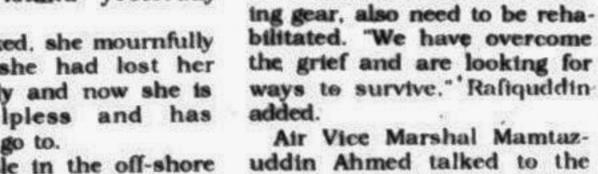
Star Report

An Il-year-old girl. Shahana, was seen walking aimlessly with a grief stricken face and a blank stare in her eyes around the relief distribution centre at Uttar Durung in Kutubdia island yesterday (Monday).

When asked, she mournfully said that she had lost her whole family and now she is totally helpless and has nowhere to go to.

But people in the off-shore islands are beginning to over come their grief and seem preparing to get on with their datly life.

At Kutubdia, people were seen repairing their storm-battered homes, fishermen their damaged boats and the people in general seemed eager to start working to rebuild their



Air Vice Marshal Mamtazuddin Ahmed talked to the affected people and distributed relief among them. Later, he flew to Banshkhali and Anwara and was apprised of the damages in the islands.

so that rice cultivation can be

started. They also expressed

the need of supplying plough-

ing cattle and rice paddy for

have lost their boats and fish-

Fishermen in the area, who

At Banshkhalt, 28,000 people were said to have been buried after the cyclone, but official reports put the figure at 20,000. However, officially



KUTUBDIA: Shahana, only survivor of her family. -Photo : Mohsin

A day-long helicopter trip with the Chief of the Air Force, Air Vice Marshal Mamtazuddin Ahmed, to the off-shore affected islands of Kutubdia Banshkhali and Anwara revealed that relief goods are reaching the islands.

A relief camp has been set up in the village of Uttar Durung by the army where the Air Chief distributed relief goods among the affected peo-

Relief is reaching Kutubdia only by helicopters as boats and launches are still unable to reach the island because of inclement weather.

NGOs and other private organisations are finding it diffi cult to reach the island with relief goods.

In the southern part of the island a farmer told this correspondent that about 7500 people died in his union.

He and other farmers in the area said that what is needed immediately in the form of rehabilitation assistance is the construction of embankments the death toll was put at 42,063.

According to government estimates, 53,819 houses were completely damaged and another 12,687 houses were partially damaged by the cy-At least 2000 large engine-

fitted fishing boats were lost during the cyclone in the area. Fifteen relief camps have

been set up on the island. Adequate relief supplies are reaching the island, residents said, both from government and non-government sources. No diarrhoeal cases have been reported on the island.

Government reports said that the death toll in Anwara was 10,100 with another 1,100 people listed as missing.

Over 16,100 houses were reported to have been completely damaged, while an other 28,000 houses were partially damaged. More than 100 schools were also completely damaged and 250 others were partly damaged by

UN urges nations

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ment ministries and fire departments in several cities will travel to the storm-ravaged nation Wednesday government said in a statement Tuesday.

They will join over 7,000 US military personnel being sent to aid victims of the April 29 cyclone that killed more than 139,000 and left millions threatened by hunger, sickness and exposure.

Japan has already pledged 20 million US dollars in emergency aid.

Canada

Canada has so far committed three million Canadian dollars as emergency aid for the cyclone affected people.

Canada, which earlier pledged to give 2,075,000 Canadian dollars added an additional amount of 925,000 dollars on May 9.

The latest amount is being

provided by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and the funds will be channelled through Canadian relief agencies active in Bangladesh. Some of the Canadian assis-

tance is also being channelled through UN agencies like WHO (200,000 dollars) and UNICEF (100,000 dollars).

AIADMK

The AIADMK Tuesday contributed Rs five lakhs to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for Bangladesh cyclone victims.

A cheque was handed over to Prakash Shah, Additional Secretary Ministry of External Affairs, by RS Aiyer, Secretary, AIADMK parliamentary party

the cyclone.

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Sylhet floods

still living in flood shelters. sources said.

The Deputy Commissioner of Sunamganj told The Daily Star over telephone that 1,25,000 people of the district were badly affected.

