

EEC monitors cyclone damage

Ambassador Jacques Bailly, Head of the Delegation of the European Commission in Dhaka, visited recently some of the cyclone affected areas of Chittagong and Cox's Bazar districts: Sandwip, Mohakhali, Kutubdia, Chokoria and Sitakund.

Major (Retd) AM Quoroshi, Secretary General of the Bangladesh Red Cross/Red Crescent Societies and Lt Col Ataul Haq of the Supreme Command Headquarters accompanied the Ambassador during the visit to the offshore islands, says a Press release.

The purpose of the visit was two fold: get a first hand knowledge of the extent of the damages and of the general situation one month after the cyclone, spotcheck the progress of the relief operation carried out by the Red Cross/Red Crescent, CON-CERN, MSF, Gonoshasthya Kendro and Proshika Manobik Unnayan Kendro financed through the assistance of the European Community.

This field visit was very efficiently organized by the government, civilian and army authorities, with the assistance of the Joint Task Force which provided helicopter transport. The Ambassador called on the Zonal Coordinator Mr Mokammel Haq, who briefed him on the progress of the whole relief operation. At the invitation of the Coordinator, the Ambassador attended on May 28 a regular meeting of the GOB-NGO Coordinating Body, where a number of issues related to the on going relief activities were extensively discussed. The hard work and commitment of the Zonal coordinating team and of the NGOs were commended by the Ambassador, who also conveyed the sadness and sympathy of the people of Europe to the tragically affected population.

The Government has so far sanctioned 40,550 bundles of CI sheet, Taka 9.10 crore as house building grant. Taka 75.50 lakh for transportation and other cost and 4,600 metric tons of wheat for test relief programme to rehabilitate the cyclone and tidal surge victims of the coastal region, according to an official handout in Dhaka Monday, reports BSS.

The Ministry of Relief has already distributed 32,400 bundles of CI sheet among the cyclone victims of the coastal districts.

Jt Task Force

A US-Bangladesh Joint Task Force team has been assisting the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society in airlifting its relief goods to Chittagong since May 19.

The goods, mostly obtained from various Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies abroad, are being flown from Zia

More relief for survivors

International Airport to Chittagong by US C-130 transport aircraft and from Chittagong to various cyclone affected areas by US Black Hawk helicopters.

The German Ambassador in Bangladesh Dr Karl Heinz Scholtyssek along with BDRCS Chairman Major General (Retd) AFM Abdul Haque, BDRCS Secretary General, chief delegate of LICross in Dhaka and representatives of the Task Force team Monday visited Zia International Airport to see relief goods readied for despatch to Chittagong.

Japan

The Government of Japan will despatch another consignment of relief materials for

cyclone victims. The consignment weighing 39,500 kgs is scheduled to arrive in Dhaka today (Thursday). Most of the articles will be handed over to the Government and the rest will be distributed through NGOs such as OISCA and World Vision of Bangladesh.

Iran Embassy

Iranian Ambassador to Bangladesh Mohammad Ganjidoost, handed over a cheque of Tk 100,000 to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her Sughanda Secretariat for the cyclone victims.

The cultural section of the Iranian Embassy donated the amount curtailing the expenses for the observance of

second death anniversary of Imam Khomeini which will be held today (Tuesday).

Army

Relief activity of the Bangladesh Army is going among the cyclone and flood affected people.

Army personnel are carrying on their relief operations at the cyclone-hit coastal areas and off-shore islands and as well as flood affected areas of greater Sylhet in co-ordination with the local administration and other organisations.

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The member of Bangladesh Rifles are continuing relief, rehabilitation and medicare operations in the tornado and

cyclone hit areas of Cox's Bazar district.

Three sections of BDR personnel have been deployed in the tornado and cyclone affected areas of Teknaf and Cox's Bazar sadar upazilas while one BDR medical team is operating in the Chapalbandi union of Cox's Bazar sadar upazila.

JU employees

The employees of Jahangirnagar University have donated their one-day salary to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for the cyclone victims.

Moulvibazar Samity

The Dhaka based Moulvibazar Zila Samity has sent a five-member relief team to Moulvibazar with relief ma-



Al-Haj Jahurul Islam, Chairman IFIC Bank Ltd handing over three cheques for Tk. 30 lakh on behalf of IFIC Bank, Tk. 50,000 donated by Bangladesh-Oman Exchange Co. (Jt. Venture of IFIC Bank Ltd in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman) and 4,000 US Dollar donated by Atiqur Rahman Siddique, a valued client of IFIC Bank, Karachi branch, Pakistan to the Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia for cyclone victims. M. Fazlur Rahman, Managing Director was also present.

