

CCC to launch ORS preparation programme today

CHITTAGONG, Sept 10: Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) will launch an oral rehydration saline (ORS) preparation programme tomorrow as part of its massive relief operation for flood victims, acting mayor of the corporation said today, reports BSS.

Kamaluddin Ahmed told a press conference, held at the CCC auditorium, that the corporation would prepare around 2,000 packets of ORS every day for distribution among the flood victims.

The acting mayor said a team with adequate food-stuff, medicines, drinking water, oral saline and molasses has already been carrying out relief activities in different parts of Brahmanbaria, Chandpur and Lakhipur districts.

Kamaluddin urged all people, especially the well-to-do, to donate what they can for the flood victims.

The acting mayor said a task-force set up to remove water logging and cope with the flood situation is working round the clock in the city area. The city corporation has already submitted a Taka 64 crore project for repairing damaged roads, drains and culverts in the city area.

Manipulation in appointments alleged

By Staff Correspondent
A section of officials of Dhaka WASA alleged manipulations of procedure for appointment to three posts of Deputy Managing Directors of the organisation which is under process.

Applicants were selected for interview by the WASA Board, but they did not even fulfill the criteria laid down in the advertisement, alleged a source who requested anonymity.

Dr Azharul Haq, Managing Director, Dhaka WASA, when contacted for his comments on the allegation said, "Certain decisions regarding the procedure for appointments were passed by the Board on the basis of majority support although there were reservations from the professionals". He, however, did not elaborate.

On December 2 last year, the Dhaka WASA had advertised for appointment to three posts of Deputy Managing Directors with responsibilities of Finance and Administration, Research Planning and Development, and Operations Maintenance Logistics and Waste Control respectively.

Death anniversary
The first death anniversary of Dr M A Hashem, former chief faculty member of BSCIC Academy, Uttara, will be observed today, say a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held after Asr prayers today at his residence at house # 2, Alawol Avenue, Uttara. Friends and relatives have been requested to attend the milad mahfil.



Md Noor Ali, president, Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies (BAIRA), handing over a cheque for Tk 10 lakh to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for the PM's Relief Fund for flood victims.

Ministers distribute relief Don't make political issue of floods, people's miseries

Ministers continued relief operations yesterday throughout the country, assuring the people that the government has taken emergency measures to ensure relief materials reach the flood victims properly, reports BSS.

During relief distribution in different parts of the country, the ministers urged the concerned quarters not to make the floods and the miseries of the people a political issue.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad yesterday distributed relief among flood victims at Dhanmondi, Banani, Gulshan and Hatirpool in the city.

State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, Mukbul Hossain MP and A K M Rahmatullah MP were present.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman distributed relief materials at Shahanur Model Girls High School at Magbazar.

Minister for Commerce and Industries Tofael Ahmed distributed relief at Mahakhali relief centre.

Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Abdul Matin Khasru visited a gruel kitchen organised by Mukti-joddah Sangsad Central Command Council, and distributed cooked food among the flood victims.

Minister for Labour and Manpower M A Mannan visited flood-affected areas in Rahmatganj and distributed relief.

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed inaugurated a roti-making programme at Shahbag central office premises of Bangladesh Betar. Organised by the Bangladesh Betar authority, the rotis will be distributed among flood victims.

State Minister for Textile A K Faezul Huq distributed relief at North Badda and Swadhinita Swarani Road areas of the city.

State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Satish Chandra Ray distributed relief at Kawranbazar.

Deputy Minister for Shipping, Dharendra Devnath Shamba distributed relief at Sabujbagh area.

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide contractors, suppliers and traders under the following terms and conditions for supply of ration materials for RPM ration store for the months from October/98 to December/98 and for sale in auction empty sack, empty drum of oil, plastic sacks of sugar and empty tin of dalda. Tenders will have to be submitted into the tender box kept at the office of RPM headquarters by 12:00 Noon on 22-9-98 and will be opened the same day at 12:30 PM in presence of participants in tender (if anyone remains present).