Duarabazar, Dharmapasha, Taherpur. Chhatak and Sadar upazila were the worst af-

Telecommunications with seven out of 10 upazilas remained disrupted, he added.

Habigani control room sources said that the river Khowai was flowing below the danger mark.

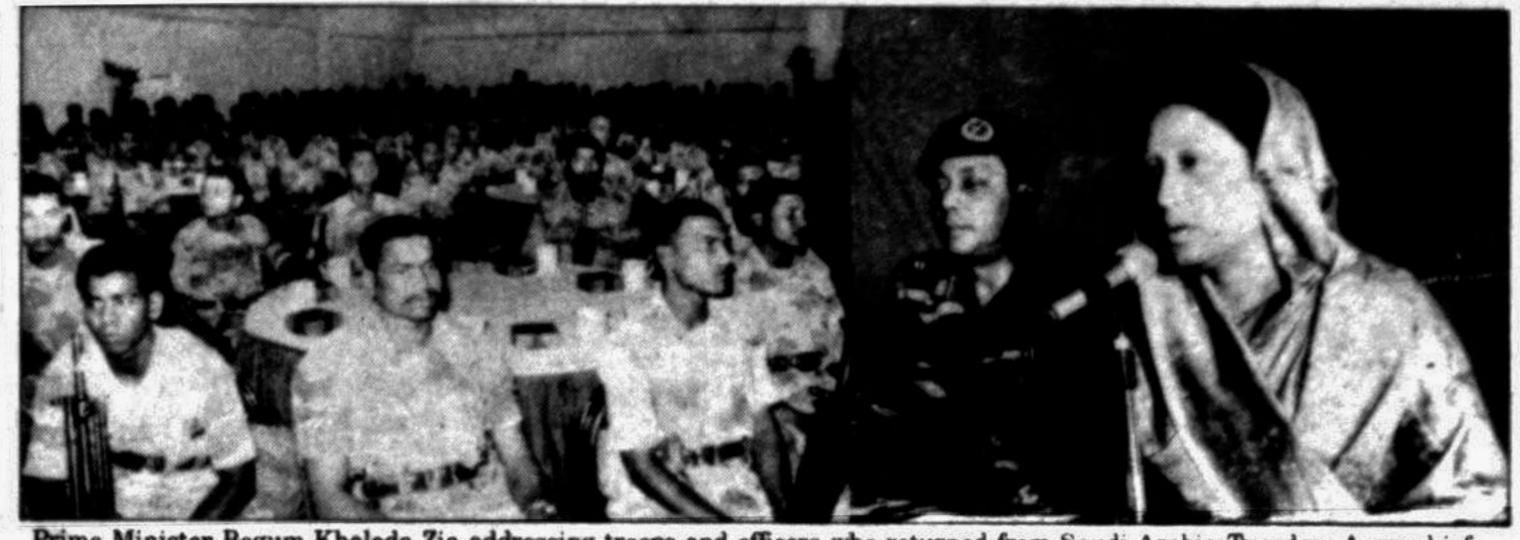
Fifteen persons were killed, 96 heads of cattle and 4925 poultry birds were lost while 28 culverts and bridges were

damaged by the flood. The flood also damaged 250 km of kutcha and four kilometres of pucca roads, 390 educational institutions and over 45,000 acres of crops in the district.

The situation in the two affected upazilas of Netrokona district remain unchanged. sources said.

The flood Forecasting and Warning Division in Dhaka said that the flash flood situation in greater Sylhet district may start improving with the cessation of rainfall in the upper-

It said that the Surma in Sylhet and Sunamgani, the Kushiara at Sheola and the Manu at Moulvibazar, flowing above their respective flood levels, are likely to recede in the next 24 hours ending 6 am on Wednesday.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing troops and officers who returned from Saudi Arabia Tuesday. Army chief Maj Gen Noor Uddin Khan was present on the occasion. -PID photo

House divided over interpretation of November 19 Joint Declaration

By Staff Correspondent

Opposition Bench members of the Jatiya Sangsad said on Tuesday that continuation of the Presidential form of government keep soom for return of military dictatorship and demanded a constitutional amendment to switch over to a parliamentary form.