Peace in JU

By Staff Correspondent
A joint meeting of the Syndicate members, Deans, Provests and Chairmen of Departments of Jahangirnagar University maintained that a peaceful academic atmosphere was prevailing on the campus. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Kazi Saleh Ahmed presided over the meeting. The meeting urged all concerned to help keeping congenial atmosphere in the university.



Commodore Mohammad Ataur Rahman (Retd), Chairman of Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd recently handing over a cheque for Tk. 5 lakh to Begum Khaleda Zia for the Prime Minister's Relief Fund. Mohammad Younus, Director of the Bank accompanied the Chairman.



Scimitar Exploration Limited donated Taka 15 lakh to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund. Angus A. Mackenzie, Chairman of Scimitar accompanied by Muslim Lakhani, Head of the Project in Bangladesh called on H. E. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia recently to hand over a cheque and expressed their deep sympathy and sorrow at the loss of life and the colossal damage by cyclone.



Social Marketing Company (SMC) donated 25,000 sachets of ORS to the Rotarians for distribution to the affected people. Picture shows A. K. M. Shamsuddin, Executive Director of SMC handing over the products worth over Tk. 70,000.00 to Mustafa Zaman Abbasi, District Governor of Rotary International District 328, Bangladesh.

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CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

Tender Notice No: 147 of Executive Engineer, RHD, Chittagong Road Division, Chittagong during 1990-91.
Name of works: Construction Flexible pavement at 2nd K.M. (Part) and 3rd K.M. (Part) of Fatheabad-Randashat-Madunaghat Road during 1990-91.
It is hereby notified for information of all concerned that the following correction has been made in the above mentioned Tender Notice:

1. Eligibility of the contractors to participate in the tender will be "A" to "C" Class of General category contractor in lieu of "A" to "D" Class General category contractors.
- This corrigendum will be part and parcel of this tender. All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.
- This corrigendum notice must be submitted along with the tender, otherwise the tender will be summarily rejected.

DFP(G)6479-1/6 (Md. Abdul Khaleque Miah)
G-173 Executive Engineer, RHD,
Chittagong Road Division,
Chittagong.

RHD TENDER NOTICE INVITATION

(2nd Call)

1. Tender Notice No. : 33/SRD/1990-91.
2. Name of work : Tender for Construction of tee wall and earth filling at 38th K.M (Jawabazar Portion) at Sylhet-Sunamganj-Takerghat Road under Sunamganj Road Division during the year 1990-91 (CH. to Dev).
3. Estimated cost : Tk. 1,92,734/=
4. Earnest money : Tk. 3855/= in favour of the undersigned in BD/TC/PSF/5 Years BDSP/BSF from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh.
5. Time allowed : 30 (Thirty) days from the date of issue of work order.
6. Eligibility of contractors : Enlisted "A" to "E" classes contractor of general category of RHD.
7. Name of offices of availability : Office of the undersigned/Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Sylhet/M. Bazar/Comilla.
8. Name of office to receive : Undersigned/ Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Sylhet.
9. Last date of selling of tender : 5.00 P.M. of 11-6-91.
10. Last date of receipt of tender : 12-30 P.M. of 12-6-91.
11. Date & time of opening of bids : 12-45 P.M. of 12-6-91.

(ENGR. MD. ADAM ALI GAZI)
Executive Engineer, RHD,
Sunamganj Road Division.

Ershad's arms case arguments begin

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the voucher adding that no document had also been produced in this connection.

Later he pleaded his ignorance about a suggestion made by the Defence Lawyer that the licence of the weapon was stolen from the Army Museum along with a pistol, which was reported in a section of newspapers.

The Prosecution also questioned Major Tariq about the date on the voucher, issued on November 26, 1987.

After the producing of the arms the Defence again made a plea to produce the register of the Army Museum but the Tribunal Judge rejected the plea saying that it would yield no benefit but only delay the process of justice.

Judge Mohammad Habibullah said that it was the duty of the Defence to prove that there was a license for the gun and that it was submitted to the Army Museum.

After the deposition of the witness the prosecution started the arguments.

Attorney General Aminul Haque in his submission said that the 9 mm bore is equivalent to the .38 bore while the 7.65 mm bore is equivalent to the .32 bore, and that all these bores are very much prohibited under the law and can't be possessed without any licence by the President under Section 197 of the criminal procedure.

