

Plea to build primary schools as cyclone shelters

By Staff Correspondent

Primary schools to be built under the Government Universal Primary Education Plan also should be built as cyclone shelters and rehabilitation in the cyclone affected areas should go beyond repair and take into account the cyclone factor while undertaking reconstruction work.

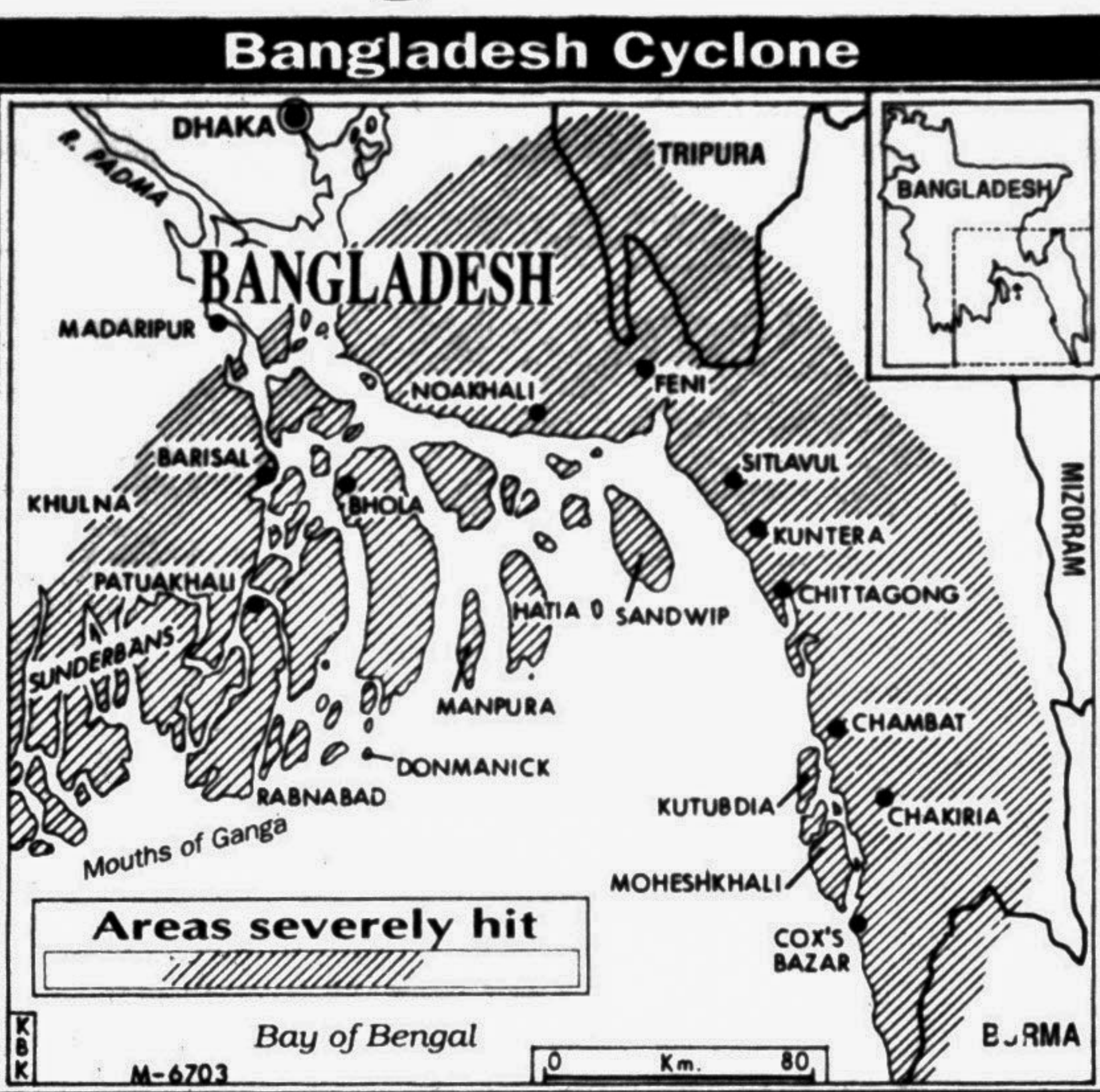
This was suggested by Abdur Rab Chowdhury, Member of Parliament of the