Treasury Bench members on the other hand maintained that both presidential and parliamentary forms were democratic. It was a parliamentary form of government which had introduced one-party dictatorship in 1974, they said.

The general discussion on the Acting President's inaugu-

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Amanat, salvaged from the sea

is now carrying relief goods to

the affected areas, said Naval

source the BNS Jamuna, one of

the grounded ships was looted

However the Naval Head-

quarter source denied this

and said that all the partially

damaged ships could be re-

damage to the missile complex

and its boundary wall was

reports many modern missiles,

their valuable parts and in-

struments were damaged in-

sources said that the equip-

ment, instruments and ammu-

nition inside the missile com-

plex were kept well protected

and there was no problem with

quantity of armaments kept in

the BNS Issa Khan and at other

stations were also severely

items were imported spare

parts of ships, essential fittings

and stationary amounting to

Taka 20 crore. These were lost

or damaged during the cy-

cured transports of the

Bangladesh Navy were severely

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muna during the storm, were

also feared drowned, as they

could not be traced till Tues-

day. Raging with a velocity of

up to 100 km per hour, the

storm also injured over 200

people and battered some

5,000 houses, 3,000 alone in

Bera, officials and villagers

said to be left without homes,

while the nature's fury also

extensively damaged crops and

farmer's family of village Nalb-

hanga in the worst-hit Bera

upazila were killed in the

others injured, about a dozen

shops were blown off into the

Jamuna in Nakalia Bazar in the

upazila, where 3,000 houses

SSC candidate Meser Ali o

Abdus Sattar High School died

in a house collapse during the

storm in Sathia upazila. Two

other victims were identified

as Hashemuddin and Mottaleb.

that battered entire Manikganj

district was reported six on

Tuesday. In the district, some

20 people were feared killed

as several vessels remained

sunken or untraced till Tues-

killed in thunder storm, ac-

cording to the district admin-

istration sources. About 2,000

thatched houses were dam-

aged in the storm. The worst-

hit upazilas are Sadar and

The sources said, two

empty launches and one eurgo

vessel sunk into the Jamuna

near the Aricha Ghat. Besides,

a BIWTA floating workshop

All the six people were

The death toll in the storm

Three people, including

Three were killed and 56

Four members of a poor

other property.

nor'wester.

were damaged.

day night

Over 10,000 people were

Besides many newly pro-

Among the losses in store

But the Naval Headquarter

completely damaged.

side the complex.

damaged.

damaged.

The cyclone also caused

According to unconfirmed

the following day by pirates.

Headquarter sources.

BNS Fongly renamed Shah

According to a reliable

ral address in the Parliament continued in the House on the day. In all eighteen MPs from both the benches took part in

Differences arose between members of Awami League and Bangladesh Nationalist Party over the interpretation of the language of the November 19 ioint declaration of three alliances which called for transfer of power to a sovereign parliament.

Following the address of AL member Kazi Abdur Rashid who said the joint declaration stood for a parliamentary form of government, BNP member

7 Navy ships damaged

. According to Naval Head-

quarter sources, members of

the Navy missing during the

cyclone however returned or

were rescued subsequently.

but the wives of two sailors

staying out of the Naval bar-

According to the sources all

the naval officers and satlors

numbering about 3000 were in

their ships during the cyclone

as per standing orders of the

no alternative arrangement for

berthing the Navy ships other

than the Chittagong Port dur-

ing the cyclone. The standing

instructions also asked the

naval ships to take shelter in

further said that there was

great danger signal No. Ten for

the marine port as well as sig-

nal No. Four for river ports

throughout the coastal belt.

