

# More int'l assistance for flood victims

Friendly countries, philanthropic organisations and individuals living abroad continue to extend their helping hand as Bangladesh struggles against the unprecedented flooding, reports BSS.

Yousuf Al-Haji, chairman of a Kuwait-based Islamic charitable organisation, informed the Bangladesh Ambassador in Kuwait of sending one lakh US dollars to its Dhaka office for immediate relief. External Publicity Wing (EPW) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said yesterday. More money will follow. The Bangladesh mission in Kuwait said.

Moazzem Chowdhury, a Bangladeshi national living in Stockholm, Sweden, has remitted 9,000 US dollars to the Prime Minister's Relief and Welfare Fund.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Ambassador in Bangkok was assured by acting Thai Foreign Minister Sukhumthand Paribatra of exploring possibilities to see what could be done for the flood victims of Bangladesh. Thailand, in the meantime, has decided to donate some medicines for the affected people. EPW said.

Alan Chechire of Lincolnshire, United Kingdom, has expressed his desire to send experts, four airboats and divers for transporting medical supplies and relief materials.

A number of multilateral agencies like Asian Development Bank, European Union and United Nations and its affiliated agencies and 23 countries have committed assistance in cash and kind valued at 140 million US dollars.

The countries which have committed assistance include Australia, Bhutan, Canada, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Iceland, India, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Kuwait, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, UAE, UK and USA.



United Commercial Bank Chairman Zafar Ahmed Chowdhury handed over a cheque for Tk 10 lakh to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday for the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

## Over Tk 75 lakh donated to PM's Relief Fund

Different organisations and individuals yesterday donated over Taka 75.54 lakh and 20 lakh US dollars to the Prime Minister's Relief and Welfare Fund for the flood-hit people of the country, reports BSS.

Receiving the donations at her office, the Prime Minister expressed her deep gratitude and sincere thanks to the donors for their noble gesture towards distressed humanity.

Charge d'Affaires of Kuwait Saud Abdul Aziz Al-Mekhlid handed over a cheque for 20 lakh US dollars to the Prime Minister on behalf of his government.

Jafar Ahmed Chowdhury, Chairman, United Commercial Bank Ltd, handed over a cheque for Tk 10 lakh on behalf of UCB. A Rahim Chowdhury, President and Managing Director of Arab Bangladesh Bank Ltd, gave a cheque for Tk 10 lakh on behalf of the AB Bank, while another cheque for Tk 10 lakh was handed over by MA Hashem, Chairman, City Bank Ltd, on behalf of his bank.

Other donations were made by Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry — Tk 10 lakh, Dutch-Bangla Bank Ltd — Tk five lakh, ANZ Grindlays Bank of Dilkusha — Tk 5 lakh, F Garsia of Bata Shoe Co — Tk three lakh, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh — Tk three lakh, Bangladesh T and T Board — Tk six lakh equivalent to one day's salary of its officials and employees, Land Minister — Tk 3.4 lakh (one day's salary of officials and employees), Youth and Sports Ministry — Tk one lakh fifty thousand six hundred twenty six (one day's salary of the officials and employees), Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority — over Tk 1.90 lakh (one day's salary of the officials and employees), Cultural Ministry — over Tk 1.60 lakh (one day's salary of officials and employees), Ministry of Forest and Environment — Tk one lakh and Amuril Islam, Director, ABC Ltd, Banani — Tk one lakh.

Other donors included Heritage Marketing Ltd., Imam Fishing Ltd, B A F Shahan English Medium School, BCS Information Association, Bangabandhu Veterinary Parishad, National University, Dhaka Cantonment Ex-Army Tempo Owners Association, Sri Sri Loknath Smriti Tarpan Sangha, Chhattagram Govt Veterinary College, City Dental College, Rangamala Akbar Mohila College, Bangabandhu Parishad of Dubai, Greater Vancouver Bangladesh Association, Canada, Abdullahpur Shykyamoni Bihar, Sabina Kabir, Rozi of Dhanmondhi, Kanak Baran Tripura and Inna Tripura of Indira Road.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad donated his one month's salary, equivalent to Tk 12,000.



Zonta Club-IV distributed money among the flood affected people in Noya Nagar area, Gulshan, recently.

## Various organisations continue relief work

Different socio-political, cultural and religious organisations yesterday distributed relief materials among the flood-affected people across the country, reports BSS.

**Awami Jubo League**  
Bangladesh Awami Jubo League distributed relief materials including rice, dry food, water purifying tablets and oral saline among the flood victims in different areas of Singair thana.