He said that weapons of all categories between above .22 bore and .455 bore are intermediary arms and are not exempted by law to be procured without licences.

As such the pistols of 9 mm and 7.65 mm are beyond the exceptional condition as provided by the law and the cases of illegal possession of those arms are subject to punishment.

The Attorney General said that the Arms Act of 1924 was amended through the Arms Act of 1973 and in the Arms Act 1924 it was mentioned that the intermediary bore means the bores between .441 and .455 but that is not applicable in the present context with the amendment of the law through the legislature.

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out any proper document and licence.

Aminul Haque said that Ershad's being a responsible man holding the highest post of a country he should not have done such a thing crossing the limitations drawn up by the law of the land.

Pointing to the different courses of pleas adopted by the Defence, the Attorney General said that once it (Defence) had said the arms were gifts, then that those had been surrendered, later it pleaded that those were exempted by law and finally that every thing came in the ambit of the general amnesty declared by the government for surrendering illegal arms.

Refuting the defence plea that the arms were gifts, the Attorney General said that it had not been proved in the deposition of the witnesses.

It Gen (ret'd) Atiq had only said in his statement as witness that it was thought the weapons were gifts. But the impression of a person is not an evidence.

Moreover according to Toshakhana rule the cabinet should be informed about all gift items and those should be deposited to the Toshakhana, he added.

The gift certificate of the Iraqi Embassy was totally falsified by the evidence procured from the Foreign Ministry.

Aminul Haque said that as the informant of the case Shamsheer Alam had a close association with Ershad. He was declared as 'gained over' and in this case there was precedence that if any witness was thus declared 'gained over' he might be examined by the Defence and the Court and by the Prosecution as well.

He said that the representative of Ershad Mustafizur Rahman affirmed all recovered items from the Sena Bhavan.

The arms deposited by Mustafizur Rahman before the Inventory Committee also fact that the intermediary bore means the bores between .441 and .455 but that is not applicable in the present context with the amendment of the law through the legislature.

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not write was about the surrender of the arms, and as such the plea of clemency by the Defence is not sustainable, he added sarcastically.

The Defence Lawyer Sirajul Haque in his opening of the arguments tried to please the Judge and the Attorney General by his usual witty remarks.

Sirajul Haque said that the case was the rarest one in this subcontinent and of a rare interest, as a President of a country is being tried for possessing illegal arms.

He said that the FIR is the Bible for any case and that the FIR prepared by the DC (North) at the instruction of the Home Secretary did not mention the time of occurrence. But he said that the time, place and manner of occurrence were foremost and vital for delivering judgement.

Sirajul Haque added that the FIR of the case was based on misconception. He said that it was significant that Ershad was residing in the Sena Bhavan from 1982 to December 12, 1990. But there was no mention of time when the charges were framed.

It is important for the matter of fact that the President is immune to trial for any misdeeds during the period of his office as per Article 52 of the Constitution.

He said that he doubted an expressed provision of the Constitution that the President was immune from law during his office.

He further said that the intermediate bore means the bores between .441 and .455 as was mentioned in the Arms Act otherwise the meaning of the mention of intermediary bore in the Act itself meaningless. He said that the Arms Act 1973 should be referred to the Arms Act 1924 for determining the intermediate bore.

Sirajul Haque said that as such all the items recovered as subject matters in the case are exempted by law and can be possessed by a President.

Later when Sirajul Haque was referring to the point that the items were gifts, Judge Mohammad Habibullah intervened and asked whether he did not want to take the advantage of exemption or clemency.

At this stage Sirajul Haque said that the accused did not have to prove everything but to say something. "Because I (Ershad) did not know that I would have to stand in a dock to prove everything, I did not possess".

The matter should be resolved in a way that "I am telling lies as a privileged liar and you have to prove everything that I am telling lies." He continued, "If there is some truth in my submission you can consider that not as a matter of grace but as a matter of right."

Sirajul Haque said that the arms brought by the representative of the accused, as claimed by the Prosecution, were surrendered within the period of general amnesty. He said that the questions of what is production and what is recovery — should be resolved before hanging his client. Because those items were not recovered, they were produced, he added.

He also argued that there was no provision in the rules of the Toshakhana on what should be done if the gift items were not produced at the Toshakhana and what punishment would be given to the defaulters. He said that the prosecution was a lame horse.

