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500 feared killed, thousands homeless as quake hits UP

LUCKNOW, Oct 20: More than 500 people were feared killed and over 3,000 injured in Uttar Pradesh in a powerful earthquake that rocked vast areas of northern India early today.
 At least 274 died and over 3,000 were injured in house collapses and landslides in Uttar Pradesh district alone, official sources said.
 AFP quoting PTI said: Uttar Pradesh Revenue Minister Brahamdutt Dwivedi told a news conference in the state capital Lucknow that he believed 500

people 'could have perished in such a big earthquake.'
 State-run television said the tremor, which measured 6.1 on the open-ended Richter Scale and rocked the area for 55 seconds had rendered thousands homeless in the state's Uttar Kashi and Chamoli districts which border Tibet.
 The television said at least 1,000 people had been injured in the two districts and that huge landslides had blocked the flow of the Ganges river, sparking threats of flash floods

in the region.
 In New Delhi, Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao called the quake a "national disaster" as the Indian army, air force and paramilitary forces were put on full alert for relief work in Uttar Pradesh.
 "No words can express the grief and sufferings of those who have lost their kith and kin and have suffered damage to their property," Rao said in a statement. "My heart goes out to all the victims of this national disaster."
 "More than 400 villages (in

Uttar Kashi) have been affected by the quake," an Uttar Pradesh government spokesman said by telephone from Lucknow. "It was a very big earthquake."
 Television said almost 90 per cent of the houses in parts of Uttar Kashi had collapsed.
 News reports said the tremor caused a three-hour blackout in the hill state of Himachal Pradesh, and minor damage to houses and buildings in New Delhi and the states of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana and Kashmir.

PTI said damaged houses in Uttar Kashi, a Hindu pilgrimage centre, include those of its district magistrate Sunil Aggarwal.
 News reports added that several bridges and roads in Uttar Pradesh were damaged, and telephone operators here said all communications with Uttar Kashi, nearly 300 kilometers (187 miles) northeast of New Delhi, had broken down.
 The meteorological centre here said the quake struck at 2:53 am (21:23 GMT Saturday)

and put the epicenter some 275 kilometers (170 miles) from the Indian capital.
 In Kashmir, unofficial reports indicated 10 people had been injured and 20 houses damaged.
 In New Delhi and across scores of towns in north India, panicky residents fled into the streets as the quake shook houses and buildings, rattling windows and doors.
 Senior seismologist S. Chatterjee said it was the worst quake to New Delhi in See Page 12 Col. 6

Another cyclone in Nov!

By Asiuzzaman
 A cyclone may hit Bangladesh coastal areas in November, a high official of the Meteorological Department said Sunday.
 "It is now clear that a high-intensity cyclone will form in the Bay and we are observing and analysing the data whether the storm would hit Bangladesh or India," M H Khan Chowdhury, Director, Meteorological Department told The Daily Star.
 He said that factors responsible for the formation of a cyclone are: sea surface temperature at the threshold base, low windshear and existence of sufficient 'Coriolis forces.' There would be fulfilled during that month.
 M H Chowdhury also said that traditionally the November is a crucial month for calamity-prone Bangladesh. He recalled that worst cyclones had ravaged the coastal belt in the month of November. Two lakh people were killed in the See Page 12 Col. 7

Satisfaction at progress of Commonwealth summit expressed

Reports on famine-like situation politically motivated: Khaleda

By Staff Correspondent



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing a news conference at the Dhaka airport immediately after her return from the Commonwealth meet on Sunday. Star photo

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said on Sunday that newspaper reports on a famine-like situation in the northern districts were politically motivated and not relevant to the situation prevailing there.
 She made the remarks at a press conference yesterday at the Zia International Airport VIP lounge on her return from Harare where she attended the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM).
 The Prime Minister cut short her visit, scheduled to end on October 23, the closing date of the CHOGM, by three days to return home.
 Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman is however still in Harare and will return after the joint declaration at the summit is issued.
 Begum Khaleda Zia in her brief 8-minute press conference replied to a lot of questions on national and international issues.
 She hoped that the newspapers would report objectively and refrain from misusing the freedom of the press.
 She said, "It was not correct that a near-famine situation was prevailing in the country's flood hit areas as wrongly reported in a section of newspapers.
 When asked which political quarters were giving wrong and motivated reports, Khaleda Zia said, "That is known to the persons writing all these things."