Sl No	Name of items	Amount of security money	Cost of schedule (non-refundable)
1.	Pulse	50,000/- (Taka fifty thousand)	400/- (Taka four hundred) only.
2.	Firewood (dry) of mango trees	30,000/- (Taka thirty thousand)	400/- (Taka Four hundred) only.
3.	Dalda	10,000/- (Taka ten thousand)	400/- (Taka four hundred) only.
4.	Transport	10,000/- (Taka ten thousand)	400/- (Taka four hundred) only.
5.	Auction	5,000/- (Taka five thousand)	400/- (Taka four hundred) only.

Interested participants in tenders can procure schedule and other rules and regulations on payment of cost mentioned above on 21-9-98 till office hours from RMP Ration Store. 1) Affidavit of ownership 2) up to date renewed trade licence 3) certificate of income tax return during 1997-98 fiscal year 4) certificate of VAT registration 5) certificate of nationality 6) bank draft 7) financial solvency certificate issued by bank 8) experience certificate will have to be produced at the time of receiving tender schedule. Otherwise schedule will not be given. No schedule will be sold on the day of submitting tender. But the authority can impose conditions and relax conditions, if so desired. It may be mentioned that the authority reserves the right to reject/accept any tender/all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Army personnel making their utmost efforts to save the DND dam from erosion by placing sandbags at Chashara, Narayanganj yesterday. — Star photo

Foreign missions

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The High Commission which reviewed the situation on Wednesday decided to send 40 children and spouses by the next available flight. They are likely to fly today, mission sources said.

The Thai embassy has also taken a decision to evacuate children and spouses if the DND embankment crumbles and flood situation deteriorates, an embassy official said.

The Australian, Canadian and a number of other missions have also reviewed the situation yesterday.

They are watching the developments and may follow the British, one diplomat said.

Despite floods increasingly menacing its approach roads and homes of staff, the U.S. embassy opted to stay.

"We have reviewed the situation. Even though homes of 13 officials including myself have been affected by the floods, we are staying," John Kincannon, Public Affairs Officer of the US embassy, said.

British high commission sources said the decision to send children with their mothers home was spurred by difficult living conditions and health hazards posed by the long staying flood waters in the Gulshan and Baridhara areas.

The streets in front of the high commission and the residence of the high commissioner have been badly affected by the flood water.

The Thai, Australian and Canadian embassies have also been affected.

Already some senior executives of multinational companies have left their homes in these areas and taken shelter in hotels.

They said the flooded streets were laced with sewers and the commodes were overflowing. "It stinks in the flooded streets in

at least half of Gulshan and Baridhara", said one in the neighbourhood.

The north-eastern suburbs of Dhaka are on the fringes of wetlands, flooded by Turag and Balu rivers, rising in tandem with Buriganga and Shitalakha that contribute to city flooding.

An owner of a gymnasium and physiotherapy unit at Gulshan reported sharp fall in clientele. Even the regulars taking physiotherapy have stopped coming as water have made it difficult to make the journey from Gulshan avenue by car.

BUET exams now from Oct 6

By Staff Correspondent
All examinations of BUET, earlier scheduled to begin from September 15, will now start from October 6, said a BUET press release last night.

In view of the unprecedented floods, examinations of level-1, term-2 and level-2, term-1 of all departments of the 1996-97 session under engineering faculties have been rescheduled, the release said.

Examinations of level-2, term-2; level-3, term-2; and level-4, term-1 of all departments of engineering faculties under the 1995-96 session were also rescheduled.

Final examinations of level-1, term-2 and level-2, term-1 of Urban and Regional Planning Department under the 1996-97 session will be held according to the new schedule, the release said.

Detailed timetable for the examinations will be announced later, it said.

Besides, classes for all terms and levels of graduation level of Architecture Department have been suspended till September 17. Classes of the department will, however, begin from September 20, the release said.

Weather

Moderate rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at most places over the country with moderately heavy to heavy falls at a few places over Chittagong, Barisal, Rajshahi, Khulna and Dhaka divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

According to Met Office, no appreciable change in day temperature is expected over the country during the period.