At this stage the Judge humorously said "The lame horse ran you a long way."

The tribunal was adjourned to resume today (Tuesday) morning at the request of the accused Ershad who made a plea that he was supposed to see his children at the jail gate at 5 pm.

The Attorney General was assisted by DAG Hasan Arif, DAG Amirul Kabir, APP Farid Ahmed, Bashir Ahmed and Mohammad Azad.

The Defence consisted of Advocate Sirajul Haque, who was assisted by Yousuf Humayun, Mufizur Rahman Mazumdar, Sharif Ahmed, and Mosharrar Hossain. A former Minister of the Ershad regime Barrister Rabiya Bhuiyan was also present on the Defence side.

Barrister Kazi Shahdat Hossain and his junior Rezaul Karim were not found at the Tribunal yesterday.

2,077 ponds, dighis desalinated

CHITTAGONG, June 2: Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation (BADC) dewatered 2,077 ponds and dighis in the tidal surge affected areas of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Noakhali districts till yesterday, an official source said today, reports BSS.

Environment Day to be observed June 5

World Environment Day will be observed in Bangladesh and other parts of the world on June 5. The theme for this year's observance is: "Climate change: Need for global partnership," says a UNIC Press release.

World Environment Day is globally observed in commemoration of the opening of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment on 5 June 1972.

In a message on this occasion Dr Mostafa K Tolba, Executive Director of UNEP said, "we know that the world is committed to an unprecedented warming. We know that global warming and the resulting climate change may well be worse than has so far been predicted."

On World Environment Day, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will announce the latest of "Global 500" awards - through which UNEP will officially recognise and thank 48 outstanding environmental workers and groups from 30 countries by naming them to its roll of honour.

To mark the Day, the United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) in co-operation with the UN Information Centre (UNIC) will organize a symposium on 5 June at 5:00 pm at UNIC auditorium. Dr A M Sharafuddin will speak on the occasion as main speaker while Mr Winston Temple, Resident Representative a.i. of UNDP will attend as the guest speaker. Professor M Innas Ali, President, UNAB will preside over the meeting.

Sales-Purchase Tender & Employment News

WANTED

- 1) International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B), invites applications for the post of Lady Family Planning Visitor (Senior Health Assistant) for MCH-FP Extension Project, Noapara/Abhoyagar, Dist. Jessore. Candidates should apply with complete bio-data, photograph to Personnel Manager (GS), ICDDR,B GPO Box No 128, Dhaka-1000 by 12th June, 1991.
- 2) A reputed Jute Mills invites applications for Store Officer. Apply with full details to GPO Box No 515, Dhaka by 15th June, '91.
- 3) Private international development organization invites applications from Bangladeshi nationals for the position of Programme Officer. Please apply with bio-data, covering letter, writing sample and passport sized photo to GPO Box No 566, Dhaka, ATTN: Administrative Officer before 18th June, 1991.

