

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Helping cyclone victims — the British way

by Nancy Wong

When it comes to finding new ways of raising money for our cyclone victims, one must give full marks to the members of the British community in Bangladesh.

This Friday, there will be a walkathon, organised by the Hash House Harrier, with male and female runners taking part, when every mile covered by a participant will be paid for by a sponsor. Funds thus collected will be used for buying relief goods for the people in our coastal belts.

If one is looking for a more original idea, take this one as an example.

In another competition, weight watchers are collecting funds by going through slimming exercises, with sponsors paying for every unwanted pound lost by weight watchers.

The two ventures should produce substantial funds — and quite a bit of fun.



Some members of the British community here who have been involved in helping the cyclone victims. Shirley Imray is second from left on the front row.

Other fund-raising moves, less interesting but equally productive, have been undertaken by various British clubs and business houses in Dhaka.

For instance, while the staff of Mott McDonald, a British company, has raised substantial funds, the British Airways, Grindleys Bank, the American Club, the Sonargaon Hotel and several individuals recently helped in organising a charity lunch at the house of a well-known British art teacher, Mrs Michaelson. Thanks to food and prizes for raffles donated by sponsors and a lively show staged by local magicians, Ulfat Kabir and Rukshana, the move, a great success, helped in raising nearly a lakh taka for our cyclone victims.

During a morning coffee session with several British ladies here earlier this week at the residence of the British High Commissioner, this writer was pleased to know how our friends here from the United Kingdom have responded to our call for help. In doing so, they have benefited from the guidance and leadership of Ms Shirley Imray, the wife of the High Commissioner, who has worked tirelessly in organising the group and then setting the process for raising funds in motion.

"A friend in need is a friend indeed", our British friends have shown what this adage means in practice and how rich Bangladesh is in the multitude of friends who have come forward to pull this country out of the deep mire caused by the onslaught of the ferocious cyclone which was followed by violent tornadoes in different parts of the country.

During the meeting, Mrs Imray, pointed out

to me how quickly the group moved into action, knowing full well that in the situation that existed in the devastated areas, speed made all the difference between life and death for the victims. So, immediate relief was needed and the "instant response, straight from the heart", as Mrs Imray put it, that came from members of her community and local friends was most gratifying. This response was eventually translated into a beehive of intense activities and projects.

For a start, several collection points were set up where women placed mountains of cooking utensils, medicines, containers and food such as rice, cheera, gur and dal; all of which finally landed in Fiona Dube's house, which looked for a short while like a godown of relief goods. These were promptly despatched to the affected areas.

While food and medicines were of paramount

importance, and despatched in huge quantities, clothing (especially for children) was not forgotten either.

Yvonne Hartley leads a group which sews children's dresses and quilts throughout the year for the annual Christmas Bazaar. With the expert help of Stella McCall (who demonstrated how to cut a dress in two minutes) and other working women who gave up their holidays, they made up thousands of children's dresses and quilts. These were again promptly taken away in lorries to Chittagong and Cox's Bazar and then by ship to Hatia and Sandwip Islands. This tireless effort still goes on.

Even the children got involved. The little daughter of Bickhams, now a student at the American School, has received some contributions from her friends in England, while boy scouts, Bangladeshis and British, are doing their best too in raising funds.

When it comes to the campaign in England, one gives credit to the Lord Mayor of Sheffield who has set up a fund and hopes to raise one lakh British pounds — an enormous amount in our currency — for the cyclone victims.

All these dedicated British women we met during the coffee session have lived in other developing countries, before coming here, but none has seen a natural disaster of this dimension. As someone in the group said, "However hard you try, you cannot cover every single option when a natural disaster strikes but you can minimise the effects." And this is precisely what the members of the British community have been doing here, under the leadership of Mrs Imray.

## Howlader's bail petition rejected

An ad-interim bail petition of former Minister Ruhul Amin Howlader was rejected on Sunday by a Division Bench of the High Court division, reports BSS.

The court comprises Justice Anwarul Haque Chowdhury and Justice Habibur Rahman Khan.

The court also issued rule upon the government to show

cause within two weeks. The hearing was fixed for June 11.

