Task Force

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ganisations. The US government has so far given a huge relief materials worth 7.401.000 dollars while the US voluntary organisations have donated a total of 1,738,000 dollars, and the other foreign countries and international organisations have provided relief goods worth 173,965,649 dollars.

The following is the break up of relief assistance so far received by Bangladesh:

Summary of USG help

Ambassador's \$25,000 Authority. grants Initial \$100,000 Medical supplies and equip-\$2,000,000 ment (DOD). Water purification tablets \$14,000 (USAID). allotment for \$4,250,000 Water purification tablets \$512,000 (OFDA).. DOD airlifts of relief sup-\$500,000

US voluntary agencies

\$7,401,000

Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is feeding 20,000 cyclone victims and has a medical team in Chittagong.

American Red Cross - has donated \$ 85,000 to the relief effort and has received a pledge of 500,000 from a major American foundation.

AmeriCares - airlifted 30.8 mt of relief supplies, with an estimated value of at least \$300,000.

AMURTEL — is sending a medical team.

CARE - has 320 staff people working on the relief effort, distributing 10,000 survival kits, food plastic sheeting, blankets. WPTs, and ORS to 200,000 people. CARE sent 24 medical teams to sub-offices in Chittagong, Barisal, and Comilla and is assisting the BDG in clearing relief supplies as they arrive in Dhaka. Reported expenses to date total \$ 185,000. Church World Service

(CWS) - has sent \$5,000 and has issued an appeal.

Food for the Hungry International - provided \$10,000, personnel, and vehi-

Lutheran World Relief - has committed \$50,000 to the Lutheran World Federation for cyclone relief.

Save the Children (SCF) with a large staff in country, is providing food, shelter, and medical assistance. Emergency funding so far totals \$93,000. World Concern - will be

providing supplementary feeding for 1,000 families and financial assistance to 200 families to build cyclone-resistant

World Relief Corporation has sent an initial \$10,000. World Vision — has commit-

ted \$500,000 to provide food. clothing, medical supplies, tents. WPTs, and blankets. Total - \$1,738,000.

International organisations

European Community (EC) - has pledged \$12,000,000 to be used to procure 45,000 tons of wheat, 1,500 tons of vegetable oil, tents, and blan-

Flood situation

From Page 1 Col. 5 The Surma at Sylhet and Sunamgani, the Kushiara at Sheola, the Manu at Moulavibazar and the Khowai at Habiganj are expected to recede further during the period. The Surma on Friday re-

ceded by four cm at Sylhet and two centimetre at Sunamgani and it was flowing seven cm above the danger level at Sylhet and 11 cm below the danger level at Sunamganj. The Kushiara at Sheola and the Manu at Moulvibazar also recorded fall by six cm and 10 cm respectively. The Kushiara at Sheola was flowing 50 cm above the danger level and the Khowai at Habiganj recorded a sharp fall by 63 cm.

Ten thousand maunds of rice were distributed in the 11 flood affected upazilas of Sylhet district. Taka 55,000 in cash, 22 tonnes of wheat, 32 cartons of biscuits. 25 cartons of milk powder, 1000 kg of rice were distributed among the floodhit people of Sunamgani dis-

In Habiganj, Tk. one lakh in cash, 90 tons of wheat, 300 tins of milk powder, 32 cartons of biscuits and 30 sacks of old clothes have been distributed so far.

In Comilla, no new area was flooded. Aman crops of 5,000 acres have been damaged by flood in Muradnagar. The erosion of the river Gomti has devoured some area at Jiarkandi and Phitikandi under Daudkandi upazila

Comilla district administration has distributed 12 tons of rice and wheat among the flood victims.

In Kurigram, 145 mm rainfall was recorded. In Dinajpur, rainfall was 130.5 mm, in Sylhet 56 mm, in Kaunia 45 mm, in Sunamganj 43 mm, at Sheola 40 mm and at Dewanganj 27 mm.