**Muktijoddha Sangsad Central Command**  
Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak yesterday visited a gruel kitchen at Maghbazar, organised by Muktijoddha Sangsad Central Command Council.

Hand made bread, flattened rice, puffed rice, pure water and water purification tablets are being supplied to the flood victims from this kitchen, which opened on September 1.

**Bangladesh Scouts**  
Bangladesh Scouts are actively taking part in helping the flood-affected people of Dhaka metropolitan area and other parts of the country, says a press release.

Different Rover and Scout units are actively taking part in relief operations, distributing relief materials, pure drinking water, oral saline and giving medical treatment to the victims. Bangladesh Scouts, Dhaka Metro, Dhaka Metro, Dhaka Metro, Railways Regional Scouts, Dhaka District Rover Scouts, Jagannath University College Rover Scout Group, Govt Bangla College Rover Scout Group, Dhaka University Rover Group, among others, are actively working in helping the distressed people in different relief camps and schools of the city.

**Hindu Bouddha Christian Oikya Parishad**  
Bangladesh Hindu Bouddha Christian Oikya Parishad, Bangladesh Pujya Uddjan Parishad and Mahanagar Sarbojanin Pujya Committee yesterday jointly distributed relief among more than a thousand flood affected people in Rajarbagh, Sabujbag, in the city yesterday, says a press release.



Yasmeen Murshed, Chairperson, Scholastica, giving away certificate to a participant of the management training course for the women executives at the Certificate Award Ceremony recently. The workshop was organised by Rapport Bangladesh Limited at Dhaka Club.

## Another 1,700 MT rice, Tk 5 lakh sanctioned for flood-hit areas

Disaster Management and Relief Ministry allotted another 1,700 MT of rice and Tk five lakh for flood affected districts of the country yesterday, reports UNB.

A total of 200 MT of rice was sanctioned each for Narayanganj, Chandpur and Munshiganj districts and 100 MT each for Gazipur, Faridpur, Shariatpur, Jamalpur, Pabna, Laxmipur, Naogaon, Brahmanbaria, Narsingdi, Bogra and Sirajganj. The Ministry also sanctioned Tk one lakh each for Jamalpur, Brahmanbaria, Munshiganj and Narsingdi districts.

## East West varsity holds orientation for new students

East West University held an orientation yesterday for its new students, says a press release.

New students were told about all the faculties and opportunities in East West University.

Vice Chancellor Dr Mohammad Farashuddin exhorted the new students to work hard to build their character and personality for taking up the challenge of leadership in human resource positions in various sectors of the country.

The function was also addressed by Dean Sultan Ahmad, Registrar AKM Mokbul Islam, Proctor Dr Manzur Alam, several faculty members including Prof Zubair Syed, Dr Asaduzzaman, Prof Asit Roy Chowdhury, Lecturer Ruksana Kurshid, an old student and an incoming student. Raqibuddin Chowdhury of English Department conducted the programme.

The classes of the university will start on September 14, the release added.

## New ILIS director

Abu Bakr Siddique, former librarian, BUET and IIT has joined the Institute of Library & Information Science (ILIS), LAB as new director recently, says a press release.

He bears a glorious professional career. His specialisation is on "Classification" which has brought him international fame. His original contribution includes "DOC Number Building & Number Analysis: A Mathematical Synopsis (1972)" and internationally accepted "Area Number (5492)" for Bangladesh which has been incorporated in the DDC Schedule since its 19th edition.

## 'Abhimot' on BTv Sept 17

The next episode of Abhimot, a live discussion programme on BTv, will be aired on September 17 at 9 pm, says a press release.

The topic for discussion in this episode is "What all should be done to rehabilitate the flood affected people". Interested viewers have been requested to send in their suggestions and opinions on this topic.

The suggestions should be sent to the Producer, Abhimot, Bangladesh Television, Room No 216, Television Bhaban, Rampura, Dhaka 1219 or at Fax No 832927.

The last date for receiving suggestions is Sept 16.

## Obituary

Former Deputy Secretary Md Shamsul Alam died at the Bangladesh Medical College Hospital in the city on August 28, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, four sons, four daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

## Qulkhwani

Qulkhwani of Ashraf Hossain will be held today after Asr prayers at his residence at 18 Siddheshwari Road in the city, says a press release.

Ashraf Hossain, father of Afzal Hossain, National Commissioner, Bangladesh Scouts, died on Sunday at BIRDEM Hospital.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend his qulkhwani.