Former Vice President Moudud Ahmed moved the petition. Alhaj M Shamsul Alam, Deputy Attorney General, appeared for the state.

## ML lauds Task Force service

Alhaj Kazil Abdul Kader, President and Alhaj Mohammad Jamir Ali, Secretary General of Bangladesh Muslim League on Sunday lauded the service rendered by the American Task Force in the cyclone-affected areas of Bangladesh.

## BUET Officers Assoc executives

By Staff Correspondent

Md Jahirul Islam and Ajaffar Ali were elected President and General Secretary of Bangladesh Engineering University Officers' Association.

The other members of the Executive Committee are: Fazlul Haq Bhuiyan, Md Rafiqul Islam, Md Moïnuddin Chowdhury, Md Abdul Karim, Sheikh Shahjahan Ali, Sadrul Imam and Nurunnabi.

## Monday

- 5.00 Opening, Al-Quran, Programme Summary
- 5.15 Geeta
- 5.20 News in Bengali
- 5.30 Cartoon: Cluth Cargo
- 5.55 Sports Programme
- 6.30 Shikhhangan: Education Programme
- 7.05 TV debate
- 8.00 News in Bengali
- 8.30 Probaho
- 9.00 Special Programme on Buddha Purnima
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Programme on relief operations
- 10.40 Film: Man from U.N.C.L.E.
- 11.30 Khabar: The News
- 11.45 Close Down

## Shahabuddin presents two buses to DU students

Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed Sunday presented two 52-seater buses to the students of Dhaka University, reports UNB.

The Acting President handed over the keys of the buses to the Vice Chancellor of the University Prof Maniruzzaman Mia at a simple ceremony at the President's Secretariat.

Education Secretary ANM Eusuf, Dhaka University Central Students Union (DUCSU) Vice President Amanullah Aman MP, General Secretary Khairul Kabir Khokan and other DUCSU office bearers were present.

The DUCSU leaders thanked the Acting President for providing the buses and said these vehicles would help ease transportation problem of the students.

Justice Shahabuddin advised the students to engage themselves fully in academic pursuits. The responsibility of maintaining the sanctity of the campus rested primarily with the students, he said.

The Acting President assured the student that the government would take all possible steps to solve their problems.

## PROGRAMME

### Discussion on Shilpachariya

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on the occasion of 15th death anniversary of Shilpachariya Joinal Abedin will hold a discussion on 'Joinal Abedin and his art' tomorrow (Tuesday) at the conference room of the academy, a press release said.

Prof. Kabir Chowdhury will preside over the meeting while Kalim Sharaif, Qiyum Chowdhury, Hashem Khan, Dr Borhanuddin Khan Jahangir and Prof. Nazrul Islam will take part in the discussion.

### Seminar on Ahsan Manzil

A seminar on "Ahsan Manzil and Dhakar Nabab" will be held at the Centre for Higher Human Studies and Research of Dhaka University on May 29 at 4-30 pm. A university press release said here Saturday.

### Rotary meet

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka will be held today (Tuesday) at 5 pm for 5.25 pm at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, says a press release.

## ADB official meets BUET V-C

Prof. G. Ram Raddy, Team leader of Asian Development Bank (ADB) called on Prof. M Shahjahan, Vice-Chancellor, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) Saturday, reports UNB.

Prof. Raddy who is also Vice-President, Commonwealth of Learning, Canada is leading a seven member Advisory Team of the Bank, said a BUET press release.

During the meeting, they discussed different aspects of Disaster Management Programme and ways and means to enhance the skills of Diploma Engineers and School level Science teachers through training.

# Tornado-hit families to get loans

State Minister for Education Principal Yunus Khan said here Sunday that one bundle of CI sheets and Taka 500 would be given to each affected family hit by May 18 tornado in Gournadi, Agarjhalia and Muladi upazilas of Barisal district.

The minister who returned to the capital Saturday after staying in the tornado-hit areas for six days told BSS at his secretariat chamber Sunday morning that those who had lost their thatched houses would be given Taka 500 each for raising their houses.

Besides, the middle-class and lower-middle class families would be given house building loans for reconstructing their houses destroyed by the tornado.

