

Metropolitan

**Khaleda visits worst-hit areas of old part of city
Near famine situation prevailing in country**

The Leader of the Opposition in parliament Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday demanded that government machinery should function round the clock devoting entire energy to save the people distressed by the flood, reports UNB.

The BNP chairperson who went round the worst affected areas of Sutrapur and Kotwali thanas in the city in the afternoon said: A near famine situation is prevailing across the country.

The government offices should be kept open 24 hours if necessary, weekdays and holidays should be suspended to respond to the call of emergency needs of the people," she said.

Begum Zia was speaking briefly at some places after distributing relief among the destitute at Dakshin Moishundi Girls School, Nawabpur Govt High School, Bangabashi Mahila College, Graduate High School, Sher-e-Bangla College, Dayaganj Bridge, Dhupkhola Community Centre, Khokon Primary School near Gandaria Railway Station, Mill Barrack, Kabi Nazrul Islam College, Suhrawardy College, Nazirabazar, Suritola and old city corporation office.

The relief goods she distributed included saree, lungi, cooked food and packets containing rice, flour, chira, lentil, potato, candle and match.

Making a wild observation BNP chairperson said: Reports of death from hunger and malnutrition are coming from different parts of the country.

Referring to the government claim of adequate food stock, Begum Zia questioned why then rice price is soaring along with other essentials.

She asked the government to take immediate steps for sale of rice in the open market (OMS) at fair price and effective measures to bring down price of other essentials.

Begum Zia expressed concern at the closure of mills and factories in flood affected areas rendering thousands jobless. She said affected mills and factories should be helped for resuming production.

She said thousands of others

were rendered jobless as the communications remained disrupted. Roads and highways should be repaired immediately for restoration of communication.

The BNP stressed the need for short and long term plan for generating employment opportunities.

"People want work and live with dignity. They don't want to depend on others and survive on relief," she added.

"Party and politics should have no consideration at this time of national disaster. But we are to work untidely to tackle the situation," said the former prime minister.

"We wanted to cooperate with the government buying differences for overcoming the problems. But the government did not respond to our call," she added.

Begum Zia accused the government of its alleged failure to stand by the flood affected people. "The ruling party is performing its responsibility by mere publicity through the state-run radio and television."

"Miseries of the people start when Awami League comes to power for they were always busy in making their fortune," she said.

The BNP chief said they have suspended all political programmes for the sake of flood victims. They will continue relief operations till the flood victims are rehabilitated.

Referring to water logging causing sanitation problem in the city, Begum Zia asked the government to pump out the polluted water immediately to avert epidemic.

BNP acting secretary general Ashraf Hossain, Sadek Hossain Khoka, Farida Hassan, Shamsuzzaman Mintu, Alamgir Kabir, Harun-or-Rashid Munnu, Ahmed Nazir, Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu, Advocate Habibur Rahman Mandal, Kazi Abul Bashar, Mahmudur Rahman Manna, Mohammed Sharif Hossain, Sagor, Saleha Begum, Haji Liakat Hossain and Haji Abdul Aziz accompanied the party chief during the relief operation.



Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia distributing relief materials at Dhupkhola flood shelter in the old part of the city yesterday. — Star photo

What's on today . . .

Film show: Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen 'The Seven Samurai' and 'Kagemusha' as part of its retrospective of films by famous Japanese filmmaker Akira Kurosawa for flood victims. Venue: German Cultural Centre, Rd 9, Dhanmondi. Time: 4 pm and 7:15 pm respectively.

Drama: Kushi Lab Natya Sampradaya will stage 'Gitiu'. Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, 754 Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 7 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North West: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5:30 pm.

Tk 20 lakh programme to boost agri production in Bandarban

BANDARBAN, Sept 15: The government has taken up a massive programme at a cost Tk 20 lakh to boost agriculture production in the hill district, reports UNB.

Officials of Agriculture Extension Department (AED) said under 'Integrated Development and Rehabilitation Programme', a total of 1350 exhibition plots and seven block nurseries have so far been set up.

Of these, 110 were set up in Ruma thana, 170 in Alikadam, 100 in Thanchi, 170 in Roangchhari, 300 in Lama, 200 in Naikhangchhari and 300 in Sadar thanas.

Some 1,350 farmers and 135 group leaders have also been imparted training under the programme.

The farmers have been given training on 40 new agriculture technology, said the officials adding that most of the 35,681

farmers families of the hill district were brought under the training programme.

The programme, originally scheduled for 1996-97 fiscal, started in July this year and about 90 per cent of the work has already been completed.

