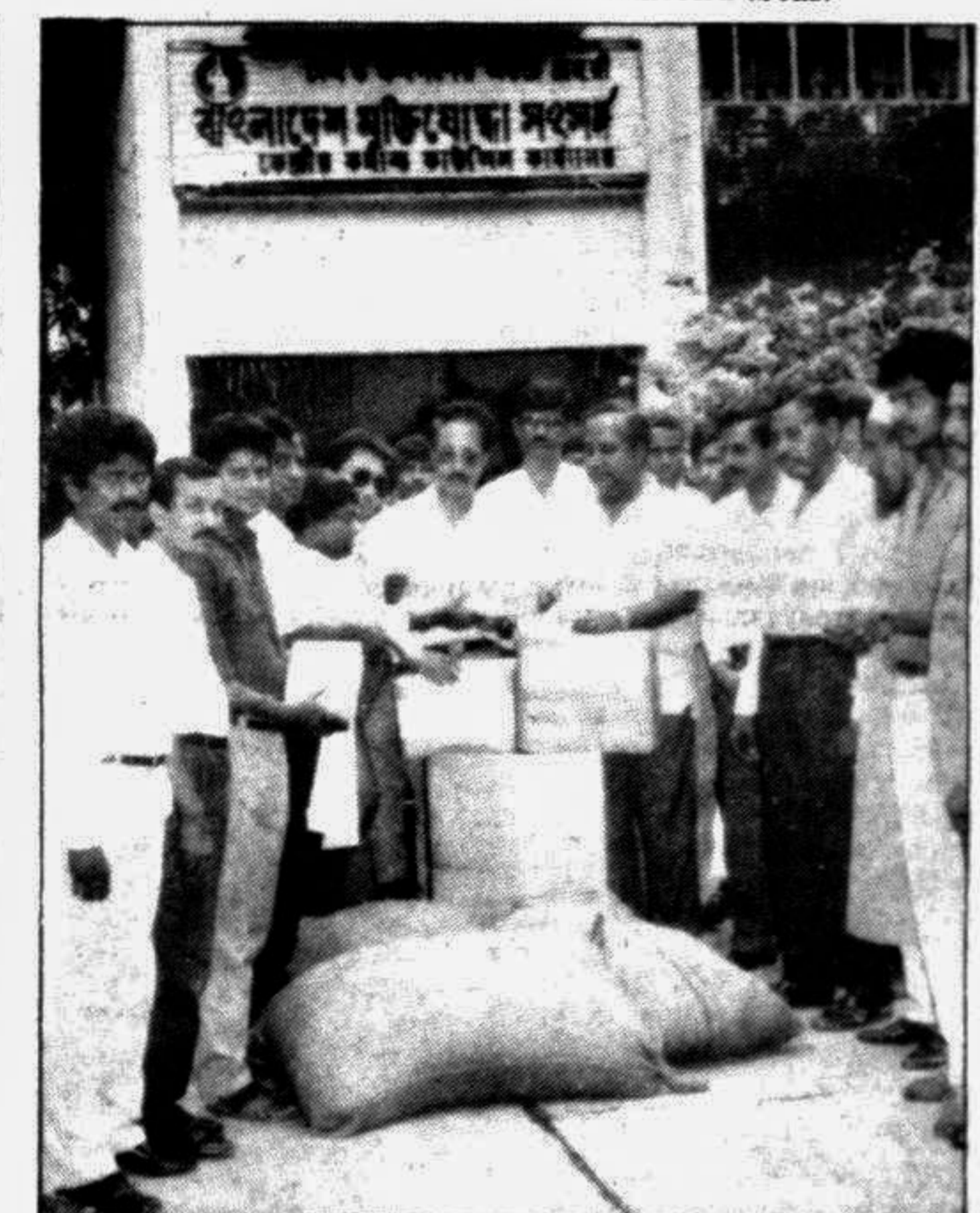
Delegates from Pakistan, Britain, USA, Saudi Arabia and other Middle Eastern countries besides representatives of the district committees of SPGRC in Bangladesh will attend the deliberations.