Information Minister Nazmul Huda, principal Secretary to the head of the government Syed Hasan Ahmed, and Additional Foreign Secretary Faruq Sobhan were also present at the press conference.
 Khaleda Zia expressed her satisfaction at the progress of the CHOGM and her bilateral discussions with different Commonwealth leaders. "Our talks were held in an extremely cordial and friendly atmosphere," she said.
 Replying to a question about her talks with the Indian Prime Minister Narasimha Rao, Begum Zia said that the Indian leader had confirmed a solution to the problems in handing over of the Tinbigha corridor to Bangladesh and said that their talks were very cordial and covered a wide range of bilateral issues.
 She said that they had exchanged invitations and that during the talks it was felt that the existing ties between the two countries would be strengthened with the establishment of democracy in Bangladesh and the installation of a new government in India.
 Begum Zia said that in her discussion with the Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif the entire gamut of bilateral relations was reviewed and that the Pakistani side responded positively about the repatriation of the stranded Pakistanis in Bangladesh.
 Khaleda Zia said that her See Page 12 Col. 1



Brothers Union players and supporters with the Federation Cup which they won yesterday at the Mirpur Stadium beating Mohammedan Sporting 4-2 in the tie-break after a goalless final. Story on Page 12. Star photo

C'wealth Declaration pledges human rights for all

HARARE, Oct 20: Commonwealth leaders today pledged themselves to the pursuit of human rights for all and sustainable economic development based on free market policies, reports BSS.
 In the major declaration of their 28th biennial summit — a statement of principles and intent two years in the drafting — leaders of 50 nations from the developed and developing worlds set out their agenda "for the 1990s and beyond."
 The conference pledged to have resisted efforts by some countries, in particular Canada, to make a firm and explicit link between aid from wealthier countries and the performance of recipient countries on human rights.
 Point six of the 10-point communique made a guarded reference to the issue by referring to "extending the benefits of development within a framework of respect for human rights."
 Many nations in the group have been criticised by world See Page 12 Col. 7

NEWS BRIEFS

Quake hits Japan

TOKYO, Oct 20: A moderate earthquake registering 5.4 on the open-ended Richter Scale shook wide areas of western Japan today, but no damage was reported, the meteorological agency said.

Indemnity ordn

A British Labour MP, Alf Lomas, recently moved a motion in European Parliament in Brussels in favour of repealing the Indemnity Ordinance in Bangladesh. Lomas is a member of European Parliament

BUET teachers, officers to abstain from duty

By Staff Correspondent

Teachers, officers and employees of the BUET Sunday decided to boycott all academic and administrative functions and also government programmes until culprits involved in Saturday's violence were punished and campus security ensured.
 The decision was announced at a joint meeting after police barred their peaceful procession from handing over a memorandum to the Prime Minister protesting the violence by outsider student activists.
 See Page 12 Col. 5

Hasina, EEC team talk political situation

Visiting EEC delegation led by J P Pronk, Minister for Development Cooperation of the Netherlands, met Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina at her parliament office Sunday, reports UNB.
 During the hour-long See Page 12 Col. 3

Govt accused of lying about post-flood situation

By Staff Correspondent

Four left political parties on Sunday accused the government of lying about the post-flood situation in the northern districts and demanded formation See Page 12 Col. 4