League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (LRCS) - has issued an appeal for \$8,000,000 and is carrying out a joint relief program with the BRC. LRCS has provided \$100,000 for emergency re-

OPEC Fund/ Vienna - contributed \$1000,000 through UNDRO. UNDP - made an emer-

gency grant of \$50,000. UNDRO - gave \$50,000, is sending an assessment team. and is launching an appeal.

UNICEF - contributed \$1,000,000 and \$275,000 worth of relief supplies and issued an appeal. Four million ORS packets are being purchased locally and a planeload of supplies. \$including WPTs. arrived in Dhaka May 5 UNICEF is assessing the rural drinking water infrastructure and plans to provide \$2,380,000 for the repair of 4,000 pumps and platforms.

World Council of Churches (WCC) - sent a relief team and supplies by chartered ship at a cost of \$650,000.

World Food Program (WFP) - conducted a food assessment and has allocated 7,000 tons of wheat and vegetable oil. valued at \$1,500,000

WHO - has sent an assessment team and provided cash and health kits worth \$200,000

Governments

Australia - donated \$2,216,000 Austria - is providing \$164,000.

donated Bhutan \$112,000. Canada - is giving \$2,522,000 to the BRC.

UNDRO, and Oxfam. China, People's Rep - is sending tents, and medical

and food supplies. Denmark — is providing \$50,000.

France - provided \$86,000, 20,000 tons of wheat and powdered milk, and the further donation of \$520,000 for the local purchase of rice and plastic sheeting. France is also assessing the electricity system in Barisal. Germany - has provided a

total of \$3,081,000 to the relief effort.

India — provided \$700,000 and the loan of 6 helicopters and has announced the release of an additional \$5,000,000 for relief in kind. India also sent 10 mt of relief items, 100,000 WPTs, and 300 kg of bleaching powder and 5,000 mt of rice. Iran - sent 90 mt of sup-

Ireland - is donating \$198,000 through UNDRO and Irish Concern.

Japan - is donating \$2,000,000 and has dispatched \$500,000 worth of relief goods, including tents and blankets. Japan is also sending 2 helicopters and a 50-person relief team.

Korea, Rep - has contributed \$100,000.

Nepal - has provided \$100,000. Netherlands — is donating \$3,200,000 through LRCS and

local NGOs and is sending a team to assess damage to Karnaphuli bridge.

New Zealand - donated \$5,120,000 through EC and

Norway - is giving \$335,300 through the Red Cross and \$32,000 through

Pakistan - is sending 2 helicopters and relief supplies. and is donating \$4,515,000 to the Relief Fund. Philippines - is sending

medicine. Saudi Arabia — airlifted tents, blankets, and medicines and is donating \$100,000,000 to the relief effort. In addition, Saudi Arabia has made 3 C-130 planes available to assist the relief effort.

Sweden - approved a donation of \$3,461,000.

Switzerland — dispatched 5 delegates, including a communications expert, as well as 36 tons of high protein food and tarpaulins. The Swiss contribution is partially valued at

\$482,759. Thailand - contributed \$75,000 and 5 mt of rice. United Kingdom — is donat-

ing \$11,000,000 to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund and to NGOs and the EC. The UK is also providing 2 helicopters and a naval supply ship equipped with medical facili-

Non-governmental organisations

Caritas International — donated \$422,300. Corps Mondial Secours dispatched a medical team and

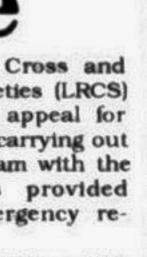
relief items.

Oxfam/UK- distributed

WPT, food, candles, and matches from stocks already in Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies have con-

tributed a reported total of \$1,402,800. Secours Catholique - donated relief goods worth

\$265,490. Total — \$173,965,649.



Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed administering the oath to Sadeque Hossain Khoka MP as minister of state and Mirza Abbas, Sheikh Taiubur Rahman and Mizanur Rahman Minu as Mayors of Dhaka, Khulna and Rajshahi city corporations respectively. -PID photo

People of Kutubdia start life afresh, says Rafiq

State Minister for Labour and Manpower Barrister Rafiqui Islam Mia said the affected people of Kutubdia were regaining their hopes to start life afresh. It was due to satisfactory relief operation being conducted by the government and Non-Governmental organisations, he added, reports BSS.