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**Qulkhwani**  
and **Doa Mahfil** of Dr A Q M B Karim, former chairman of PSC, will be held after Magreb prayers today at the residence of Dr A Kadir Khan, Provost, Dr Fazle Rabbi Hall, Dhaka Medical College, says a press release.

## Death anniversary

The 26th death anniversary of AKM Fazul Kabir Chowdhury will be observed at Gohira under Raozan thana in Chittagong today, says a press release.

The programme of the day includes *milad mahfil*, *Qurankhuan* and feeding of the destitutes.

# Machines silent in industrial belt

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Tk 40 a day.

Away, structures of partly built shops float on the dockyard of River View Dockyard and Engineering Works. The office of the dockyard is already half way under water.

The dockyard has been abandoned for the last two months. Electricity supply was cut off 15 days ago after a worker was electrocuted in another yard.

Motahar Hossain, manager of the dockyard, said more than 100 labourers worked in the yard. All of them have been laid off.

Motahar himself has not received salary for the last month. He is living on borrowing.

"The yard generated more than Tk 10,000 in income everyday," said Motahar. "It is now dry."

The story goes the same for a saw mill at Bashpatti. Sixteen employees were sacked last month as woods got soaked and became unsuitable for use. Power supply was also cut off to avoid electrocution.

Deep inside Zinjira, the situation is even worse. All the roads are under waist deep wa-

ter and markets after markets that housed the small workshops and industrial units which supported the economy of the area are under lock and key.

Khokon, manager of a scrap metal shop, said he purchased only 60 kg of hardware yesterday instead of two tonnes previously.

Bakers at a local bakery, Maer Doa (Mother's blessing) were preparing their meal on a table. The oven could be traced two feet under water. Empty glass fronted boxes showed that no blessing could keep the factory open in the flood.

A shop owner calls it a day and prepares to close his shop. He dons the shutter of the shop and dives into water. About 20 seconds later, he comes up fixing the locks.

On a flip side of the business scene, a roaring business is going on in river crossing. The Buriganga is full of boats ferrying people. The roads of Zinjira and Keraniganj are full of boats creating long jams. Many of the shops are now housing boats where people sleep.

Many of the boatmen are ex-employees of the closed busi-

nesses. Some have even come from other districts which are also feeling the crunch of the economic downturn.

Nurul Islam Hawladar has come from Banaripara of Barisal six days ago to take to the boat.

"I was a rice vendor. But business is so dull now that I came here leaving my wife and children back," says Hawladar. "It is good business here. After paying Tk 25 for the boat, Tk 45 for terminal charge and my meal costs, I can still make Tk 80 to 100 a day."

He has already saved Tk 400 and will send the money to his family through a friend today. But Hawladar's luck was against him yesterday. He crashed into a shallow boat in the morning and his boat overturned. He was trying to dry his clothes and a small bag which contained his small belongings and to clean the boat.

People who could not afford boats were wading through waist deep water for a living. They were worried because the water increased by half a foot overnight. A sign of uncertainty, misery and despair were seen on their faces.

## Mushtaque was conspirator

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by Khandaker Mushtaque Ahmed. Government was formed under his leadership.

The counsel argued: "Mushtaque shouldered the responsibility, signed the Indemnity Ordinance and took over state power. So, he knew better whom he had engaged to execute his plan and whom he wanted to protect by the Indemnity Ordinance certificate may be brought to the trial. Syed Farooq and other accused in the case have not taken any indemnity certificate."

Khan Saifur contended that there was no evidence that Syed Farooq obtained benefits or facilities after the August 15 changeover.

Khandaker Mushtaque, the counsel argued, was at the helm of everything as 'self-confessed hero' and was the most beneficiary of the incident. His client was not a beneficiary, he added.

As Mushtaque was the 'sole planner and executor of every thing, Col Farooq was not behind the 'conspiracy' of the August 15 incident.

Khan Saifur said if there was any conspiracy, motive and intention to kill Bangabandhu, then it was natural to disconnect the telephone lines in that house. But all the telephone lines in Bangabandhu's residence were in order.

"Bangabandhu took his pipe, match box and tobacco case with him before stepping out of his bedroom. He even asked the army men 'What do you want? Where you want to take me? This amply indicates that Bangabandhu was convinced that he was being taken to somewhere and that he would not be killed," contended the defence counsel.

He pointed out the contradictions in the statements of the prosecution witnesses about timing of killing. The witnesses said the killing took place between 5 to 6 am, but the chargesheet said it was between 4:30 to 5:30 am.

Refuting the prosecution submission, Khan Saifur said "Guards in Bangabandhu's residence had ammunition with their arms."