AED Deputy Director Abdul Qudus said besides the programme, the government has a plan to cultivate vegetables on 10 acres of land in the district under Agriculture Rehabilitation programme.

He said the total land under cultivation in the district is about 40,000 acres.

The main obstacle the farmers of the district are facing is the bad communication system, said the AED officials.

The farmers are being deprived of their fair prices of products due to the absence of speed and easily accessible transportation of their commodities to the markets.

Body of JU student recovered

By JU Correspondent
Body of Ashfaq Hasnain Sabih, a third year student of Pharmacy Department of Jahangirnagar University (JU) was recovered from the Buriganga near Fatullah yesterday.

Sabih had been missing since Sunday noon when he jumped from a trawler after it was struck by an electric wire near Amin Bazar.

The body was sent to his village home in Sylhet for burial.

Quiz competition now on Oct 30

By Staff Correspondent
The Central Command Council of Bangladesh Mukti-juddha Sangsad has shifted the date for its quiz and speech competition from September 18 to October 30 in view of the flood situation, says a press release.

The competition has been organised to mark the National Mourning Day.

Participants from the secondary schools have been asked to be present at the Engineers' Institution at 9 am on October 30.

Envoys, chiefs of world bodies visit flood-hit areas

The development partners of Bangladesh yesterday visited the flood affected areas of the country in two separate groups, reports BSS.

The trips arranged at the direction of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, helped the development partners based in Dhaka to assess the magnitude of damage caused by the century's worst-ever flooding in Bangladesh as well as measures taken by the government to cope with the gigantic task of distribution of relief among the victims and massive post-flood rehabilitations being taken by the government.

One group of the development partners accompanied by principal secretary to the Prime Minister Dr S A Samad, secretary of the Relief and Disaster Management Azad Ruhul Amin and additional secretary of the ERD Suhel Ahmed flew by a helicopter from Dhaka to Sirajganj also saw the devastating situation of Munshigonj and Tangail while flying low over the area.

The other group accompanied by ERD secretary Dr Moshirur Rahman and press secretary to the Prime Minister Jawadul Karim flew to Rajshahi and had a view of the flood-hit areas west of Dhaka and Goalanda from low altitude.

The officials, both at Sirajganj and Rajshahi, apprised the visitors of the extent of damage caused by the devastating flood and the timely measures taken by the government to face the calamity.

The district officials in Sirajganj informed the visitors that the strategic Sirajganj-Sariakandi embankment withstood the onrush of flood waters because of the timely vigilance of the administration and the people.

Officials also explained to them the timely relief operations of the government which helped mitigate the sufferings of the flood-victims.

Similarly the development partners who flew to Rajshahi were apprised by the local offi-

cial of the timely and joint efforts made by the officials and the people to protect the Rajshahi lowland protection embankment which was severely threatened by the mighty Padma. They were also apprised of the damage caused by the flood and subsequent measures of the government.

The country director of World Food Programme (WFP), Wener Kiene, said that he was simply amazed to see the perfect arrangements made by the Bangladesh government for distribution of relief materials among the flood victims.

The development partners noted with great satisfaction the relief measures taken by the government. They were also of the view that their visits were constructive since they could see for themselves the devastation of the flood and government efforts as well to cope with the situation.

The development partners who flew to the flood-affected areas included David E. Lockwood of UNDP, John C. Holzmann, Ambassador of the USA, David C Walker, British High Commissioner, Ms Shahida Jafar of UNICEF, Fred Temple of World Bank, Charles Stuart, Australian High Commissioner, Finn Thilsted, Charge d'affaires of Danish Embassy, Ms Renee Veyret, French Ambassador, Dick C Den Haas, Ambassador of the Netherlands, Dr Raffaele Miniero, Italian Ambassador, Pierre Landell-Mills of the World Bank, H Konuma of FAO, Michael Drury, Ambassador of EEC, Ronald Hicks of IMF, Werner Klene of WFP, UWE Schramm, German Ambassador, Gordon West of USAID, Nicholas Etheridge, Canadian High Commissioner, Allan P Mouchroud of UNFPA, Hans Fredrik Lehne, Norwegian Ambassador, Anders Johnson, Swedish Ambassador, Giambartista Mondra, Switzerland's Charge d'affaires and Yoshikazu Kaneko, Japanese Ambassador.

Memo submitted to DG of BMET

By Staff Correspondent
Four NGOs have submitted a memorandum to the Director General (DG) of the Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET) recently, demanding steps to solve the problems of workers repatriated from Malaysia, says a press release.

The demands include monitoring of activities of staff at the Welfare Desk at ZIA, making a list of deportees, opening a complaint cell at the airport, and raising the transport allowance for the returnees.