Barrister Rafiq, who stayed in Kutubdia from May 10 to May 15 to supervise relief operation was describing his experience in a press briefing in Secretariat on Friday.

About the damages of the embankment at Kutubdia, the Minister said though the embankment was washed away by the tidal surge a fresh start had been made from May 13 and now hundreds of people are engaged in reconstruction work of the embankment. He said approximately Taka

26 crore would be required to complete the reconstruction work of the embankment. He said arrangement had

been made to provide farmers with seeds and other necessities of farming. The minister mentioned

that remarkable coordination and cooperation exists among different agencies. Both the government and non-governmental organisations and as well as leaders and workers of various political parties, are now engaged in relief and rehabilitation activities in Kutubdia, he said.

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Siliguri.

Janata Dal of V.P. Singh taking

polls released by three organi-

sations predicted that

Congress(I) would be the

largest single party with the

BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) in

expected from the BJP ruled

states of Madhya Pradesh and

Rajasthan and from Janata Dal

ruled Orissa. But the party

Congress-I may not get a free

run in the south specially in

Kerala where left Front is

85 seats the Mandir issue

seems to hold more sway than

Mondal issue (reserved seats

for backward class). Muslim

votes would be divided be-

tween Janata Dal and

Congress(I) to resist BJP as in

1989 polls. The Imam of Delhi

Shahi Mosque has appealed to

the Muslims to vote for Janata

Dal. Because of the Hindutva

surge Muslims will vote either

'Congress-I wave'

leader and former union min-

ister. Pranab Mukherjee today

claimed that the party would

return to power as a

"Congress-I wave" was sweep-

ing the country, says PTI from

Taking to newsmen here,

The veteran Congress(I)

for Janata Dal or Congress(I).

In Uttar Pradesh which has

Congress(I)'s main gains are

Meanwhile the opinion

Nepal Congress heading for absolute majority

The Nepalt Congress Party was in sight of an absolute majority in the 205 seat house of Representatives today, with 100 seats secured and leading in the counting for three more, reports AFP.

The Congress, the largest democratic party in Nepal, had outstripped its nearest rival. the Nepal Communist Party (United Marxist and Leninist). official figures showed.

"By late afternoon our position will be clear," a Congress spokesman said.

Party position Total

Results declared Nepali Congress United Communist Party of Nepal (Marxist and Leninist) United People's Front Nepal Sadbhavana Party National Democratic Party (Chand) Nepal Workers' and Peasants' Party Communist Party of Nepal (Democratic) National Democratic Party (Thapa) Independents

Counting in five constituencies showed the Nepali Congress ahead in three and the NCP (UML) leading in two. 'Hung' Parliament

Bengal if election were held in

Commissions decision to allow

the West Bengal government

Describing the Election

a free and fair manner.

Other results were being held up by the need to vote again today in five polling stations where factional brawling had disrupted the process last

Of the 44 different political parties officially recognised by the Election Commission, only 20 put up candidates. Of those, 12 have so far been unable to win a single seat, and only two of the 219 independents have been elected.

The results have also shattered the hopes of supporters of the partyless Panchayat system of government, which collapsed last year amid popular discontent The pro-Panchayat NDP

(Thapa) and NDP (Chand) which had predicted they would win 80 per cent of the seats between them, have ended up with only four in total so far.

Defeated candidates include three former Panchayat prime ministers and a number of former ministers.

The General Secretary of the Nepali Congress and prospective prime minister of Nepal, Girija Prasad Koirala, has blamed the Home Ministry for his party's debacle in the three-district Kathmandu val ley, reports PTI.

Koirala told a group of foreign correspondents, according to English daily "The Motherland" that the utter negligence of the Home Ministry had helped create unrest and a sense of insecurity in the country ever since the interim government was installed in April last year.

"The major reason for the party's defeat in the capital was the negligence of the ministry," he said

Koirala, who is known for his organisational ability, said he had several times demanded the resignation of Home Minister, Yog Prasad

Hasina

From Page 1 Col. 8 problems and handed over memorandum containing several demands.