Call to observe Farakka Long March Day

National Awami Party (NAP-Bhasani) Chairman Prof Nur Mohammad Kazi urged the people to celebrate the historical Farakka Long March Day on May 16, reports UNB. The Chairman of the party in a statement Tuesday pointed out that the recurrent floods in Bangladesh had been occurring due to the erection of dams and "groyne" at different points in India



Teachers and students of Scholastica School giving donations to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia for the cyclone victims.



Members of Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad Sonali Bank Unit handing over relief materials to the Secretary General of its Central Command Council Wednesday.

Dateline Chittagong

80 die of diarrhoea a day

Our Chittagong Office

CHITTAGONG, May 15: More diarrhoea cases were reported here from various sources of affected areas of Kutubdia, Banskhali, Anwara and Sandwip. Sandwip Association in a press conference Tuesday at Chittagong Press Club claimed that around 300 survivors were affected by diarrhoea disease everyday. Of them about 80 patients died per day.

The Acting President of the association Enayetullah attributed the outbreak of diarrhoea for scarcity of pure drinking water, medicines and fresh food. Many people were attacked by diarrhoea at Kutubdia, Moheshkhali, Anwara and Banskhali which witnessed innumerable death from the disease.

The administration sources also admitted the fact while briefing the press here. Sources said some of the inaccessible battered areas still remained outside the purview of relief distribution and medicare facilities.

The relief and medicines were supplied both by the administrations and NGOs at the headquarter areas only, the sources said.

Bungler to be punished

BSS adds: Communications Minister Oli Ahmed Wednesday said stern action would be taken against those who would bungling with relief materials.

He said the government was determined to extend necessary help to the cyclone and tidal surge affected people for their speedy rehabilitation and in this process no irregularities would be tolerated. Addressing a public meeting at Noapara under Raujan upazila he said there was

nothing greater than serving the distressed human beings and as such the government would engage all available resources for rehabilitation of the affected people.

The Communication Minister visited Rangunia and Hathazari upazila headquarters and asked the officials there to prepare priority lists for extending help to rebuild the damaged houses.

Tk 30 cr plan

Another report from Cox's Bazar adds: A Taka 30 crore programme is on the anvil for rehabilitation of the cyclone and tidal surge affected fisherman of the coastal areas of Chittagong and Cox's Bazar.

State Minister for Fisheries, Livestocks and Environment Abdullah Al-Noman told that the programme would be implemented at the shortest possible time in order to revamp the economy of this sector, ensure protein supply to the people and regain export trade. He said that the coastal fisherman, who had lost everything during the cyclone and tidal surge, would be supplied with 1,000 mechanised boats at 50 per cent subsidised rate while others would be provided with facility for repairing their damaged boats at the Bangladesh Fishermen's Development Corporation's docks. The mechanised boats will be built by the corporation, he said.

He said that rehabilitation of coastal fisherman engaged in catching fishes by mechanised boats would be given preferential treatment as they account for 95 per cent fish-catch in the Bay. Modern trawlers catch only five per cent of the total two-lakh

tons fish catch per annum. He said that five lakh coastal fishermen were seriously affected in the recent cyclone and tidal bore.

Abdullah Al-Noman said that the fisherman rehabilitation programme was a grant-based programme depending on the commitment of international agencies. We have already approached different donor agencies in this respect and encouraging response is expected, he added.

He said that 7,000 mechanised boats were engaged in the Bay fishing before the cyclone and the tidal bore hit and more than 50 per cent of them were damaged or missing. He said that of the 54 modern fishing trawlers owned by the corporation, seven sunk while others were damaged.

Cooperation sought

Another report from Kutubdia says: State Minister for Labour and Manpower Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia Wednesday sought cooperation of all concerned to remove the sufferings of the affected people of the coastal areas.

He was inaugurating a reconstruction work of a damaged cross-dam at Kutubdia, this is being done by 500 volunteers of that locality.

The Labour Minister said, present government would take all out steps to rehabilitate the affected people at the shortest possible time. He also stated the policy of the present government taken for the welfare of the distressed people.

The Minister has been staying at Kutubdia since May 10 to supervise and coordinate the relief work there.

World Telecom Day tomorrow

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The 23rd World Telecommunication Day will be observed on Friday in Bangladesh as elsewhere in the world.

The theme of this year's Telecommunication Day is "telecommunications and safety of human life".

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

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