

A Partial View of Ravages Let Loose by the Catastrophic Cyclone



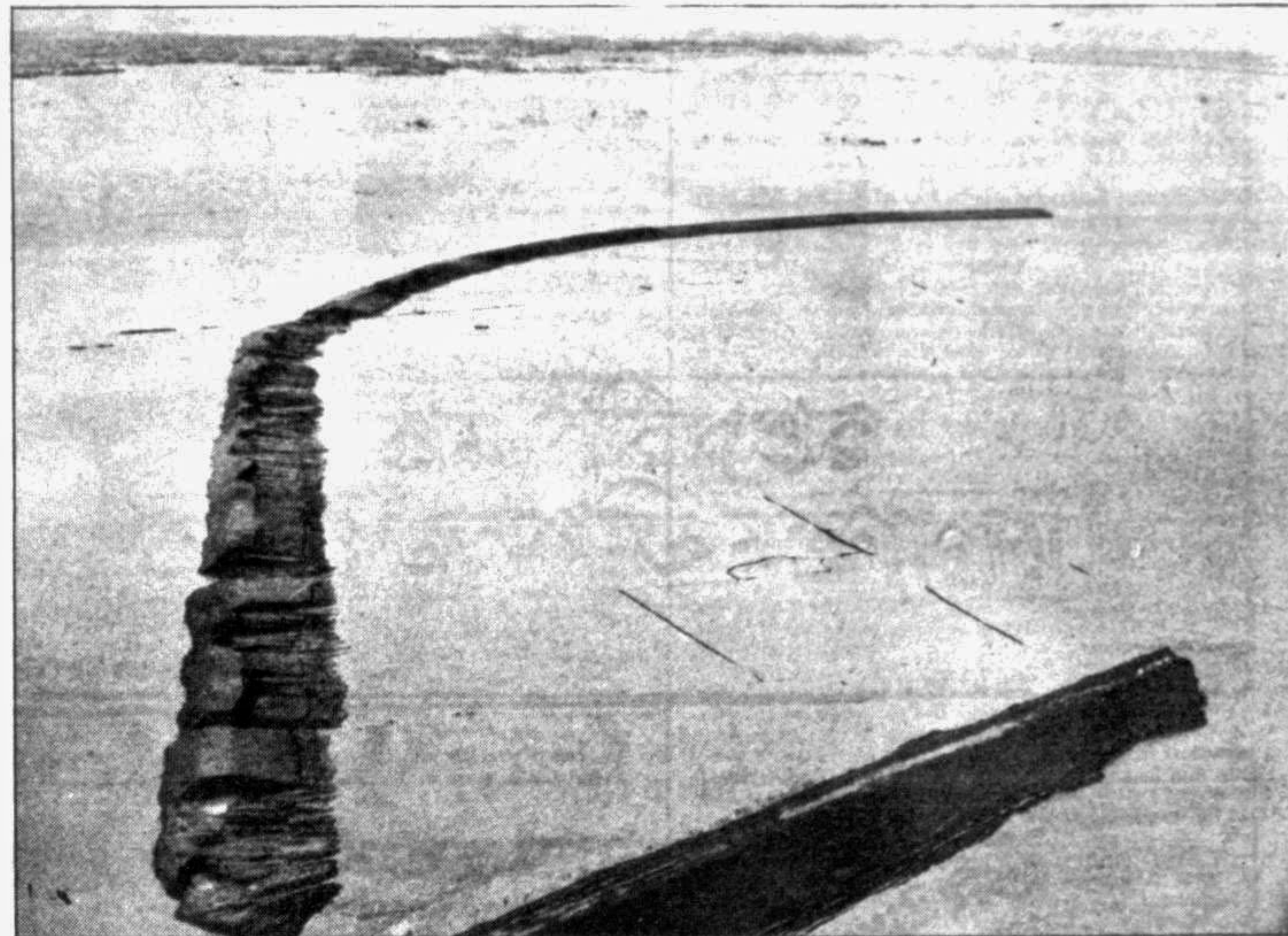
No, it wasn't a flash flood at Sitakund of Chittagong on Tuesday. The entire area is what the catastrophic cyclone Monday night left behind. None was there even to mourn the deaths.



The otherwise busy human habitation at Fouzderhat now looks barren with houses and people all washed into the deep sea.



Once a thriving hamlet, Kumira was reduced to a no-man's land. It was lifeless on Tuesday.



Cross-dam in Noakhali being devoured by swirling waters.



A ship, driven by the hurricane to Kumira from the sea, ran aground.

Govt urged to ensure relief

By Staff Correspondent

Different political, socio-cultural and other organisations on Tuesday expressed deep shock at the loss of life and property in the cyclone that hit the coastal areas on Monday night.

The organisations demanded of the government to declare cyclone-hit districts as disaster areas and take relief programme on an emergency basis. They urged the government to immediately send food, clothes construction materials, medical teams and medicines to the affected areas and take proper steps to

supply pure drinking water to the affected people.

The organisations which issued statements include: Jamaat-e-Islami, CPB, Workers Party, Jatiya Party, Mahila Parishad, Mirersaral Unnayan Gonosangram Committee, Sarbahara Party, Krishak-Sramik Mukti Andolon and Chattagram Samity.

Acting Chairman of Jatiya Party Moudud Ahmed called upon the government to take steps to rescue the people who were still marooned. He also urged the government to

send adequate relief materials and medicines to the affected areas.

Acting Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami Abbas Ali Khan and Jamaat Parliamentary Party leader Moulana Matur Rahman Nizami demanded of the government to immediately send relief materials and medical teams to the affected areas and deploy army in the relief work.

Abul Basher and Rashed Khan Menon, president and general secretary of Workers Party, demanded of the government to send relief materials to the affected areas immediately. They urged the government to take rehabilitation programmes. They called upon all to conduct relief work unitedly irrespective of party affiliations.

CPB demanded of the government to declare cyclone-hit districts as disaster areas. It called upon the government to arrange immediate despatch of relief materials and supply of drinking water to the affected people, and grant house construction and agricultural loans to them.

Former deputy prime minister Jamaluddin Ahmed and Rejaul Huq Chowdhury Mustaq, President and General Secretary respectively of Chattagram Samity urged the government to declare of the whole southern region including Chittagong as a disaster area and despatch of relief materials immediately. They requested Acting President introduce test relief.

Begum Sufia Kamal and Ayesha Khanam, President and General Secretary respectively of Mahila Parishad, have condoled the cyclone deaths and requested Mahila Parishad workers to conduct relief operations.

Six teams to treat cattlehead

The Directorate of Livestock has formed a 12-member committee to carry out emergency relief work in the areas affected by cyclonic storm and tidal wave, reports RSS.

A PID handout said in Dhaka Tuesday night that the committee in six groups will work in 12 coastal districts of the country. Besides, an official and two field workers from the concerned district will be involved in the committee.

Every team will leave for the affected areas with necessary medicines and vaccination ampuls. The team will extend necessary help including treatment to cattlehead on emergency basis. The teams will ascertain the casualties of

cattlehead in the affected unions and upazilas.

Another PID handout said here that the Office of the Director General of the Family Planning directed all officials including district deputy directors and field workers to participate in the relief operations in the cyclone hit areas.

The district deputy directors of the affected areas have been asked to contact with the local administration to take necessary measures in this regard.

The handout said the Family Directorate has asked its workers to contact with the head office if any one of them has been affected while working in the cyclone-hit areas.



Prime Minister Khawaja Ziaur Rahman seen grief-stricken when she saw bodies of cyclone victims two babies.

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