Bangladesh Nationalist Party from the Lakshimpur-4 constituency of Ramgati. He said that there is no justification for building separate cyclone shelters. He pointed out that the cyclone shelters which were built earlier have no other use and are often located far away from populated places. Thus, at the time of emergencies people are reluctant to go to these shelters, he added.

He said that if the government plan to build one primary school within a radius of every two kilometres and also as a cyclone shelter, it will remain in use throughout the year and will also have community involvement. Thus, people will feel more comfortable and safe in going to these shelters, he said, adding that these schools-cum-cyclone shelters should preferably be built near the communication networks, which will enable people to travel to the shelters easily during times of an emergency, Abdur Rab Chowdhury said.

As for cyclone damages in his constituency, Chowdhury said that Ramgati has suffered much less damage than other neighbouring areas. Even then, damages to property were colossal, he said adding that over 60 per cent of the schools and madrasahs, 20 per cent of the houses and at least 10 per cent of the shops and establishments in his constituency were damaged.

More organisations donate to alleviate sufferings



Gen Noor Uddin donates Tk 30.50 lakh to Relief Fund

Chief of Army Staff Lt. General Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan handed over cheques for Taka 30.50 lakh to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office Friday evening, according to an ISPR press release, reports BSS.

These included Taka 28.50 lakh donated by the Bangladesh Army, Taka one lakh by the Bangladesh military contingent in Saudi Arabia and Taka one lakh by the Kurmitola Golf Club towards the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.



Abdur Rab Chowdhury

Moshtaque urges foreign countries to give more aid

Former President Khondker Moshtaque Ahmed has urged foreign countries to come forward with more aid and assistance for the cyclone-battered people of Bangladesh, reports BSS.

In a statement to the press, Khondker Moshtaque Ahmed said that the loss of lives and damage to property in the cyclonic storm and tidal surge were extensive. "People of all walks of life are now responsible for the rehabilitation of the affected people to normal life," he said.

Three students held for robbery

Kotwali police on Thursday arrested three students of Jagannath University College for their alleged involvement in the robbery of a truckload of clothing.

The arrested students are — Mizanur Rahman of Political Science Department, Jalal of the same Department and Nuruzzaman of Psychology Department.

Police said the students hijacked a truck (Dhaka No 4809) from Court House area at 10.30 pm. The truck was going to Islampur with 25 bales of clothes. The students took the truck to Shahabuddin Hall of the college.

Police raided the hall at 12 pm and recovered the truck with 19 bales of clothes. The arrested students belong to Dr Milan Hall.

Re-Tender Notice

PDB Tender Notice No: MM/APSC/AC-18/91/826 dt. 8-5-91 Eng. is invited from all class PDB contractor and bonafide supplier/Firm for supply of M.S. Pipe for drinking water Plant in the store of Ashuganj Power Station Complex, PDB, Ashuganj.

Detail schedule/Tender document is obtainable at a cost of Tk. 70/- (Seventy) only (Non refundable) from the office of the Asstt. Chief Engineer (Gen) Wapda Bldg. Motijheel, Dhaka & the Manager, Janata Bank, Ashuganj, B-Baria, till 4-6-91 English 20-2-98 Bangali a day before opening of the tender document.