Yunus said, the devastating tornado destroyed 20,000 dwelling houses totally and 30,000 houses partially. The tornado also took away lives of 18 persons and more than 100 cattlehead.

The State Minister for Education said, all the educational institutions within 125 square kilometres over which the tornado crossed were totally destroyed. More than 5000 tonnes of wheat would be required under test relief to reconstruct the damaged educational institutions, he added.

The Minister said, "I have never seen such a colossal devastation. The tornado which lasted three to four minutes at a speed of 250 kmh-25 higher than the April 29 cyclone, destroyed the whole area rendering more than 1.20 lakh people homeless. Coming soon after the April 29 devastating cyclone, the Barisal tornado

could not find adequate coverage in the press and other media, he said.

Principal Yunus said four unions of Gournadi, four unions of Agarjhalia and one union of Muladi were affected by the tornado. Of them he said, the worst-hit upazila is Gournadi where the Upazila office building, Gournadi college, girls high school and other important installations were totally destroyed. Important documents of the Upazila office and other public offices were also destroyed.

Yunus said, Prime Minister Khaleeda Zia, who visited the areas the following day of the disaster, sanctioned Taka 10 lakh as preliminary allocation. Of the money, Taka five lakh was given for reconstruction of the upazila bhaban and Taka five lakh for distribution as G. R. among the affected people.

He said, the tornado had destroyed the entire electricity and telephone networks in the areas.

However, the concerned authorities, through round-the-clock service have partially restored the electricity and telephone services in the affected upazilas.

During his stay in the affected areas, Rashed Khan Menon, MP, Abul Hasanat Abdullah, MP, Mosharraf Hossain Manju, MP and Selina Rahman, MP, were also with the Minister.

## AL call to cancel mayors' appointment

The City Awami League on Sunday demanded of the Acting President to cancel the appointments of the four nominated Mayors and arrange direct elections to the offices of Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Ward Commissioners, reports BSS.

The City Awami League, in a press conference at the National Press Club, cautioned that the party would organize greater movement of seven million city dwellers if its 'just demand' was not fulfilled immediately.

City AL President Mozaffar Hossain Paltu and Office Secretary Qamrul Islam addressed the press conference.

Mr Mozaffar Hossain Paltu said the past government had introduced the nomination system in their respective party interests resulting in the plundering of the autonomous bodies.

## Removal of Islamic Varsity VC demanded

Teachers of Islamic University at Kushtia Saturday demanded immediate removal of the Vice Chancellor and probe into the alleged irregularities against him, reports UNB.

Normal functions and reputation of the university have been adversely affected due to the "inefficiency, ill-motive and vested interest of the present VC Prof Serajul Islam," Islamic University Teachers' Association (IUTA) President Dr Muhammad Muniruzzaman (Hayat Mamud) alleged in a press conference in Dhaka in the afternoon.

Accusing the Vice Chancellor of illegally terminating the IUTA President and the Associate Professor of English Department Mustafizur Rahman, the association president said the university has been turned into "a den of mismanagement and autocracy."

Mustafizur Rahman is the General Secretary of IUTA.

The teachers also alleged that the termination paper issued against their leaders referred to a meeting of the Syndicate which in fact, they said, did not include any subject concerning their termination on the agenda.

## CU Masters Final exam from July 18

CHITTAGONG, May 26 : The Final Examination of Masters degree of 1988 under Chittagong University postponed earlier will now commence on July 18, University sources said on Sunday, reports BSS.

## Defamation case filed against Purbanchal

A leading ball-pen industry of the country has filed a defamation case with the Press Council against the daily Purbanchal of Khulna, reports UNB.

The GQ Ball Pen Industries Limited filed the case alleging that the daily published a news item on January 8, 1991 which was fabricated and objectionable, a press release of the Bangladesh Press Council said Sunday.