Both the signals were the

highest for any sort of natural

calamity and there was no such

where the naval ships could

sources said that the great

danger signal warning came at

11.40 am on April 29 and

there was no time to shift the

ships to any safe river port of

the country, like Narayanganj

firmed source the total loss in-

curred by the Bangladesh Navy

will not be less than Taka 565

crore. But naval sources said

'Madhumita' was traced on

Tuesday four miles down-

stream from Aricha Ghat while

three launches were badly

damaged and one panton re-

about Taka 50 lakh, the

an IWTA ferry loaded with 18

trucks and one microbus was

grounded in a char in the Ja-

muna. But it was floated again

20 fishermen were feared

drowned while several vessels

still remained untraced in the

Gedu Sarkar (60) of Manikgan

sadar and Halima (25) and her

one-year-old child Shah Alam

of Shibalaya upazila died in

house collapse while lightning

killed Nani Biswas (45) and his

son Nanda Dulal Biswas (7) of

UNB further said, the oil-

UNB reports: Three people

tanker, Mv Tapash, feared

were killed and over hundred

others injured in the

nor'wester that lashed three

upazilas of Brahmanbaria dis-

trict Monday night. Two per-

sons were also reported miss-

Saratl, Kasba and Sadar.

The affected upazilas are

In Sarail upazila, Md Ali

(16) was killed when his house

collapsed at village Durgapur.

Two members of the same

family. Kowser Mia (30) and

Abu Taher (39) were killed

when they came in touch with

a loose electric wire dipped

into a pool of water. Abu Taher

a havilder, died when he went

to rescue his nephew Kowser,

an Ansar, from the pool.

sunk, could not be traced.

the same upazila.

Ayub Ali of Ghior upazila.

UNB quoted officials saying

BIWTA incurred a loss of

According to the sources,

mained untraced.

sources said.

on Tuesday.

According to an uncon-

The Naval Headquarter

have taken refuge.

or Pagla.

Naval Headquarter sources

It was said that there was

Naval Headquarters.

the port area.

The sources said a huge river port in this coastal area

Nor'wester

racks died in the tidal surge.

and State Minister for Food Barrister Nazmul Huda said the declaration was misinterpreted.

Speaker Abdur Rahman Biswas asked AL members to submit the document to him. On the basis of a demand made by BNP member Khandakar Abdul Malek the Speaker said copies of the document will be circulated to all members of the parliament.

Jativa Party members who took part in the discussion called for holding presidential election and allowing former President HM Ershad to participate in it.

that the figure was highly ex-

aggerated and that there was

no scope of placing the loss at

more than Taka 20 to 25

by the Naval Headquarters, the

source said that since the in-

ception of Navy it was allo-

cated only Taka 917 crore for

all expenditure of which only

Taka 225 crore has so far been

spent for procuring its ships

to remain anonymous told The

Daily Star that most of the

ships and weapons for the

naval forces were given either

as gifts or as grant by foreign

source said that the Navy was

fully prepared to begin relief

activities the following day as

there was a standing order

that the naval forces should go

to the affected areas within six

hours of the ending of the cy-

Ahmed Mostafa declined

say anything on the plea that

he was not authorised to speak

to the press. He said that any-

thing regarding the naval force

should go through the Inter

Services Public Relations De-

law enforcing agencies.

of the River Karnafuly.

funds to build a harbour exclu-

allocated funds and the re-

quired land of only 200 acres

the other three naval bases

were not affected and the

ships and installations of those

Dry Dock, one floating crane

and a tug of the port, one ship

of the cement clinker, one of

the grain silo, one privately

owned ship named Forten

Pentax, MV Ludving Coaster

and 5 other private ships sunk

in the river during the cyclone.

chorage of the port was how-

ever damaged or sunk during

Six years jail

for Winnie

Mandela

JOHANNESBURG, May 14:

A judge Tuesday sentenced

Winnie Mandela to six years in

jail for kidnapping and being

an accessory to assault in the

1988 abduction of four young

men, she showed no remorse,

Justice Stegmann sen-

tenced Mrs. Mandela, wife of

African National Congress

leader Nelson Mandela, to five

years in jail for the four counts

of kidnapping and one year in

jail for being an accessory, the

sentences are to run consecu-

the cyclone.

reports AP.

tively.

No ship at the outer an-

to construct the harbour.

three bases stayed intact.