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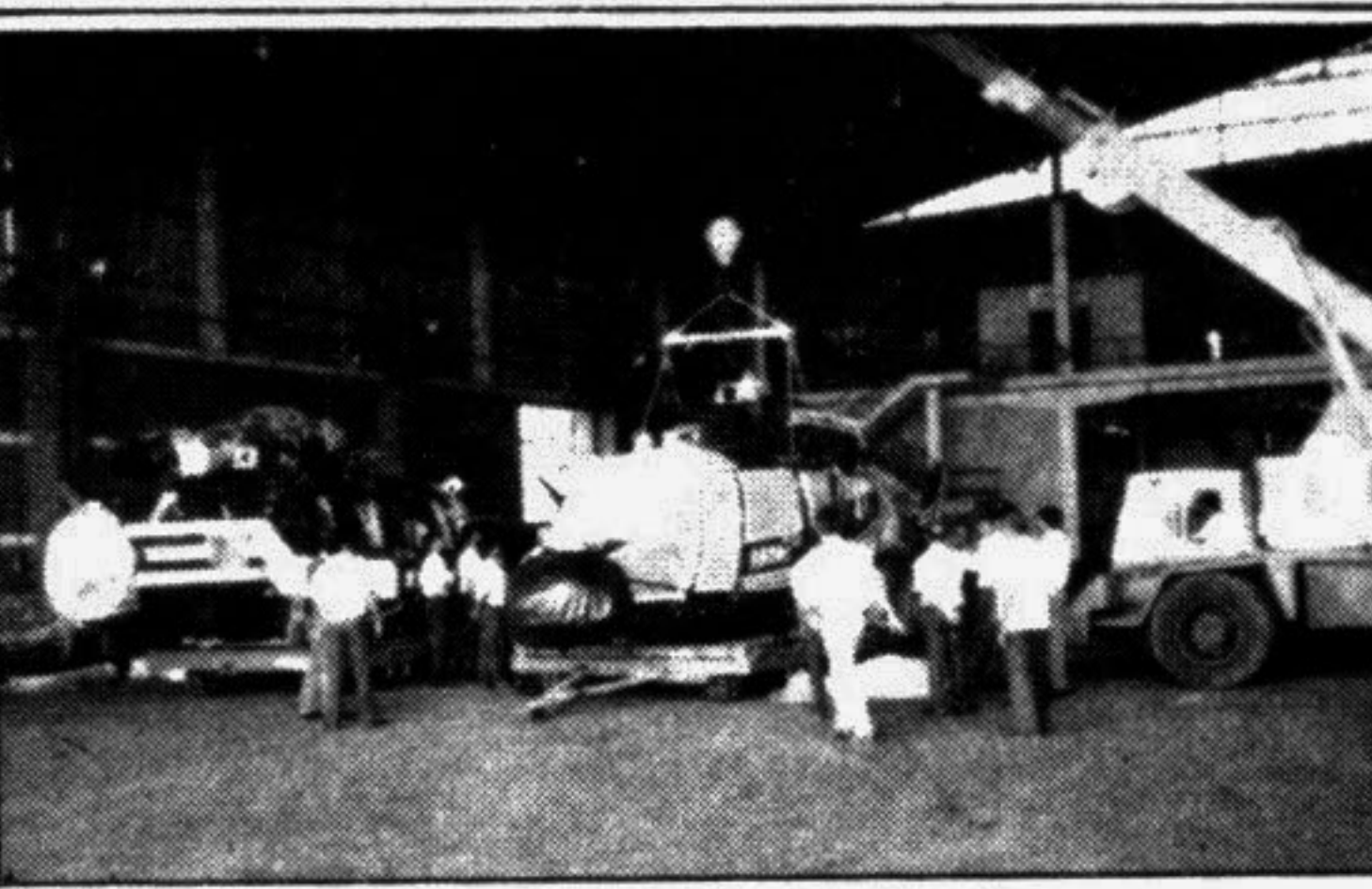
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 No. 123.53.15 Dated: 12-5-91

Re-Tender Notice

Sealed quotations are hereby invited from bonafide suppliers/manufacturers on prescribed schedule for supply of Oil Filter.