The AL chief said the fall of autocratic regime was possible only after a long relentless struggle of the people and they expected an end to autocratic system according to the commitment of the forces who led the movement. She alleged that the ruling party deviated from their commitment to the nation and was engaged in conspiracy to continue the au-

"The hopes and aspirations of the people for democracy cannot be foiled by conspiracy

she warned. Sheikh Hasina mentioned the sufferings of the people in the coastal areas after the devastating cyclone and urged the homeo professionals to come forward to help the victims of natural calamity.

Three members of Parliament, Dipankar Talukder, Kalporanjan Chakma and Bir Bahadur elected from Rangamati, Khagrachari and Bandarban respectively, also called on Sheikh Hasina Friday afternoon at Bangabandhu Bhaban. The MPs drew her attention to the sufferings of the people of their districts, who were badly affected by the recent cyclone. Sheikh Hasina assured them all help from the central relief funds of Awami League and demanded adequate relief from the concerned authorities for those areas.

Uneasy calm From Page 1 Col. 8

Leaders of the All-Party Students Unity (APSU) were continuing their efforts to settle the issue through negotiations and restore congenial academic atmosphere in the

The condition of the injured persons, who received bullet injuries on the first day of armed clash, was improving gradually. Police contingents took

points in the campus. The clash between the two student groups ensued on Wednesday following a brawl between two activists of the ri-

position at all the strategic

It may be recalled that similar incidents took place on the campus between the two groups in March.

val student organisations.

Upadhyaya, who was also the

Assistant General Secretary of

the Nepali Congress, at the

appropriate time, well before

the elections.

It was political blunder on the part of his party to let Upadhyaya to continue on the

To a question as to what his attitude would be towards the communists, which had emerged as the second largest political party in Nepal when he headed the government as the country's next prime minister, Koirala, known for his aversion to the communists. made it clear that as long as the communists works within the framework of the Constitution, he would co-operate with

But, he made it clear, however, that if the communists challenged the Constitution itself, his party would, adopt the necessary stand required to save democracy from subver-

Jamaat MP demands four cyclone shelters in each union

By Staff Correspondent Enamul Huq Manju, Jamaat

MP from Chakaria, on Friday urged the government to distribute relief goods among cyclone affected families by using cards, and coordinate government and NGO activities. Addressing a news confer-

ence at Jatiya Press Club he also demanded emergency steps to pump out saline water from ponds and crop fields. reconstruct coastal embankments and provide interestfree loan to salt growers and farmers to resume production.

For long term safety he demanded construction of four cyclone shelters in each union in a such a way that the shelters could be used as school, madrasahs and community centres.

Enamul Huq said people living in newly-formed raised islets should be rehabilitated in the mainland. Coastal people who want to construct pucca houses should be given loans on soft terms, he said. The Jamaat MP also de-

manded the framing of a plan under which army could be deployed to evacuate people from cyclone-prone areas to safety well in time.

He said people of the coastal areas were alerted by red crescent volunteers about the April 29 cyclone, but no team or craft was sent to evacuate people. He alleged the Cox's Bazar district administration did not cooperate with Red Crescent volunteers to spread warning messages before the cyclone struck.

Cyclone

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They said they do not want relief materials, they want jobs. They can resume their day-today work if the damaged coastal embankments are repaired and saline water pumped at from ponds and paddy fields. The cyclone affected people also need house building materials like Cl sheets, bamboo to erect their For a long-term solution of

their problems the people of the areas have urged the government to construct more cyclone shelters. In Magnama area in Choko-

ria upazila, the number of deaths due to the eyclone was lights as there was no shelter in nearby villages. The government and non-

governmental organisations (NGOs) are carrying out relief operations in all the affected areas. The people are generally not happy with the services rendered by the local authori-Some NGOs including

Ganashasthya Kendra have started distributing rice mixed with grains of pulse and pieces of onion, garlie and ginger so that people can easily cook 'khichuri'. The measure is also intended to guard against sale of relief materials in the open market.