He contended that it was not proved whether Shamsul Haq, an army sepoy, was killed by bullets or by artillery shell.

The counsel questioned, if the post-mortem of Shamsul Haq could be done, why then autopsy of Col Jamil and Lt Sheikh Jamal was not done.

Khan Saifur Rahman will resume his argument at 9:30 am today.

## PM distributes relief in city's Sabujbagh area

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday visited the flood-hit areas of Sabujbagh thana in the city and distributed relief among the distressed people, reports UNB.

She first went to the flood shelter at Khilgaon Government Staff Quarter High School and distributed rice, *saree* and *lungi* among the flood victims.

A medical centre was also set up at the shelter, where mainly children and women who have been attacked with diarrhoea were under treatment.

The Prime Minister administered oral saline to a child and inquired about the condition of other diarrhoea-affected children.

She asked the attending doctors to take best possible care of the children and strictly ensure a hygienic environment at the medical centre.

The Prime Minister then went to Khilgaon Taltala super market.

After distributing relief at the Taltala centre, Hasina boarded a speed boat and visited Taltala Jheelpar, Meradia and Moulvirke. There she distributed relief among the flood-hit people, many of whom had taken shelter on rooftops of CI sheet houses.

Many flood-affected people from nearby areas also took shelter in the compound of Taltala super market.

Mohammad Rafiq, an auto-rickshaw driver, said that he along with his wife, two daughters and a son took shelter at the market after his house at Taltala Jheelpar went under waist-deep water.

## Ship carrying

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peal for food aid. It is in addition to WFP's normal contribution.

The wheat being carried by the ship will be enough to provide one month of basic relief food for over 9 lakh flood affected destitute families through the VGF programme, WFP said.

It said the "Golden Sun" vessel is an advance shipment to the WFP relief programme that ultimately might go up to more than 4 lakh metric tons of wheat which will be given to WFP-Bangladesh by various donors.

## Terrorist Selim held at Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Sept 8: A top terrorist of the city was arrested today, reports UNB.

Police said Selim, known as BDR Selim, was arrested from Chandanpara area. In a bid to avert arrest Selim hurled crackers at the police personnel.

An accused in a dozen criminal cases, the 35-year-old Selim was released from jail *hajot* on a forged bail in March.

### Janata Bank Area Office, Narayanganj Tender Notice

Dated: 20.8.98

Sealed tenders are hereby invited for auction of the following goods on "as it is where it is basis."

Name of the Branch	Name of the Account	Description of Goods	Stored At
Janata Bank, Tan Bazar Branch, Narayanganj	M/s. Emdadul Hoq & Brothers, C.C. (P)	a) Polyester yarn (Foreign) 265-D Brand/Count, 28 Cartons, weight 963.06 kg.	21, S M Maleh Road, Narayanganj.
		b) Polyester yarn (Foreign) 140-D Brand/Count, 61 Cartons, weight 4102.00 kg.	Owner of the Godmadul Md. Emdadul Hoq Bhuiyan.
		c) Polyester yarn (Foreign) 540-D Brand/Count, 89 Cartons, weight 2492.00 kg.	
		d) Polyester yarn (Foreign) 75/36 Brand/Count, 254 Cartons, weight 6127.85 kg.	
		e) Polyester yarn (Foreign) 75/36 Brand/Count, 95 Cartons, weight 4472.00 kg.	
		f) Polyester yarn (Local) 75/36 Brand/Count, 216 Cartons, weight 4777.85 kg.	
		g) Polyester yarn (Local) 75/36 Brand/Count, 204 Cartons, weight 4405.50 kg.	

- Sealed tenders will have to be floated in the tender box kept at Janata Bank, Area Office, B. B. Road, Narayanganj Supported by our earnest money (refundable) equal to 5% of the quoted value in the form of Bank Draft, Pay Order issued by any scheduled bank in favour of Janata Bank, Tan Bazar Branch, Narayanganj.
- Tender must be submitted on or before 28/9/98 by 1:00 PM. The tender box will be opened on the same day at 3:00 PM in presence of tenderers, if any.
- Goods can be inspected/verified on any working day from 10 AM to 1 PM up to 27/9/98.
- Successful tenderers will have to lift the entire goods within 7 (seven) days from the date of the acceptance of the tender on payment of the full value failing which the earnest money will be forfeited.
- Earnest money of unsuccessful tenderers will be refunded in due course.
- The bank reserves the right to accept/reject any or all of the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

**Mohd. Abdur Rashid Khan**  
Deputy General Manager and  
Chairman of the Tender Committee

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