Tender

- 4) Bangladesh Sugar & Food Industries Corporation, Adamjee Court (5th floor), 115-120, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000 invites sealed international tenders from the bonafide suppliers/manufacturers for supply of 12,000 M Tons (± 5%) C/US Degummed Soyabean Oil (CDSO) in Bulk on C & F (C) Chittagong delivery basis. Tender will be received upto 11.00 am on 29.6.91. Tender documents will be available from the Cash Section of the Corporation at 4th floor, Adamjee Court 115-120, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka and Shipping Office, Bangladesh Sugar & Food Industries Corporation, Arag Chamber, 68, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong. For details please contact the advertiser.
- 5) Superintendent, Institute of Post-Graduate Medicine Research, Dhaka invites applications from bonafide contractors/suppliers/manufacturers for procurement of supplies for the period 1991-92 on or before 30.6.91 for the following groups: A. Medical, Chemicals & Glass-ware
B. Bedding & Clothing c. Surgical articles d. Misc. electrical & hardware items e. Procurement, repair of steel & woodwork furniture. Application forms will be available from the Account Section of this institute.
- 6) Deputy General Manager, Narayan Jute Mills Ltd, Kanchan, Narayanjoni invites sealed quotations from the intending and experienced party / firms for work as C & F Agents for clearing imported goods at Chittagong Port, Chalna Port, Dhaka Airport and Benapole. Tender form may be obtained from the General Manager (A&F), B.J.M.C. Dhaka Zone, Karim Chamber, 99, Motijheel C/A, and the Deputy General Manager (A&F), Narayan Jute Mills Ltd, Kanchan, Narayanjoni upto 17.6.91. Tender will be received at the Dhaka Zonal office, Karim Chamber, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka and the Administration Department of Narayan Jute Mills upto 11.00 am on 18.6.91.
- 7) The General Manager, Karnafull Jute Mills Limited, Rangunia, Chittagong invites sealed quotations on FOB/C&F (C), Chittagong basis for Rubber Apron under cash, IDA, Aid Credit, Loan etc., for 1) Rubber Apron for 4 3/4 AD spinning MC.
- 8) Conical Wheel & Gear Box for Dressing MC & Rolling up Machine. Tenders will be received upto 2.00 pm on 8.7.91 at mill site office and at B.J.M.C. Zonal office, Chittagong. Tender documents will be available from the office of (1) Controller of Accounts, B.J.M.C. Adamjee Court, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka, (2) The General Manager (A&F), B.J.M.C. Zonal office, Sattar Chamber, 99 Agrabad C/A, Chittagong, (3) The General Manager (A&F) B.J.M.C. Zonal office, Hafizuddin Road, Town Khalishpur, Khulna, (4) The Manager (A&E), Karnafull Jute Mills Limited, Rangunia, Chittagong, (5) The Dy. General Manager, Amin Jute Mills Ltd., Sholashahar, Chittagong invites sealed quotation from bonafide Overseas Manufacturers / Suppliers / Local Agents for import of Demag Overhead Crane & various type of Bearing. Tender documents may be obtained from the office of (1) Controller of Accounts & Finance, B.J.M.C. Adamjee Court, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka, (2) General Manager (A&F), B.J.M.C. 99 Agrabad C/A, Chittagong & Mills Accounts Section. Tenders will be to be dropped by 2.30 pm of 29.6.91.
- 9) Director General, Defence Purchase, Ministry of Defence, New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215 invites sealed tenders from bonafide Producers/ Dealers / Suppliers / Indentors for supply of 35 metric tons of Rice Chiniqura/ Kalizira (Atap) for Army. Tender schedule will be available from 6.7.91 and 11.7.91 respectively between 8 am-12 noon.
- 10) Director General, Defence Purchase, Ministry of Defence, New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-15, invites sealed tenders from bonafide Manufacturers/ suppliers / Dealers/ Indentors for supply of the following items: (1) Aerolubricants 59 line items (2) Overhaul of M-18 Helicopter Engine Qty-4 Bn. Tender Schedule will be available upto 6.7.91 and 11.7.91 respectively between 8 am-12 noon.
- 11) Director, Engineering & General Services Unit, Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Ganakbari, Savar, Dhaka, invites sealed Tenders from pre-qualified contractors or enlisted contractors of Govt /Semi-Govt under 'A' category and bonafide workshop/ importers & suppliers for the following groupwise work: 'A' construction of Nuclear Medical Centre, Rangpur (Rangpur Medical College Campus), 'B' construction of Nuclear Medical Centre, menseming (Mymensingh Medical College Campus), 'C' Supply & assembling of 1500 CC Japanese Reconditional Petrol Engine for 2 (two) Microbus (No 5131 & 4984) of Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Savar. Documents may be collected from this office (for group 'A' & 'B') and from the Engineering Department, Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, Dhaka (group 'B') upto 12.6.91 and should be dropped on 13.6.91 upto 2 pm. For details contact the above office.
- 12) Executive Engineer, (RHD), Road Division, Cox's Bazar invites tender from the enlisted contractors of general category of RHD for the following works: Earth work in Road-embankment & repair of existing brick pavement at 4th Km of Chakaria-Moheshkhali upazila connecting Road under Cox's Bazar Road Division during the year 1990-91. Tender may be purchased from the Executive Engineer, (RHD), Cox's Bazar Road Division, Executive Engineer, (RHD), Chittagong Road Division, Executive Engineer (RHD), Planning & Programme Division, Sarak Shaban, Ramna, Dhaka on 9. 6. 91 upto 5.00 pm. Tender will be received by Adtl. Chief Engineer, (RHD), Chittagong Zone, Chittagong/ Superintending Engineer (RHD), Chittagong Road Circle, Ctg/ Superintending Engineer, (RHD), Project Control Circle, Dhaka/ Executive Engineer, (RHD), Road Division, Cox's Bazar on 10. 6. 91 at 12.30 noon.