But the authorities have not

However during the cyclone

Two floating barges of the

When contacted the Naval

The Naval Headquarter

But the source who wanted

and weapons.

countries.

partment.

Justifying the claim made

The members who took part in the discussion were : Awami League's Begum Sajeda Chowdhury, Begum Matia Chowdhury, KM Jahangir, Kazi Abdur Rashid, Promod Mankhin and Abul Kalam Azad: BNP's Fazlur Rahman Patal, Amanullah Shahidul Haque Zamal, Begum

Shamsunnahar Khwaja Ahsanullah, Zainul Abedin Faruque, Aminul Haque, Strajul Haque and Akbar Ali; Jamaat's Shah Md Ruhul Kuddus; Jatiya Party's Maksud Ibne Aziz and Abdul Majid and independent member Nurul Islam Mont.

42 killed, 400 hurt in train crash in Japan

TOKYO, May 14: Train packed with tourists collided head-on with another passenger train in western Japan Tuesday, killing at least 42 people and injuring more than 400, reports AP.

Rescuers used cranes. power saws, blow torches and ropes to extricate survivors from the mangled wreckage. Most of the passengers were tourists going to a world pot tery festival

Further probe

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Chittagong on the night between April 29 and 30, 1991. reports BSS. Further enquiry would be

held by a commission of enquiry, under the Commission of Enquiry Act, an official source said. It would consist of two sit-

ting judges of the Supreme Chief Rear Admiral Amir Court, Justice Latifur Rahman of the Appellate Division, and Justice Natmuddin Ahmed of the High Court Division. A senior Joint Secretary of the ministry of Defence will act as the Secretary of the commis-

The court of enquiry which

was constituted on May 6 with According to a reliable source the ISPR which works Major General Nurul Hug as its under the Defence Ministry chairman submitted its report has not got any clearance as in the evening of May 13, but yet from the Ministry to disthe report was found incomplete as the said court of enclose anything to the press. quiry could not examine the When this correspondent tried to visit the naval base in Navy chief and the Air Force Chittagong after the cyclone to chief as they are higher in cover the devastation he was rank and status, it was officially prevented from entering the learnt.

base area by members of the Both the reports would be considered to see whether ad-Since 1985 the Navy has equate measures had been been demanding allocation of taken before the cyclone and. if not, who were responsible. . sively for it on the other side

Role of troops

From Page 1 Col. 8 equally good in this task also.

Begum Zia referred to the devastation of severe cyclone of April 29 and said the Armed Forces were working in the affected areas along with local administration, public representatives and others to bring succour to the people. She highly appreciated the

performance of the members of the Armed Forces in upholding the image and prestige of the nation abroad and their dedication to the service of people at home at the time of distress. State Minister for Cicil

Aviation and Tourism MA Mannan, Foreign Secretary Abul Ahsan, Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Mohammad Noor Uddin Khan and sentor civil and military officials were present on the occasion. Lt Gen M Noor Uddin

Khan, while addressing the contingent said it had discharged its duties effectively and thus enhanced the country's prestige and dignity.

He expressed his gratitude to the Almighty Allah for giving Bangladesh contingent the strength to perform its duties properly in defending the holy The chief of Army Staff

received the contingent at the gangway amid welcoming tune of the army bands. The remaining members of

Bangladesh contingent will return home in one week in different batches.

The Midnight File

China-India to reopen consulate

BELJING, May 14: China and India, in a sign of improvin ties, are expected to reopen consulates closed for 30 years and resume border trade, the Indian embassy said. Their foreign ministries will finalise details on opening consulates in Shangahi and Bombay but no timetable has been set. reports Reuter.

Shekhar rules out Indo-Pak war

RAICHUR (KARNATKA). May 14: The Prime Minister Chandra Shekhar, today ruled out even "distant possibility" of a war with Pakistan but warned that any attempt to cross the Indian borders would be firmly dealt with by the security forces. In a brief chat with reporters here, Chandra Shekhar said Pakistan should not indulge in any activities in Kashmir which would create tensions between the two countries. reports PTI.