Tender schedule containing terms and conditions will be available at our Finance Division, Ibrahim Mansion (3rd floor), 11, Purana Paltan, Dhaka during Office hours from 23-5-91 at a cost of Taka. 100/- per schedule (Non-refundable). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender. Tender in separate sealed cover superscribing the case number and description of goods may be dropped in the tender box kept at Material Control Division, HBFC Building (9th floor) 22, Purana Paltan, Dhaka on or before 12-00 Noon on 2-6-91 which will be opened on the same day at 12-10 P.M. in presence of tenderers if any.

BAPEX reserves the right to accept/reject any or all the tenders and increase/decrease the quantity without assigning any reason.
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Two Japanese helicopters arrive

Two Japanese helicopters to be operated by the Japanese disaster relief headed by Mr Yokota arrived in Dhaka on Friday, says a press release, reports BSS.

Red Crescent receives pledges of Tk 14.57 cr

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society has received pledges of Taka 14.57 crore in cash from different national societies and governments for relief operation in the cyclone affected areas in response to an appeal made by League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Society, according to BDRCS press release in Dhaka on Friday.

This amount is in addition to 230 tonnes of relief goods received so far. The relief goods include medicine, biscuits, clothing and food items.

BDRCS has intensified relief operation in the affected areas. Fifty medical teams have been working in the affected areas. In addition to emergency supplies done so far, the society has been distributing rice and pulses to three lakh people in the distressed areas. This will continue for 30 days.

The society from Friday started airlifting relief goods to the affected areas in cooperation with the U.S. Task Force at the rate of 90 tonnes a day. This will continue for two weeks, the press release added.

SPGRC confce begins May 27

Stranded Pakistanis General Repatriation Committee (SPGRC) has called upon the people of Bangladesh to support the just cause of their early repatriation to their homeland — Pakistan, reports UNB.

In a press statement issued Friday M Nasim Khan, chief patron of SPGRC invited the intellectuals, political leaders, educationists, journalists and other professional groups to attend the four-day annual general conference from May 27-30 at the Institution of Engineers here.

Delegates from Britain, USA, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and middle eastern countries besides representatives of the district committees of SPGRC in Bangladesh will attend the conference.

Dateline Chittagong

Tk 7.92 cr contraband seized in a year: 181 arrested

CHITTAGONG, May 17: Bangladesh Rifles seized smuggled goods worth About Taka 7.92 crore in 12 months till April 1991 in Cox's Bazar and Teknaf areas, BDR sources said here, reports BSS.

The contraband included rice, crockeries, clothes, foodstuffs, medicines and petroleum products.

One hundred eightyone smugglers including 65 foreigners were arrested and 1171 cases were filed during the period.

Relief activities

Various political parties and organisations continued their relief works in cyclone and tidal surge hit areas of Chittagong and Cox's Bazar districts.

Chittagong City Awami League has opened a medical centre at local Muslim Institute Hall where diarrhoea patients are given treatment round the clock. It has also opened relief distribution centre at several places in Patenga area.

Besides, Awami League front organisations Chhatra League and Jubo League have sent relief teams to Banskhali and Anowara with dry food,

clothes and water purifying tablets for distribution among the affected people.

Jamaat-e-Islami and Samaj Kalayan Parishad have sent several relief teams to the affected areas of Banskhali, Anowara and Sandwip. Clothes, rice, dry food, match boxes, candles, chira and other items are being distributed among the cyclone hit people of those areas.

Terry Bazar cloth Dealers Association has distributed 500 pieces of shirt, 300 pieces of sari, 300 pieces of lungi, 1000 pieces of pant, 600 units aluminium utensil and cash Taka 2000/- among cyclone and tidal bore affected people of west Gohira of Anowara Upazila. The Association relief workers buried 24 bodies. Association leaders Alhaj Belayet Hussain, Khairul Islam Cox and Abdus Sabur led the relief team.

Articles recovered

Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) Friday recovered various articles worth about Taka one lakh and returned the same to two Japanese citizens from whom the articles were snatched away by seven miscreants.