The Midnight File

Queen to knight Schwarzkopf

LONDON. May 17: Queen Eltzabeth will confer an honorary Knighthood on General Norman Schwarzkopf, Commander of U.S. forces during the Gulf war the Foreign Office said today It said, the queen, currently visiting the United States, would knight the outspoken "Stormin Norman" at Florida's Macdill Air Force base on Monday, reports Reuter.

Hydrogen leak blows off roof

TOKYO. May 17: An explosion Thursday believed to be caused by a leak of liquid hydrogen blew off the roof of a rocket testing facility, the National Space Development Agency of Japan said Friday. No one was injured in the 5 p.m. (0800 GMT) explosion in Kakuda, Miyagi (state), 300 kilometers (180 miles), northeast of Tokyo, said agency spokeswoman Hideko Kasahara, reports AP.

Shoes symbol of thrift: Imelda

MANILA, May 17: Former First Lady Imelda Marcos said Friday the thousands of shoes she left in the Philippines while escaping with her husband during a revolt in 1986 was a symbol of thrift, not extravagance. She said the shoes piled up because she was thrifty. Most were gifts from shoe fairs she attended as governor of metropolitan Manila, she said, reports AP.

Arab stabs three Jews

JERUSALEM, May 17: An Arab stabbed and wounded at least three Jews in the centre of West Jerusalem today. Israel radio said. A police spokeswoman confirmed there was a stabbing incident but gave no further details, reports Reuter.

Curfews to continue in Papua

SYDNEY. May 17: Papua New Guinea police have extended night-time curfews imposed on the South Pacific nation's capital and provincial towns for another two months to curb escalating crime. The curiews, imposed on March 20, were due to be lifted from May 20, but will continue until July 31,a spokesman for the Papua New Guinea Police Commissioner said from Port Moresby, reports Reuter.

Farmers' strike in Romania

BUCHAREST, May 17: About 800,000 farmers in Romania held a two-hour warning strike yesterday, demanding necessary government subsidies to basic economic sectors. and economic and social insurances to farmers. The Romanian news agency Rompres reported yesterday that many trade unions in food industry and soil improvement department also took part in the strike to support the farmers, reports Xinhua.

Thai journalist killed

BANGKOK. May 17: A journalist working for the Thailanguage Thai Rath mass-circulation newspaper has been killed by two men in a suburb of the Thai capital. police said here today. The journalist, Vitoon Kaway, who was a provincial News Editor, was killed instantly late Thursday after he was shot in the face at point blank range by an unidentified gunman, who then fled the scene on a motorcycle ridden by another man, police in the district of Lard Prao said, reports

Four armed insurgents surrender

CHITTAGONG, May 17: Four armed insurgents surrendered to Bangladesh security forces with some arms and ammunition here today, official sources said here, reports BSS.

The security forces also arrested one insurgent at Dightnala of the Hill Tracts in a raid at their secret hideout.

The four insurgents who surrendered were Animesh Dewan allias Capt. Nandit, Tapan Kishore Chakma alias Capt Krifagna, Diptimoy Chakma alias Lieutenant Sanchoy and Nilprodip Chakma alias Corporal Mitra.

The arms and amunition surrendered were one SMG. one automatic rifle, four SMC Magazines, six ammunition chargers, 2 SMC and 65 rifle ammunition.

The arms recovered from the possession the arrested insurgents were two single barrel guns, three SMG magazines, some ammunition and important documents.

The four insurgents while surrendering said they were distillusioned with the activities of the so called Shanti Bahini and that leadership, land, financial crises and uncertainty had surfaced among the insurgent of Chittagong Hill Tract.

High heat near DPRK nuclear facility

SEOUL, May 17: Unusually high ground temperatures at a North Korean nuclear facility alarmed South Korean and US officials this week and heightened concern about the North's refusal to allow international nuclear inspections. reports AP.

The Ministry of Science and Technology said Friday it is investigating why ground temperatures at the nuclear facility at Yongbyon reportedly shot up early Tuesday morning.