The highest temperature 33.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Sylhet yesterday and the lowest 23.2 degree Celsius at Barisal. The sun sets today at 6:07 pm and rises on Saturday at 5:44 am.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

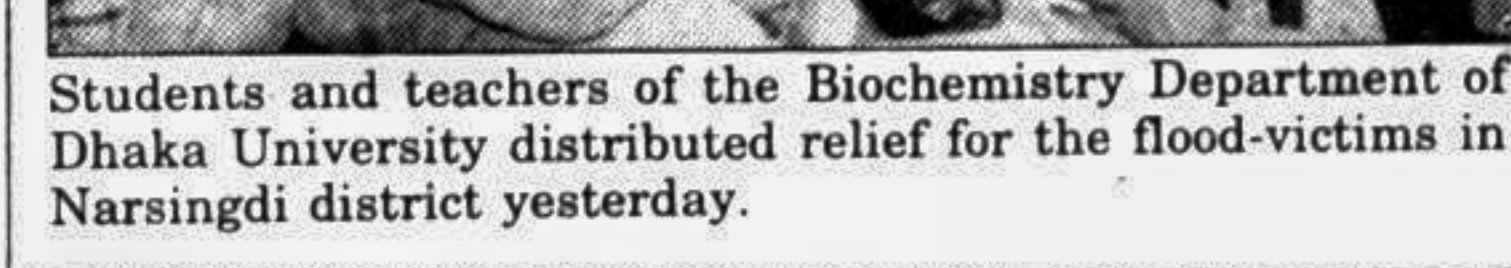
City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage
Dhaka	Max 31.0 Min 25.8	Morn 80 Even 87
Chittagong	30.6 24.7	84 85
Khulna	29.8 24.8	86 88
Rajshahi	30.1 25.1	93 97
Barisal	29.6 23.2	85 96
Sylhet	33.0 25.0	96 71
Cox's Bazar	30.0 24.0	84 89



Lever Brothers Bangladesh Ltd has donated 50 tonnes of soap worth Tk 10 lakh to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for flood victims.



Students and teachers of the Biochemistry Department of Dhaka University distributed relief for the flood-victims in Narsingdi district yesterday.



Students of the Fine Arts Institute, DU, are selling their art works as well as works by eminent artists at the Institute premises to raise funds for flood victims. They are also making bread, collecting water, water containers, clothes, oral saline and holding a week-long exhibition of paintings by famous artists.



Syed Iqbal's painting show begins today

By Staff Correspondent
The third solo painting exhibition by Syed Iqbal begins today at Gallery 21 in the city.

Noted artist Hashem Khan will inaugurate the exhibition at 6 pm. World Bank Country Director Pierre Landell Mills, Charge d'Affaires, Royal Danish Embassy, Finn Thilsted and Whip of the Jatya Sangsad MA Shahid will be present as special guests.

A total of 45 paintings of the artist will be on display. The exhibition will remain open till September 22 from 10 am to 8 pm every day.

Artist Iqbal has decided to donate 50 per cent of the money he will get from the sale of paintings for the flood affected people.

CIDA to give Tk 37cr for environment project

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) will provide Department of Environment (DOE) with 12 million Canadian dollars, equivalent to Taka 37.15 crore for Bangladesh Environment Management Project, reports BSS.

A document was signed by Director General of DOE AR Khan and head of aid of the Canadian High Commission in Dhaka John Moore to DOE yesterday. DOE directors Enayetullah, Ahmed Al Faruque, Rezauddin Ahmed, Abdul Hamid, Shahabun, Abduus Sobhan, Abdul Malek and CIDA's Sylvia Islam were also present at the signing ceremony.

The CIDA-supported project will help strengthen the DOE by raising its institutional capacity to perform its mandate in a much better way for improving the national environment management, said Director General of DOE AR Khan.

Sanskritik Jote's call to help flood victims

By DU Correspondent
Sammlita Sanskritik Jote has urged the affluent section of the society to come forward to help the flood-affected people.

The Jote made the call at a press conference held at the TSC of Dhaka University yesterday.

More than 500 members of the organisation have been engaged in distributing relief materials among the helpless people. They would continue their activities till September 30.