NGOs blast development model of WB

By Mostafa Kamal Majumder

The development model promoted by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund came under heavy attack when their annual meeting was held in Bangkok last week.
 An International People's Forum 91 held from 13 to 17 October in Bangkok on the occasion of the annual meeting said in a declaration that increasing emphasis on the model of export-led growth, foreign investment and loan, trade liberalization and privatization does more harm than good.
 The model had destroyed or significantly degraded the diversity and integrity of the local economies, social organizations, and knowledge systems which have sustained the majority of the people in the developing countries, the declaration said.
 Five hundred NGO representatives — 200 from international NGOs and 300 from Thai NGOs participated in the forum. Nine Thai and 19 international case studies were presented by grass-roots level people during the forum. A copy of its declaration has been presented to The Daily Star by Carmen Miranda of the Panos Institute, London.
 The main objective of the forum was to present socially just, economically viable and environmentally benign development alternatives to the present day monolithic concepts of 'development and progress'.
 The forum noted that local people's traditional knowledge, wisdom and cultural practices in sustaining and maintaining their natural resources is now emerging at the forefront of challenges to present day development. Together with a wide array of activists and academics there are developing alternatives that form a reassertion of hope to the humanity in the continuous struggle against the present ideology of 'modernity and progress', the forum observed.
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বিষয়: ভাড়া ব্যবহৃত হয় এইরূপ বাস/মিনিবাস/ট্রাক/ট্যাংকলরী এর মালিকদের ক্ষেত্রে অনুমিত আয়ের ভিত্তিতে আয়কর পরিশোধের সময় সীমা নির্ধারণ/বর্ধিতকরণ প্রসঙ্গে।

ভাড়া ব্যবহৃত হয় এইরূপ বাস/মিনিবাস/ট্রাক/ট্যাংকলরী এর মালিকদের ক্ষেত্রে অনুমিত আয়ের ভিত্তিতে আয়কর পরিশোধের সময় সীমা নির্ধারণ/বর্ধিত করার ব্যাপারে বিভিন্ন মহলের আবেদনের প্রেক্ষিতে জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড নিম্নোক্ত সিদ্ধান্ত প্রদান করিতেছে:

(ক) এস, আর, ও নং ৩৬২/আইন/৯০, তারিখ ১৭-১০-৯০ ইং অনুযায়ী ভাড়া ব্যবহৃত হয় এইরূপ বাস/মিনিবাস/ট্রাক/ট্যাংকলরী এর মালিকদের ক্ষেত্রে অনুমিত আয়ের ভিত্তিতে আয়কর পরিশোধের সময়সীমা ১৯৯১-১৯৯২ কর বৎসরের জন্য ০১-১২-৯১ ইং তারিখ নির্ধারণ করা হইল।

(খ) কর বৎসর ১৯৮৯-৯০ ও ১৯৯০-৯১ এর জন্য উক্ত সময় (যা ০১-১২-৯০ ইং তারিখ উত্তীর্ণ হইয়াছে) শেষ সুযোগ হিসাবে ০১-১২-৯১ ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত বর্ধিত করা হইল।

(গ) কর বৎসর ১৯৮৬-৮৭, ১৯৮৭-৮৮ ও ১৯৮৮-৮৯ এর জন্য উক্ত সময়সীমা (যা ০০-১০-৮৯ ইং তারিখে উত্তীর্ণ হইয়াছে), শেষ সুযোগ হিসাবে ০১-১২-৯১ ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত বর্ধিত করা হইল।

(ঘ) কর বৎসর ১৯৯২-১৯৯৩ ও তৎপরবর্তী কর বৎসরসমূহের জন্য উক্ত সময়সীমা হিসাবে সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ আয় বৎসর সমষ্টির ৯০ দিনের মধ্যে উক্ত অনুমিত আয়কর পরিশোধের তারিখ নির্ধারণ করা হইল।

উল্লেখ্য, উক্ত সময়সীমার মধ্যে সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ সকল করদাতাগণ (ভাড়া ব্যবহৃত হয় এইরূপ বাস/মিনিবাস/ট্রাক/ট্যাংকলরী এর মালিকগণ) কে উল্লেখিত কর বৎসরসমূহের জন্য দেয় অনুমিত আয়কর নির্দিষ্ট ডাকঘরের মাধ্যমে পরিশোধ করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে। তবে উক্ত সময়সীমার মধ্যে অনুমিত কর পরিশোধে ব্যর্থ হইলে সেই ক্ষেত্রে আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৬ এর বিধান মোতাবেক যথাযথ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হইবে।

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