When the Japanese experts

went to a hillock at Foy's Lake to see for themselves a possible site for building a microwave tower for T & T, the miscreants suddenly attacked them and snatched away one video camera, one general camera, one calculator, one wrist watch, one gold chain, some dollars, one binocular and some important documents.

Police succeeded in arresting five of the seven miscreants and recovering articles.

A case was filed against the miscreants with Pahartali police in this connection.

Dr Sharif's death condoled

Chittagong Medical College Teacher's Association Friday expressed deep condolence at the death of eye specialist Dr. M. Ahmed Sharif in Dhaka.

Association President Prof. M. Muazzem Hussein and General Secretary Dr. Probat Chandra Barua in a condolence message said, the country has lost an eye specialist and a social worker in the death of Dr. Sharif. We pray for the salvation of the departed soul and express sympathy to the members of the bereaved family of Dr. Sharif.

Dateline Rajshahi

4 get life-term for murder

RAJSHAHI, May 17: Four people were sentenced to life-term in jail for killing a villager in broad daylight at Kashimpur in Godagari upazila, reports UNB.

Rakibuddin, Kasimuddin, Enamul and Mannan of the same village were awarded life-term while another accused, Jinal, was sentenced to three years' RI by Additional Sessions Judge Mujibur Rahman Pradhan on Wednesday.

Forty-one of the total 46 accused were acquitted from the charge of killing Rafiq Mian, the brother of ex-Chairman of Rajshahi Poursava Mujibur Rahman, in 1987.

Attack on newsmen condemned

Journalists at a meeting at

Rajshahi Press Club Friday condemned attack on their colleague Saidur Rahman by some elements infuriated by a report.

Saidur, Treasurer of the Press Club and district correspondent of the Bogra-based Dainik Karotoa, was assaulted at the club Wednesday evening.

The meeting was organised jointly by Sangbadik Samity, Rajshahi Press Club and Reporters Standing Committee under police guard as three of the attackers again encroached into the club this noon, meeting sources said.

The meeting alleged the attackers belonged to Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Juba Dal, and that the journal-

ists were under threat for suing the assailants.

A case was lodged with Boalia police in connection with Wednesday evening's attack accusing six people.

Youngman found dead

A youngman was found dead on the road near the radio station here Friday morning with marks of assault on his body.

Local people found the dead, aged about 30, after a vehicle ran over the body, bruising his waist.

Mystery shrouded the death. Local people suspected the youth was beaten to death and kept on the road at night.

An unnatural death case has been lodged with Boalia police.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Education Ministry Dhaka Zone, 8/6, Block-C, Lalmatia, Dhaka

TENDER NOTICE

Notice No- 23/ F, D/ D, Z/ 90-91 Date :- 11/5/91

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from the enlisted contractors of Facilities Department for the following works out of the budget allocation of 137-Education-D-Introduction and Preservation Scheme.

Group No	Description of work	Estimated Cost(Taka)	Cost of Teder Documents (Taka)	Classification	Time limit of work
1.	High rising expansion, water supply and electrification works at the 2nd floor of the Prayer House of Education Bhaban, Dhaka.	9,15,309/20	400/-	A-1, A-2	3 (Three) Months
2.	High rising expansion, water supply and electrification works at the 1st floor of the block of Assistant Chief Architect, Education Bhaban, Dhaka	3,66,174/85	400/-	A-1, A-2	2 (Two) Months
3.	Repair and renovation works of Education Bhaban, Dhaka.	86,934/10	400/-	A-1, A-2	1(One) Month
4.	Repair and renovation works of Education Bhaban, Dhaka.	63,292/76	400/-	A-1, A-2	1(One) Month

Tender documents may be obtained upto 22-05-91 from the office of the undersigned during office time on all working days and also from the office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Mymensingh, Faridpur Zone.

