

# More bodies continue relief operation

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina received donations and relief materials in the party relief fund Friday from 9 am to 12 noon.

People from different strata deposited money and other relief materials to the AL fund. The goods included rice, atta, chira, bread, lungi, saree, match, candle, molasses and medicine. The cash money deposited to the fund was Taka one lakh.

### BNP

A BNP relief team led by N.I. Khan visited the tornado affected villages of Gazipur district Friday and distributed various relief materials among the people there. The team members include Chief Whip Khandker Dewar Hossain and State Minister for Religious Affairs Prof. M.A. Mannan.

### Five-Party

Rashed Khan Menon, General Secretary of Workers Party and other leaders of the 5-party alliance visited tornado affected area of Gazipur Friday morning. The leaders distributed some relief materials among the affected people.

Later, in a statement issued Friday, Rashed Khan Menon said that the people of that area were living under open sky. He stressed on providing

house building materials as relief for the homeless people.

### CPB

Central committee meeting of Communist Party of Bangladesh had been adjourned till May 25 with a view to strengthening relief work. The meeting began Friday with central committee member Maqbul Hossain in the chair and was shifted to May 25 to 30. Besides, the meeting of district secretaries and joint secretaries will be held on May 31 instead of May 14.

### Jatiya Party

A combined relief team of Jatiya Party, Dhaka City Unit, Jatiya Volunteer Party, Jatiya Mahila Party and Jatiya Juba Sanghati distributed relief

### JCD

The members of Bangladesh Jatiyabadi Chhatra Dal (Agriculture University Branch) donated a good amount of relief items to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for the cyclone affected people.

### JSSS

Palash thana unit of Bangladesh Jatiyabadi Samajik Sangkritik Sangstha Friday handed over a consignment of relief goods to State Minister for Jute M.A. Mannan Bhuiyan.

### Ctg AL

Chittagong City Awami League Friday opened a medical centre at the Muslim Institute Hall in Chittagong.

The medical centre will operate round-the-clock and treat patients attacked mostly by diarrhoea. Three ambulances have been placed at the disposal of the centre for carrying patients.

General Secretary of city Awami League ABM Mohiuddin

Chowdhury has called upon the people to avail medical services at the centre.

The city Awami League has also been running gruel kitchens at Bakolia and Kattali and medical centres at Patenga Dalepara Primary School and Falyatali Bazar at Kattali.

### Samajbadi Dal

Sramik Krishak Samajbadi Dal also opened a saline preparing project at the party central office. The party appealed to the affluent people to donate money to the project.

### Samajtantrik Dal

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal and its front organisations have also continued relief operations. The Tank Lorry Sramik Union has sent a relief team Thursday with two truck-load of relief materials to Kutubdia, Maheshkhali and Sandwip.

### Health for All

"Health for All" has distributed one lakh and 26 thousand packets of oral saline so far to the affected areas. Two more teams of the organisation will leave Dhaka today (Saturday) for Banskhali and Anwara upazilas of Chittagong.

### BUET students

The students of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) have taken a project to prepare oral saline for the affected people.

The students of the BUET have deposited Taka three lakh as relief assistance from their stipend money with the university authorities.

### CARE

A jumbo jet sent by CARE-Australia carrying high-protein biscuits, drugs and other items essential for CARE relief operations in Chittagong and Cox's Bazar will arrive in Dhaka May 14.

### Bangla Academy

Eminent singers Shabnam Mustary, Ferdous Ara, Simki Shams Faruqi and Bipul Bhattacharya voluntarily rendered songs at the open function organised by Bangla Academy for collecting funds for cyclone victims.

Director General of Bangla Academy Prof. Mohammad Harun-ur-Rashid urged all audiences to donate money.

## Nasiruddin made Ctg City Corpn Mayor

The Acting President Mr. Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, on Friday appointed Mir Mohammed Nasiruddin the Mayor of the Chittagong City Corporation, reports BSS.

The Acting President has also administered the oath of office of the newly appointed Mayor of Chittagong City Corporation at his residence in Dhaka on Friday evening.

The newly appointed Mayor will enjoy the status of a Deputy Minister.

