Nutrition assessment during flood

20 pc children under five suffering from malnutrition

A top official of Save The Children (UK) yesterday ex-pressed concern that 20 per cent of children under five were showing signs of moderate malnutrition due to continuous floods in the country, reports

Martine Billaanou, Programme Director, Save The Children for Bangladesh, at a seminar said, "The achievements over the past few years in cutting malnutrition levels in the country may have been written off this year."

Quoting a recent study on "Rapid nutrition assessment during flood 1998, coping mechanism of the inhabitants and communities perceptions of suitable/appropriate reha-bilitation" carried out by the organisation from August 25 to September 5 on more than 2000 children in the country, Martine said food shortage at the household level need to be tackled to prevent further deterioration of children's health.

Held at the WVA auditorium in the city, the dissemination seminar was organised by the Save The Children. Dr S M Moazzem Hossain presided.

Martine also cautioned that starvation might start within the next few weeks - not because of absolute food scarcity but because of people's less chances of earning a wage. He said to cope with the problem. huge infrastructural development activities need to be started immediately after the

Martine said over 1600 respondents of the study from five rural areas of the country feared most that they would not afford to buy food that is available in the local market.

Quoting the respondents, he said that they also feared for possibilities of high mortality amongst children due to artificial starvation as there is less

chances of wage earnings.

He said initial findings of the assessment also found diarrhoea to be widespread and this urgently needs to be tackled through raising and disinfecting submerged tubewells as well as stepping up access to healthcare services in the affected communities. He said diarrhoea should be resisted as it often causes night blindness with · deficiency of vitamin A.

Two more Biman flights in Dhaka-Jessore route

Biman Bangladesh Airlines will operate two more domestic flights in addition to its regular service today in view of the countrywide rail-road communication disruption caused by the severe flood, reports UNB.

Of the flights, BG-663A will depart Dhaka at 5 pm to reach Jessore at 5:35 pm and BG-664A start for Dhaka at 6:05 pm from Jessore.

Biman, the national carrier, has already been operating four extra flights between Dhaka and Jessore on Thursday and Friday. It would also operate more extra flights on different domestic routes, said a press release.

Relief activities: Citizens' monitoring cell formed

By Staff Correspondent A voluntary organisation "Citizens' Monitoring Cell for Relief and Rehabilitation" was formed in the city recently to help check corruption and irregularities in relief activities across the country, says a press release.

The organisation urged all including journalists, lawyers, teachers and social workers to form such Cells in all the districts and thanas and report all types of irregularities regarding relief operations to the central cell at 57, Aziz Super Market, Second Floor, Shahbag, Dhaka.

All concerned have also been requested to contact the central Cell over telephone (no. 9665588) from 4 pm to 9 pm everyday.

New cabin block at DSH to be built

Dhaka Shishu Hospital (DSH) yesterday started constructing a new cabin block for the patients, reports UNB.

The construction was inaugurated by Chairperson of the Managing Board of the hospital Dr Syeda Firoza Begum, said a press release.

Holzman calls on Rafiq

US Ambassador to Bangladesh John C. Holzman yesterday called on Home Minister Rafiqul Islam, Bir Uttam, at the latter's office, reports

During the meeting they exchanged views on different bilateral issues.

Iwo commit

more assistance

for flood victims

Visiting Japanese parlia-mentarian Shin Sakurai yes-

terday assured that his country

will provide additional assis-

tance for the flood victims, re-

Sakurai, who arrived in the city

Saturday on a three-day visit,

called on Foreign Minister Ab-

mutual interests, particularly

on assisting the flood victims

and construction of the Ganges

Sakurai to see that bigger in-

vestments are made by the

Japanese entrepreneurs to the

of Japan-Bangladesh Parlia-

Denmark keen

to assist in

developing office

of ombudsman

Danish assistance mission

team on human rights and judi-

cial reforms yesterday ex-

pressed the keen interest of

Denmark to assist Bangladesh

budsman and establishment of

human rights commission and

judicial training institute, re-

about the interest while it

called on Law, Justice and Par-

liamentary Affairs Minister

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years of experience with respect

to the functioning of the office

Issues like Law Commission

The Danish team was led by

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the mission chief Henrik Brade

Media centre

to be set up

will set up a media centre for

information dissemination on

flood situation at the Commu-

nity Development Library

This was decided at a meet-

ing yesterday with Dipshikha

executive director Paul C Tigga

(CDL), reports UNB.

in the chair.

Advocacy Fellows Forum

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Sakurai is the Vice President

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suicide By DMCH Correspondent

A young woman and a garments employee allegedly committed suicide in separate incidents in the city's Pallabi area yesterday.

The dead were identified as Masuma Khatun Chowdhury 22, daughter of Wahed Hossain Chowdhury, and Kamal, 28, son of Ahmed Ali Sarkar.

Hospital sources said the body of Masuma was found hanging from a ceiling fan with a scarf inside a room of their house at Mirpur Sec-12, Block-A at about 2:15 pm. The reason behind her alleged suicide could not be known immediately.

In the other incident, Kamal a garments employee, allegedly took poison in his house at Lane 3, Sec-12 at about 3 pm following a conflict with his fam

In a critical condition, Kamal was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where the doctors pronounced him dead.

Both the bodies were sent to DMCH morgue for autopsy. Pal labi police, however, could not confirm the incidents till filing of this report last night.