### HOUSE TO-LET

INDEPENDENT HOUSE WITH 3 BED ATTACHED BATHS, GUEST ROOM, WIDE DINING, HUGE DRAWING, LOBBY, KITCHEN, SERVANT QUARTER & BATH, GARAGE, TELEPHONE WITH A BIG LAWN ON 10 KATHA LAND IN LALMATIA FOR RENT. ONLY FOREIGNERS/FOREIGN ORGANISATIONS ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT OVER TELEPHONE NO. 31 66 85 (RES). D-42

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### CHARITY CONCERT TODAY FOR CYCLONE VICTIMS

ENJOY SUPERB MUSIC AND HELP US RAISE FUNDS

VENUE : SHISHU ACADEMY  
DATE : 27TH, MAY 1991  
BANDS : RENAISSANCE K-OZ THE LITTLE RIVER BAND  
TIME : 5:00 PM.  
GATES OPEN AT : 4:30 PM.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT : VIDEO CONNECTION, RAINAK VIDEO, ROSE VALLEY VIDEO, FILM FAIR VIDEO, OE VIDEO, RAINBOW RECORDING CENTER, KINTUKI.

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

**ACROSS**

- 1 Seed container
- 4 Subsequent to
- 9 Burrows or
- 12 Harem room
- 13 Alex Haley opus
- 14 Merry
- 15 Footlike part
- 16 Region
- 17 Ballot
- 18 Leases
- 20 Three-toed sloth
- 21 Danson ID
- 23 Carpenter's tool
- 24 Lone Ranger's horse
- 28 Decay
- 30 Secondary planet
- 32 Word of sorrow

**DOWN**

- 1 Burst
- 2 Poem
- 3 Sprint
- 4 Macaws
- 5 Gives prior notice
- 6 Pedal digits
- 7 Greek letter
- 8 He was Eliot Ness' jinx.
- 9 Time gone by
- 10 Flying mammal
- 11 Hurricane center
- 17 Pretentious rural residence
- 19 Exists
- 20 Be ill
- 21 Pamphlet
- 22 Grief: poetic
- 24 Accustomed to sit much
- 25 Climbing plant
- 26 Small heating vessels
- 27 Raises
- 29 Domesticated
- 31 Bushy clump
- 33 Don Adams TV role
- 37 Devoured
- 38 Harvester
- 42 Agave plant
- 45 Narrow, flat board
- 46 French resort
- 47 Cut
- 48 Solemn wonder
- 49 Conducted
- 50 The urial
- 52 Female deer
- 53 Everyone
- 55 Bone

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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AN COT FLEE  
TIP TAN PEA  
OD SIP BEETLE  
PESO ELAN EAT  
SAID RIND DYE

## Weather

# Nor'wester likely

By Staff Correspondent

Met office has forecast Kalbaishakhi (nor'wester) with gusty and squally winds at some places over Dhaka and Chittagong division and a few places over Khulna and Rajshahi division during the next 36 hours.

Less rainfall was recorded in the country on Sunday in comparison with previous day — Saturday.

Rainfall was recorded on Sunday in Dhaka — one millimetre, Feni-54 mm, Sylhet-10 mm, Srimangal-2 mm, Majldi Court-11mm, Comilla-2 mm, Chandpur-36 mm, Mymensing-15 mm, Rajshahi-33 mm, Bogra-3 mm, Faridpur-27 mm, and Ishurdi-21 mm.

Satkhira recorded the highest temperature at 35.4 degree Celsius in the country for the second consecutive day on Sunday.

Outlook for subsequent two days : Little change. Extended outlook for another five days : No marked change.

The Sun sets today at 6.40 pm and the Sun rises tomorrow (Tuesday) at 5.12 am.

Temperature and humidity recorded in important cities and towns on Sunday were :

Cities/Towns	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity (%)	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	29.6	27.6	88	83
Chittagong	33.6	26.2	74	77
Khulna	34.7	23.4	98	78
Rajshahi	31.0	22.5	-	82
Bogra	29.6	25.4	96	86
Srimangal	31.1	26.2	89	82
Barisal	32.6	27.4	81	78
Satkhira	35.4	28.2	82	74
Ishurdi	31.0	21.4	100	82

Maximum temperature recorded in major regional cities on Sunday were:

Beijing 23 degree Celsius Bangkok 33 degree Celsius  
Hong Kong 32 degree Celsius New Delhi 37 degree Celsius

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