The Acting President made the appointment of Mir Mohammed Nasiruddin as Mayor under the Chittagong City Corporation Ordinance No 35 of 1982 under Section 4 A (1).

Local Government division secretary Moshfiqur Rahman was present on the occasion.

## NAP demands disaster body

CHITTAGONG, May 10: Bangladesh National Awami Party (NAP) General Secretary Pankaj Bhattacharya on Friday placed a 11-point demands including formation of a permanent national disaster committee to deal with matters relating to national calamity, reports BSS.

Addressing a press conference at the Press Club here this afternoon Mr. Bhattacharya on his return from the cyclone-hit areas narrated his experience.

He expressed his party's indignation and concern over what he said, "the failure of the government to face the calamity."

Mr. Bhattacharya alleged that timely united trust at the national level could have saved more lives. He said, that the BNP government by ignoring the call for a united move to launch relief and rehabilitation programme had evoked frustration and indignation among opposition political parties.

He called for immediate steps for burial of the bodies still floating in the affected areas.

He also called for necessary measures to halt outbreak of epidemics in the cyclone-hit areas. He demanded exemption of agro-loan upto Taka 10,000 and sanctioning of fresh interest free loans among the farmers.

### BAU teachers

Bangladesh Agricultural University Teachers Council and Save the Young, My-mensingh donated Taka 120,000 and 10,001 respectively to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

Third class employees of Bangladesh Agricultural University has also decided to donate their one day's salary amounting to Taka 26,000 to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

### SC Bar

A team of Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association visited the tornado-battered area of Gazipur Thursday.

They also distributed Taka 20 thousand cash among the affected people there, a Bar Association press release said.

### Chittagong Samity

Two relief teams of Chittagong Samity left Dhaka for Anwara and Banskhali upazilas under Chittagong district with relief materials.

Vice President Nurul Alam and General Secretary Rezaul Haq Chowdhury Mushtaq were leading the teams.

### DU Journalism Dept

The Department of Mass Communication and Journalism of the Dhaka University sent a relief team at the cyclone-affected area of Banskhali.

The team distributed 3,000 pieces of new and old garments, 20 maunds of chira, 10 maunds of sweet potato, 10 boxes of biscuit, 150 kg of molasses, 100 dozens of candle, 200 pieces of bread, 200 packets of saline and 2,000 water purifying tablet.

### UNICEF

UNICEF has supplied 200 shallow tubewells to the 17 worst hit slum areas of Chittagong city.

UNICEF has also dispatched through government 500,000 water purification tablets, enough quantity of alum, bleaching powder and soap to Chittagong with a view to maintaining good sanitation in the uncovered relief camps.

### ADAB

Three non-government organisations (NGOs) of France arrived Bangladesh with tents, medicines and other relief materials.

Association of Development

## Khaleda inducts more people in relief work

CHITTAGONG, May 10 (BSS): Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has entrusted more people along with State Ministers, Whips, Members of Parliament and prominent persons with responsibilities to supervise relief activities in various upazilas, reports BSS.

Following are the names of State Ministers, Whips, MPs and prominent persons and the upazilas where they have been assigned to conduct relief operations.

Kutubdia -- State Minister for Labour and Manpower Rafiqul Islam Mian and Akhtaruzzaman MP, Sandwip -- Abdur Rob Chowdhury MP and Rafiqullah Chowdhury, Maheshkhali -- Ashraf Hossain MP, Mohammad Ishaq MP and Rashed Ahmed, Chokoria -- Abdul Matin Chowdhury, MP, Abdul Hye, MP, Enamul Huq

Manju, MP, Mahmudul Karim, former MP, Banskhali -- State Minister for Jute Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, ATM Anwaraul Azim, Bhola and Abu Saleh Alamgir MP and Sultanul Kabir Chowdhury MP, Anwara -- State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Kabir Hossain, Wing Commander (ret'd) Hamidullah MP, Razoan and Rangunia -- State Minister for Irrigation, Flood Control and Water Development Ansar Ali Siddiqui, Muhammad Yusuf, Salauddin Qader Chowdhury MP and Gulam A. Khandaker and Nurul Alam, Fatikchhari and Hathazari -- Wahidul Huq MP and Afsan Ahmed Chowdhury, Sankaria -- Akbar Hossain MP and Shahjahan Chowdhury, MP, Sitakund -- L.K. Siddiqui, MP, Anwarul Huq Kader, Mirsarai -- M.A. Jinnah MP and Lohagara -- Al-Haj Mostafizur Rahman MP.