DG Abul Kalam Azad assured the representatives of the NGOs of taking necessary measures in this regard. The NGOs are Ain O Salish Kendra (ASK), Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh (CCDB), Shikha O Shashtho Unnoyan Karkjorum and Welfare Association of Repatriated Bangladesh Employees.

Month-long vacation in CU

From CU Correspondent
CHITTAGONG, Sept 15: Chittagong University authorities have announced a month-long autumn vacation.

All classes of the varsity will remain suspended from September 16 to October 15. And the administrative offices will remain closed from September 25 to October 5.

Donation for Subir Nandi's treatment

Fazlur Rahman Foundation, a social-welfare organisation, has donated Taka 50,000 for the treatment of popular singer Subir Nandi, reports APB.

The vocalist has been suffering from slipped disc problems for quite some time, a press release of the foundation said.

A cheque for the amount was handed over to the ailing artiste on Monday.

ইসলামী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কুষ্টিয়া
২য় পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি
১৯৯৭-৯৮ অর্থসালে ইসলামী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কেন্দ্রীয় লাইব্রেরীতে (পাঁচ) টি অনুসন্ধান ১৫ (পনের) টি বিভাগের জন্য (বিভাগগুলি সিডিউলে উল্লেখ থাকিবে) বিভিন্ন বিষয়ের উপর মোট ৩৮.০০ (অটচত্রিশ) লক্ষ টাকার স্থানীয় মুদ্রায় দেশী-বিদেশী বই ও জার্নাল সংগ্রহের নিমিত্তে প্রকৃত বই বিক্রয়, আমদানীকারক এবং জার্নাল সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান/এজেন্টদের নিকট হইতে ৩০.০০ (ত্রিশ) লক্ষ টাকার দেশী-বিদেশী বই ও ৫.০০ (পাঁচ) লক্ষ টাকার দেশী-বিদেশী জার্নাল সংগ্রহ করা হইবে। বই ও জার্নালের জন্য পৃথক দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও সরবরাহকারী নিয়োগ করা যাইবে। টেন্ডার সিডিউল নম্বর ৫০০/- (পাঁচ শত) টাকার বিনিময়ে (অফেরতযোগ্য) অগ্নী ব্যাক, ইসলামী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় শাখা, কুষ্টিয়া, অগ্নী ব্যাক, থানাগড়া শাখা, কুষ্টিয়া, অগ্নী ব্যাক, মুল শাখা, বিনাইদহ, অগ্নী ব্যাক, নিউমার্কেট শাখা, ঢাকা ও পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয় কুষ্টিয়া ও বিনাইদহ থেকে প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিজস্ব প্যাকে, সীলমোহরকৃত আবদেদনপত্র জমা দিয়ে নিজে এসে অথবা প্রতিনিধি প্রেরণ করে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের পর থেকে ২১-১০-১৯৯৭ তারিখ পর্যন্ত সংগ্রহ করা যাইবে। টেন্ডারের সঙ্গে দাখিলকৃত দরপত্রের ৩% হারে অর্ধেস্ট্রিমনি টাকা যে কোন সিডিউল ব্যাংক হইতে পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ডাফট-এর মাধ্যমে ইসলামী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, কুষ্টিয়ার অনুকূলে (ফেরতযোগ্য) দাখিল করিতে হইবে। (দরপত্র দাখিল করার সময় সিডিউল পরিকারভাবে পাঠ করিয়া দেওয়ার জন্য অনুরোধ করা গেল)। দরপত্রের সঙ্গে সিডিউল যথাযথভাবে পূরণ করিয়া আগামী ২২-১০-১৯৯৭ তারিখ বেলা ১২-০০ টা পর্যন্ত কেন্দ্রীয় লাইব্রেরী অফিস, ইসলামী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, কুষ্টিয়া, বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় পরিদপ, বাড়ি নং-৬/এ, রোড নং-৯, ধানমন্ডি আবাসিক এলাকা, ঢাকা-১২০৫ এবং পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয় কুষ্টিয়া ও বিনাইদহে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাজে গৃহীত হইবে এবং এদিনই ১২-৩০ মিনিটে দরপত্রসমূহ দরদাতাগণের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হইবে। বই ও জার্নাল সরবরাহের শর্তাবলী সিডিউলে বিস্তারিত উল্লেখ থাকিবে।
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8. Name of officers & offices to receive tender : 1) Superintending Engineer (R&H), Workshop circle, Tejgaon, Dhaka.
2) Executive Engineer (R&H), Workshop Division, Mymensingh/Dhaka/Feni.
9. Last date of selling tender : 27-9-98 (during office hours).
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