Tenders will be received on or before 23-05-91 upto 12 noon by the undersigned as well as by the office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Dhaka Zone. Copy of chalan denoting renewal of enlistment for 1990-91 financial year will have to be shown before purchasing tender documents and it must be submitted with the tender.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

(Md. Fazlur Rahman)
 Executive Engineer
 Facilities Department,
 Dhaka Zone, Dhaka.

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road. IRJ chief executive Md Saiful Islam Dildar said fare-hike of trawler is hampering relief work in the area.

Harano Diner Sangeet Mancha

Harano Diner Sangeet Mancha held a cultural function on Thursday evening to raise funds for the cyclone and tidal surge affected people. Artists Hasina Mamtaz, Sabnam Mushtari, Shelu Barua, Nargis Parveen, Timir Nandi, Mira Barua, Tapan Chowdhury and Shubra Dey took part in the cultural soiree.

Bangladesh Navy

Bangladesh Navy ships continued their relief missions in the cyclone-battered coastal areas. Six naval ships from Chittagong and ten others from Khulna ferried a steerable quantity of relief goods to Kutubdia, Sandwip, Urtchar, Bhola, Manpara and adjoining islands during the last twenty four hours while the naval medical teams continued to provide medical assistance to the distressed people in these areas. The relief materials included foodstuff, medicine, utensils and other items of day to day requirements.

Bangladesh Air Force

Bangladesh Air Force helicopters are continuing relief missions from Dhaka and Chittagong. The helicopters carried relief materials from Dhaka to Manpara, Hatya and Sandwip while helicopters also dispatched relief goods from Chittagong to Kutubdia, Moheshkhali and other off-shore islands.

Jamaat-e-Islami

Jamaat-e-Islami, Brahmanbaria deposited two thousand pieces of clothes and one thousand Taka in cash in the Jamaat Central Relief Fund. Moulavibazar branch of Jamaat also deposited six sack of clothes.

SEBA

Society for Economic and Basic Advancement (SEBA), a non-government development agency started relief operations among the cyclone-victims at Feni and Sonagazi upazilas of Feni district and Mirsarai upazila of Chittagong district. SEBA initially allotted Taka sixty six lacs for this programme while 9 teams of SEBA workers are working at the affected areas to implement the Relief Programme successfully. Among the goods distributed are flattened rice, molasses, rice, pulses, potato, sweet pumpkin, onion, sayabean oil, salt, kerosene, fire wood, cloth, medicine, ORS, water purifying tablet, tent, cash support etc.

CUJ

CHITTAGONG, May 17: A relief team of Chittagong Union of Journalists (CUJ) and Press Club headed by Anjon Kumer Sen, General Secretary of CUJ and Abu Sufian, General Secretary of Press Club distributed relief materials among 500 cyclone affected families of Khord Gahira, Raipur, Jundandi, Kazi Para and Chunna Para under Anowara upazila.

Vietnamese team visits REB projects

A seven-member Vietnamese delegation led by Nguyen Dinh Khoi, Chief Planner of UNDP projects, Ministry of Construction, Government of Vietnam, participated in day-long session on rural electrification in Dhaka on Friday.

The delegation undertook the session in three phases which included a briefing on plans, programme, and concept of rural electrification. Brig Mohammad Gholam Mowla, Chairman Rural Electrification Board (REB), briefed the delegation, a press release said.

The other aspect of the session was a briefing on training while visiting the facilities training institute. Later a field trip was arranged for the delegation to Dhaka Palli Bidyut Samity-1 at Savar.

Edhi Foundation chief calls on Khaleda

Head of the Pakistan based Edhi Foundation, Abdus Sattar Edhi, Friday called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her residence, reports BSS.

Edhi expressed his deep sympathy and concern for the distressed survivors of the cyclone.

He assured the Prime Minister of all possible cooperation of his foundation to mitigate the sufferings of cyclone-ravaged people of Bangladesh.

Prime Minister Begum Zia thanked Edhi for his concern and the assistance provided by his foundation for distressed people of Bangladesh.