The relief materials include emergency drugs, water purifying tablets, oral salines and surgical equipments.

### Moitree Samaj

A relief team of Moitree Samaj Kalyan Sangha left Thursday for devastating areas with relief materials worth about Taka two lakh.

### BADF

A relief team of Bangladesh Anti-Drugs Federation (BADF) distributed relief materials among the tornado affected people of Gazipur district Friday.

President of the BADF M. A. Jallil led the team.

### Rabitat

The Makkah-based Rabitab Al-Islam Al-Islami has taken up a Taka four crore emergency programme for relief and rehabilitation of the cyclone victims.

## Quick rehabilitation of affected people demanded

CHITTAGONG, May 10: A large number of private organisations and individuals have been carrying on relief works in the cyclone and tidal surge battered areas of Chittagong and Cox's Bazar, reports BSS.

According to separate press release, the organisations and individuals are either sending relief teams to the affected areas or contributing their relief goods and cash amount towards Prime Ministers Relief Fund and district relief fund.

Inter District Bus Owners' Association and Inter District Sramik Paribahan Union distributed relief food, aluminium utensils and clothes among the affected people of Kumira, Katgar and Halishahar on Thursday.

Bangladesh Customs Clearing and Forwarding Agents Association relief team distributed relief goods worth Taka 2,25,000 among the affected people of Ratan Pur West Hilsa Khankanabad, Dangra villages of Banskhali upazila. A total of 3,500 kg, rice 600 kg, pulse 800 kg, pressed rice (chira), 200 sarees, salt and match boxes were among the relief goods. The association also donated medicines worth Taka 25,000 and distributed Taka 70,000 in

cash among the affected workers of Chittagong Port. The relief teams of the association here, led by its three vice-presidents were Messrs Chowdhury M. Shahabuddin, S.M. Chowdhury and Kamal Uddin and General Secretary K.M. Serajul Islam.

Banskhali socio-medical relief has set up two medical centres at Baharchara Community Centre and Saral Junior High School for rendering medical relief.

A relief team of Bangladesh Muslim League (Ayen) under the leadership of Ayen Uddin has arrived in the city from Dhaka with relief goods. The team distributed sari, lungi, mineral water yesterday among the affected people of middle Halishahar Yasinhat, South Kattali and Ananda Bazar Chauchala area.

Awami Juba League, Jatiyabadi Chhatra Dal, Islami Chhatra Shibir relief teams are also distributing relief materials under the banner of their respective parties.

A relief team of Ahsanta Mission-Bangladesh arrived here yesterday from Dhaka with relief materials including cloth and medicine. The team is leaving for Magnama in Cox's Bazar for distribution of relief goods among the affected people there.

Chittagong Charukala (Arts) College students relief team has distributed cooked food, old cloth, pressed rice, candles and match boxes among the affected people of Rampura, Palakata in Chakaria upazila of Cox's Bazar.

Meanwhile, leaders of different organisations and eminent citizens in separate statements have called upon the government to gear up rehabilitation works in the affected areas.

Social worker Jurul Absar Chowdhury, Alhaj Abdus Salam, Secretary General of M. L. (Ayen) Showkat Hussain Babul, Secretary of Bangladesh Frozen Foods Exporters Association, Bangladesh Communist Party General Secretary Saifuddin Ahmad Manik, former M.P. and Chattagram Zila Parishad Chairman A K M Shamsul Huda, Greater Chittagong Unnayan Andolan leader and ex-MP Nazrul Islam, JCD city unit President Abu Sufian and General Secretary Rafiqul Islam Khokon, Kazim Ali Master Smriti Foundation Chairman S. M. Saiful Rahman were, among others, who called for quick rehabilitation of the affected people, particularly the farmers.