71 killed in floods, landslides in India AGARTALA, May 17: Floods

and landslides in northern India have killed 71 people. including 12 soldiers washed away when a rising river engulfed their camp, officials said today, reports Reuter. The bodies of the soldiers

were recovered on Thursday in the Subansiri district of Arunachal Pradesh State, where floods have killed 17 people in the past week, offi-

Another 47 bodies have been found in Assam state, and seven in Tripura state.

The floods could interfere with voting in national and local elections in Assam, where voters will go to the polls on June 6 and 8, officials said.

"The flood situation in Assam is getting dangerous and I am sure this is going to affect elections as many polling officials cannot reach their designated booths in outlying areas," Bhimsen Phargwal, Director General of Police in Assam said.

US aircraft

From Page 1 Col. 8 deployed in full-scale relief

operations. The Task Force is headquartered in Dhaka and is working with the government of Bangladesh "to assess dam-

age and locate survivors". Pete Williams said 7,600 US personnel were participating in the disaster relief efforts in Bangladesh and are either in country or located just offshore out of the way of other ship traffic. The spokesman said the Task Force was in the process of establishing a forward

headquarters in Chittagong. He also said that a US environmental preventive medicine unit was working with local medical officials to solve water contamination probl-

My briefcase containing, among other things, the following documents from Hotel Mitali, Wari, Dhaka on 16-05-91 for which a case (No. 42) was lodged with Sutrapur PS, Dhaka. International Passport No. G-715915 issued from Sylhet on

15-08-90 with student Visa No 7 747583 granted by British High Commission on 13-05-91 (2) Certificates of SSC, HSC and English Language Course

(British Council, Dhaka) in original. (3) Schiller International University Acceptance letter BBA course.

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Ms Chalker said British government looked forward to

From Page 1 Col. 7 need for prudent macroeconomic management, for encouragement to enterprise and for reform of public sector institutions as a basis for Bangladesh's development.

handed over to Begum Zia British Commissioner Colin H Imrony called on her at her residence. She said the recent disaster underlined the need for carrying through the process of structural adjustment which had been discussed between Bangladesh government and

Ms Chalker's letter was

Fund and the World Bank. Ms Chalker expressed her deep shock at the recent catastrophic cyclone.

the International Monetary

She pointed out in her letter there was enormous sympathy in Britain for the people of Bangladesh and for the task facing the government, so soon after its formation following free and fair elections, in dealing with the effects of this disaster. She said the sympathy was reflected in concern of British parliamentarians, in the massive coverage by the media and in the response of the British people to the appeals for assistance by chari-

cussion at the Consultative 29 and 30.

pressed her happiness that British government was able to provide 7.85 million pound sterling as assistance to Bangladesh which had been available so far bilaterally and through its share of the European Community's emergency assistance. She said her government was ready to turn to the process of rehabilitation

expressed his government's willingness to provide assistance to Bangladesh at the Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia thanked the

recruit 14.000 Home Guards for deployment during election in the state as "unfortunate". Mukherjee said, "I preferred a

total ban on recruitment of

Home Guards in the state like Bihar to ensure free and fair He, however, urged the Election Commission to monitor the polls in the state and take stern measures to check

"political hooliganism" Making a frontal attack on the CPI (M), the former union minister alleged that the Left Front in West Bengal had advanced the assembly elections as it apprehended "a Congress(I) wave which was

sure to oust the leftists". Addressing an election meeting here at Bagha Jatin Park, Mukherjee said that BJP which practically had no strength in the country five years back now posed a serious

threat to national unity and communal harmony. claimed, was the only party which could provide a stable government as it had always opposed the BJP and other

communal forces active in the force to resist the "traditional rigging of CPI-M and put an end to the 14-year misrule of

Mukherjee said the Congress-I would be voted to power both Left Front in West Bengal". at the centre and in West Structural adjustment

the opportunity of further dis-Group meeting in Paris on May

The British minister exand reconstruction.

The British High Commissioner during the call on also time of need.

British government for its as-

sistance and concern.

She reiterated the importance of establishing permanent facilities for facing the calamities in the future. She said her government would welcome cooperation in this regard.

tocratic system.

The Congress(I), he

He appealed to the youth