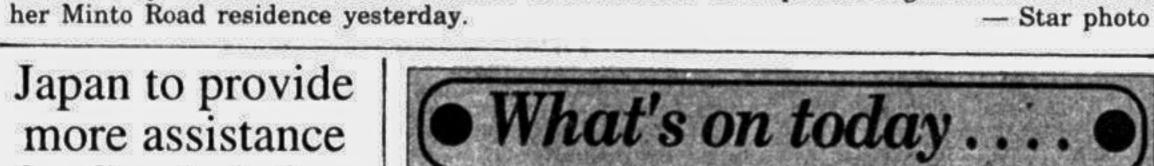
2,275 MT rice, Tk 10.50 lakh more sanctioned for flood-hit dists

The government sanctioned Bangladesh will be immensely another 2,275 metric tons (MT) benefited by sharing the experiof rice, 250 MT of wheat and Tk ence and receiving assistance 10.50 lakh for some flood-affected districts yesterday, re-

Of the fresh allocation, 200 of the ombudsman in particu-MT of rice, 200 MT of wheat and lar Tk three lakh were sanctioned by Disaster Management and Relief Ministry for Dhaka City Corporation, said a press re

The ministry also allotted 200 MT of rice each for Gopal ganj and Chandpur, 100 MT each for Manikganj, Rajbari, Pabna, Chapainawabganj, Sirajganj, Comilla, Noakhali, Naogaon, Natore and Bagerhat, 150 MT for Madaripur, 50 MT for each of Netrakona, Kushtia and Barisal and 75 MT for Chuadanga. Fifty metric tons of wheat was also al lotted for Rajbari district.

Taka one lakh was sanc tioned for each of Chandpur and Bagerhat and Tk 50,000 for each of Mymensingh, Madaripur, Ra-jbari, Pabna, Chapaignwabganj, Comilla, Kushtia, Barisal, Naogaon, Chuadanga and Natore



Japanese parliamentarian and chairman of Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population

and Development (AFPPD) Shin Sakurai called on BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia at

Workshop: A workshop on "Euro and its impact on the economy of Bangladesh' will be held. Organiser: International Chamber of Commerce - Bangladesh. Venue: DCCI Conference hall, 65-66 Motijheel C/A. Time: 9 am.

Lecture: The 9th Nazma Jesmin Chowdhury Memorial Lecture will be held. Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui will deliver the lecture on 'Rashid Karim: His life and works'. Venue: Institute of Modern Languages auditorium, DU. Time: 4 pm.

Meeting: A special general meeting of Commonwealth Student and Youth Organisation will be held to review post-flood healthcare and education programme for flood-affected areas. Venue: CSYO main office, 43 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 4

'Upokul Express'

starts journey

from today

train 'Upokul Express' will start

its journey at 7 am today from

Kamalapur Railway Station.

Dhaka, divisional manager of

Bangladesh Railway (BR)

Rafiquzzaman told BSS yester-

the first train to run through

the direct Dhaka-Chittagong

route via Arikhola Station." he

Express have been requested to

get more details from their re-

said with the restoration of di-

rect railway links between

Dhaka and Chittagong via

Dhaka-Narsingdi section more

goods and passengers will re-

will also start operation after

the resumption of the direct

Dhaka-Chittagong railway

"All other scheduled trains

spective local stations.

ceive service.

link," they added.

All passengers of the Upokul

Meanwhile, the BR officials

The Upokul Express will be

day, reports BSS.

Noakhali-bound intercity

Govt action against hoarders sought

Eleven opposition parties yesterday sought government actions against hoarders now cashing in on people's owes manipulating prices of essentials in time of devastating flood, reports APB.

"Even during a calamity some unscrupulous profiteers are resorting to sprinkling salt on the wounds," they said in a resolution.

The left-wing parties held a meeting at the Gano Forum office expressing grave concern over the situation arising out of the floods.

The leaders urged popular resistance against the vested quarters by mobilising the people.

Presided over by Adv Jahirul Islam, the meeting was also attended by Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, Bimal Biswas, Sidiqur Rahman, Alhaj Abdus Samad, Morshed Ali, Saiful Islam, Adv Abdus Salam and Bazlur Rashid Firoz.

Weather

Rain, gusty wind likely Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at a few places over Chittagong, Khulna and Barisal divisions and at one or two

places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office predicted a slight rise in day temperature during the period

Yesterday's highest temperature of 34 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the lowest 23.1 degree Celsius at Satkhira

The sun sets today at 6:04 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:45 am. Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Humidity in City/Town Temperature in Celsius percentage Morning Evening Dhaka 25.4 24.5 Chittagong Khulna 24.3 25.0 Rajshahi Barisal 24.3 73 Sylhet Cox's Bazar 82

Khaleda urges Japanese assistance for building flood shelters Shin Sakurai, a member of

Japan's House of Representa-tives, called on leader of the opposition Begum Khaleda Zia at her official residence in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

During the 45-minute meet-

ing, they discussed bilateral issues, current flood and sociosituation in political Bangladesh.

Sakurai, the vice-president of Japan-Bangladesh Parliamentary League, assured that Japan will continue its support to Bangladesh. The BNP chairperson re-

quested the Japanese government to provide assistance for building flood shelters in floodprone Bangladesh. The Japanese parliamentar-ian assured that he will take it

up with his government. Sakurai appreciated Begum Zia's call for unitedly carrying out relief activities to mitigate the suffering of the flood victims. Such call will be an example for the third world coun-

He also invited Begum Zia to visit Japan in the next spring. Japanese Ambassador in Dhaka Yoshikazu Kaneko and BNP chief's advisor M Morshed

Khan were also present.

tries, he said.

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