The Jote leaders said that they will also start a campaign for post-flood rehabilitation of the affected people.

The press conference was addressed by Ramendu Majumder, Golam Qudus, Asaduzzaman Nur, Afzal Hossain, Aly Zaker, Mamunur Rashid and Laila Hasan.

BCU relief activities

By DU Correspondent
Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) will start a project — making roti (bread) for the flood victims — on the Dhaka University campus today.

The BCU activists are also raising a relief fund by organising musical programmes at the different spots on the campus. It has a oral saline project at the university gymnasium.

The organisation continued its relief activities in the city and other flood affected districts as well.

Chehlum

By Staff Correspondent
Chehlum of Khondker Zahedur Rahman will be held at the Dhanmondi residence (House No-85, Flat-E, Road-12/A) of his

family after Asr prayers today.
Son of late Khondker Fazlur Rahman (Mawladad) of Goward, Faridpur, Zahed was a former member of the Dhaka University Central Union (DUCSU) and a general secretary of the Rajendrapur College Students' Union in 1955. He died of a massive heart attack at the Suhrawardi Hospital on August 5 at the age of 65.

Zahed left behind his wife, Rabeya Khanam, head of the Botany Department, Jagannath University College, one son, Khondker Mohammad Talha, Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, two daughters — Samia Rahman and Lamia Rahman — and a host of relatives and admirers.

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Bangladesh Arsenic Mitigation Water Supply Project
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Employment Announcement

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has applied for a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the costs of "Bangladesh Arsenic Mitigation Water Supply Project." Major components of this Project include on-site mitigation, understanding of the arsenic problem and institutional strengthening. To ensure a community based sustainable water supply system, the Project envisages capacity building at community, local government, and sector agency level. The Project will work in close collaboration with NGOs/community based organizations. Name, salary, responsibility and qualifications required for the positions that will be filled-in at the Project Management Unit (PMU) of the Project located at Dhaka are:

- Senior Engineer-1 No: (Consolidated Pay-Tk. 45,000/month)**
Responsibility: S/he will be responsible for identifying, designing and evaluating technological options for arsenic mitigation with particular attention to community acceptance and management. S/he will prepare guidelines for operations and maintenance of the installations.
Qualifications: M.Sc. in Sanitary/Environmental Engineering or Post-Graduate diploma in Sanitary/Environmental Engineering. A minimum of 10 years of relevant experience is required in the water supply sector. The applicant should be conversant with low-cost water supply technologies and water quality management.
 - Environmental Specialist-1 No: (Consolidated Pay-Tk 45,000/month)**
Responsibility: S/he will be responsible for assessment of environmental impact due to water quality problem with special reference to arsenic, preparation of action plan to combat environmental degradation. S/he will forecast environmental impacts due to changes in water resource management.
Qualifications: M.Sc. in Environmental Engineering or Environmental Science. A minimum of 10 years of relevant experience in the environment sector. S/he must be familiar with International and Bangladesh environmental regulations particularly in the field of water quality.
 - MIS Officer-1 No: (Consolidated Pay-Tk 40,000/month)**
Responsibility: S/he will be responsible for setting up an adequate monitoring and Management Information System. S/he maintain critical path program for project activities. S/he will update Project Director on critical issues and status with respect to management of the Project. MIS Officer will provide data management service to the planning and operation unit of PMU which includes use of MIS software, planning and monitoring of project management.
Qualifications: MBA majoring in MIS, or M.Sc. in Computer Science, or M.Sc. in Statistics/Mathematics/Applied Physics or any basic Science with post-graduate training in computer programming and data management, or B.Sc in Computer Engg/Electrical Engg/Electronic Engg. A minimum of 8 years of relevant experience in information and data management is required.
 - Community Development Specialist-1 No: (Consolidated Pay -Tk 45,000/ month)**
Responsibility: S/he will develop strategies and work plan for community participation in Project activities. S/he will identify needs for capacity building of communities and develop package to address the needs. S/he will formulate strategies for successful interface and coordination among communities, NGOs, CBOs and local government. S/he will coordinate emergency program on health interventions including awareness and health education programme.
Qualifications: M.Sc. in Social Science. A minimum of 10 years of relevant experience is required in the field of community development. Experience in public health or community water supply and sanitation activities will be an additional advantage.
 - Media/Communication Specialist-1 No: (Consolidated Pay Tk 45,000/ month)**
Responsibility: S/he will identify IEC needs and develop appropriate IEC package and information bulletin/news letter for the Project.
Qualifications: Master's degree in Mass Communication/ Journalism or related field. A minimum of 8 years of relevant experience is required in the field of mass communication. Must have experience in print and broadcast media.
 - WID/Gender Specialist-1 No: (Consolidated Pay -Tk 45,000/month)**
Responsibility: S/he will develop strategies and design plan for women's involvement in water supply and mitigation activities.
Qualifications: Master's degree in Social Science. A minimum of 10 years of relevant experience is required in the field of women in development activities.
 - Accounts Officer (MIS)-1 No: (Consolidated Pay -Tk 25,000/month)**
Responsibility: S/he will be responsible for maintaining accounting procedures and financial records of the Project. S/he will assist financial management unit of the PMU. S/he will prepare monthly and periodical financial statements of the project.
Qualifications: Master's degree in Accounting/Finance with experience in computerized accounting. A minimum of 8 years of relevant experience in the field of accounting is required. Computer skills in software package is required. Experience in accounts management in financial institutions or donor assisted projects will be advantageous.
 - Hydrochemist-1 No: (Consolidated Pay-Tk 45,000/month)**
Responsibility: S/he will assist PMU in planning and coordination of hydrochemical investigations undertaken by the Project.
Qualifications: M.Sc. in Chemistry or B.Sc. in Civil Engineering with post-graduate training in water chemistry. A minimum of 8 years of relevant experience in the field of water chemistry or water quality analysis.
 - GIS Specialist-1 No: (Consolidated Pay Tk -40,000/month)**
Responsibility: S/he will be responsible for setting up and management of a geographical information system.
Qualifications: Master's degree in Geography/any Science subject with training in GIS, programming etc. A minimum of 8 years of relevant experience in the field of GIS is required.
 - Port Folio Officer (Community Development)-3 Nos: (Consolidated Pay -Tk 30,000/month)**
Responsibility: S/he will be responsible for coordinating community development activities at field level. S/he will be located at regional PMU. Must be willing to undertake extensive field visits.
Qualifications: Master's degree in Social Science. A minimum of 5 years of relevant experience in the field of community development is required. Experience with NGOs will be advantageous.
 - Port Folio Officer (Water Supply & Sanitary Engineering)-3 Nos: (Consolidated Pay -Tk 30,000/month)**
Responsibility: S/he will be responsible for coordinating water supply and sanitation activities of the Project and will be located at regional PMU. Must be willing to undertake extensive field visits.
Qualifications: B.Sc. in Civil Engineering. Post-graduation degree in Water Supply and Sanitary Engineering preferred. A minimum of 5 years of relevant experience is required.
 - Port Folio Officer (Training/WID)-3 Nos: (Consolidated Pay-Tk 30,000/month)**
Responsibility: S/he will be responsible for coordinating training activities at field level. S/he will be located at regional PMU. Must be willing to undertake extensive field visits.
Qualifications: Master's degree in Social Science. A minimum of 5 years of relevant experience in the field of training/women's development. Experience with gender issues will be preferred.
- * Interested candidates are invited to submit their applications on or before September 28, 1998 with a comprehensive curriculum vitae, a recent passport size photograph and nationality certificate.
- * Application should be addressed to the Project Director, Bangladesh Arsenic Mitigation Water Supply Project, DPHE Bhaban, 14, Shaheed Captain Monsur Ali Sarani, Kakrail, Dhaka-1000. Only short listed candidates will be called for an interview.
- * The appointment of the successful candidates will be made on contract basis for initially 12 months but is renewable up to 3 (three) years on the basis of performance.
- * Applicants working with the Govt./Autonomous bodies may apply through proper channel.
- * Consultants shall be liable to taxes as per applicable law.
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