## Dateline Chittagong

### Cargo handling in port resumes

CHITTAGONG, May 10: Chittagong Port is gradually returning to normal and it has handled 11 vessels since it resumed operation on May 5 after the recent cyclone and tidal surge, a port press release said last night, reports BSS.

The port also delivered 10,000 metric tons of goods and handled more than 3500 metric tons of other cargo.

The port handles 5 to 6 vessels daily now.

There are now 19 ships in the port awaiting discharge of imported cement, food grains, crude oil etc. There are also 10 vessels at the outer anchorage preparing for entering the jetties. Oil tanker "leader ship" arrived at the outer anchorage two days back with one lakh tons of crude oil.

Meanwhile, rehabilitation works of the port are going on in full swing. Protective walls, damaged sheds, ware-houses are being repaired. Eighty per cent electrical installations have been repaired while cargo handling machinery are being set right.

Necessary measures have been taken to shift the agrounded vessels, clear wrecks of vessels and navigational channel.

The floating crane "Saktiman" aground during cyclone and tidal surge can not be shifted without foreign assistance.

A survey ship of Bangladesh Internal Water Transport Authority will soon be engaged for surveying navigable channel of the port.

Chittagong district administration has distributed a considerable relief goods including clothes and utensils among the cyclone and tidal surge hit people of the district.

The relief goods were received from Prime Minister's Relief Fund, district control room sources said.

The relief goods distributed till Thursday were 1600 tents, children's wear-9500 pieces, steel glass-10,000, steel plate 2400 pieces, aluminium utensils 1100, steel cups 1000.

Besides, 2213 pieces of old clothes, 400 cartoons of baby food, 272 umbrellas and soap, match boxes, potatoes, molasses, etc were distributed among the affected people from the district relief fund till Thursday.

## 3 French NGOs arrive in city with relief

Three NGOs of France have arrived in Dhaka with medicine, tents and other materials to join the group of NGOs working in cyclone affected areas. An ADAB press release said in Dhaka Friday, reports BSS.

The French NGOs are: Medicine de Monde, Pates and Sercus Populaire Francaise.

Medicine de Monde and CARE have jointly established a hospital at Chokoria while Pates in cooperation with Buddhist Orphanage has started working in Rangamati for affected people in the area.

Sercus Populaire Francaise and Service Civil International have jointly started working for determining cyclone casualties and the current demand.

## Govt urged to rehabilitate cyclone victims

CHITTAGONG, May 10: Freedom Party Chairman Col(Rtd) Syed Faruk Rahman Friday called upon the government to take up rehabilitation programme for cyclone and tidal surge hit people of Chittagong and other places, a party press release said, reports BSS.

He demanded immediate construction of protective embankment along Patenga coast here to save the industries and people of the area.

Col(Rtd) Faruk Rahman visited Laidiarchar, Porapara and Hussain Ahmad Market of south Patenga and talked to the affected people there Messrs Faruk Reza and Nizamul Mulk, both party leaders accompanied him during his visit to the affected areas.

## Work of removing water logging in Ctg continues

CHITTAGONG, May 10: The work of removing water logging in different parts of Chittagong city is going on the full swing, reports BSS.

Agriculture and Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Minister M Majidul Haque was informed this while he was supervising the work of driving out stagnant water in Chittagong city on Friday.

At present, five power pumps are working for drainage purpose. The Minister instructed the engineers, all concerned to introduce ten more power pumps for quickening the removal of stagnant water. He also directed them to take necessary steps, so that the Chittagong city might be cleared from water logging within one week.

## 34 vaccination teams for Ctg

A massive vaccination campaign has been launched in apprehension of a possible outbreak of measles epidemic in the cyclone-affected areas of Chittagong, reports UNB.

According to report received in Dhaka on Friday, government has formed 34 vaccination teams for 17 worst-hit municipal wards of Chittagong City Corporation.

Besides inoculating about 200 children per day, each team is also distributing Vitamin A capsules for boosting child survival and oral rehydration packets for controlling diarrhoea.

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