Pak Opposition stages walkout

ISLAMABAD, May 14: Opposition People's Democratic Alliance (PDA) deputies staged a walkout today from the National Assembly as it debated a controversial official bill to enforce Islamic law, or Sharia, in Pakistan. The PDA is opposing the bill along with the fundamentalist Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI), on different grounds, reports AFP.

Devastation enormous

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Army Chief Lt Gen Noor Uddin Khan and US Ambassador in Dhaka William B Milam also accompanied the Task Force commander during

the visit. US president George Bush Saturday dispatched an amphibious task force drawn from all services with thousands of Marines and dozens of helicopters to help the country with disaster relief efforts.

Stackpole General appreciated the people's resilience after the cataclysmic cyclone and "gallant efforts" of the Bangladesh Armed forces in aid of the distressed millions.

"What the people need is food, drinking water and medicine ... our concentration of operation will be primarily in the isolated areas", he told newsmen giving an account of his experience after the visit earlier on the day.

The Joint Task Force would operate from Chittagong where its base and communication facilities were being installed. the US General said. The advance team was

followed Monday by a C-5 cargo airplane which carried five Blackhawk helicopters with crew, air traffic control teams, construction brigade and environmental preventive medicine units.

It will be joined by the

US Task Force

From Page 1 Col. 8 not possible for the government alone to shoulder the massive task.

He said the Task Force will help reconstruct damaged infrastructures, relief operations and construct shelters "according to our requirement." The Task Force is known as 'Seabees'.

Earlier, in the morning sitting, Workers Party member Rashed Khan Menon served a call attention notice seeking clarifications from the government regarding the arrival of the 'US Marines' The State Minister said the

entire world had responded to the appeal of Begum Zia for help. Other countries which have already extended assistance include Saudi Arabia, India. Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Japan, China, France, the United Nations and different international agencies.

He said Pakistan and India had already given two and six helicopters respectively for relief work. Japan, China and a few other countries have also offered to send helicopters. The government has permitted the US Task Force to come to help relief and rehabilitation activities. The worldwide response to the Prime Minister's appeal for help reflects their sympathy for the people of Bangladesh and confidence in the elected government, he

Force and additional helicopters on board USS Tarawa, scheduled to reach Chittagong today (Wednesday). USS Tarawa, an amphibious

assault carrier, was en route to its home base at Camp Pendleton, California via Philippines from the Gulf. nariter report adds: The Task force will undertake

relief and rehabilitation work in the cyclone battered coastal areas in cooperation with Bangladesh Army and nongovernment organisations (NGOs)

This was conveyed to Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed by Major General Stackpole who called on the former at President's Secretariat Tuesday morning.

General Stackpole arrived here Sunday leading the 29member advance team of a Joint Task Force to undertake relief and rehabilitation work in the country's coastline and offshore islands battered by the century's worst cyclone on April 29. He explained to the Acting

President the purpose and method of operation of their and rehabilitation mission.

Ershad's prayer

From Page 1 Col. 8 Court Division itself.

The court comprises Justice Abdul Bari Sarker and Justice Kazi Ebadul Haque.

Tribunal adjourned

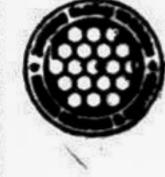
The Special Tribunal on Tuesday adjourned until May 16 the hearing of the arms case against former President Ershad in view of a petition filed by a defence lawyer in the High Court for transferring the case to any other court.

The counsel Kazi Shahadat Hossain prayed the adjournment for one day of the trial because a petition is pending in the High Court to determine if the case may be transferred to any other court.

The Attorney General Aminul Hug objected the contention of defence lawyer on the ground that he could not move for such transfer at this stage. The counsels -Prosecution and Defence were to begin arguments on Tuesday.

The Senior Judge Mohammad Habibullah said since the High Court had not stayed hearing of the argument before tribunal and the decision is also expected in a couple of days "it is wiser to wait for it".

Former President Ershad is accused of illegal possession of eight arms and 375 ammunition. The examination of 19 witnesses closed on May 7 and now the lawyers for both side were to begin the arguments - a stage before the announcement of the court verdict.



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