



Jubo Union distributes 20 thousand packets of ORS

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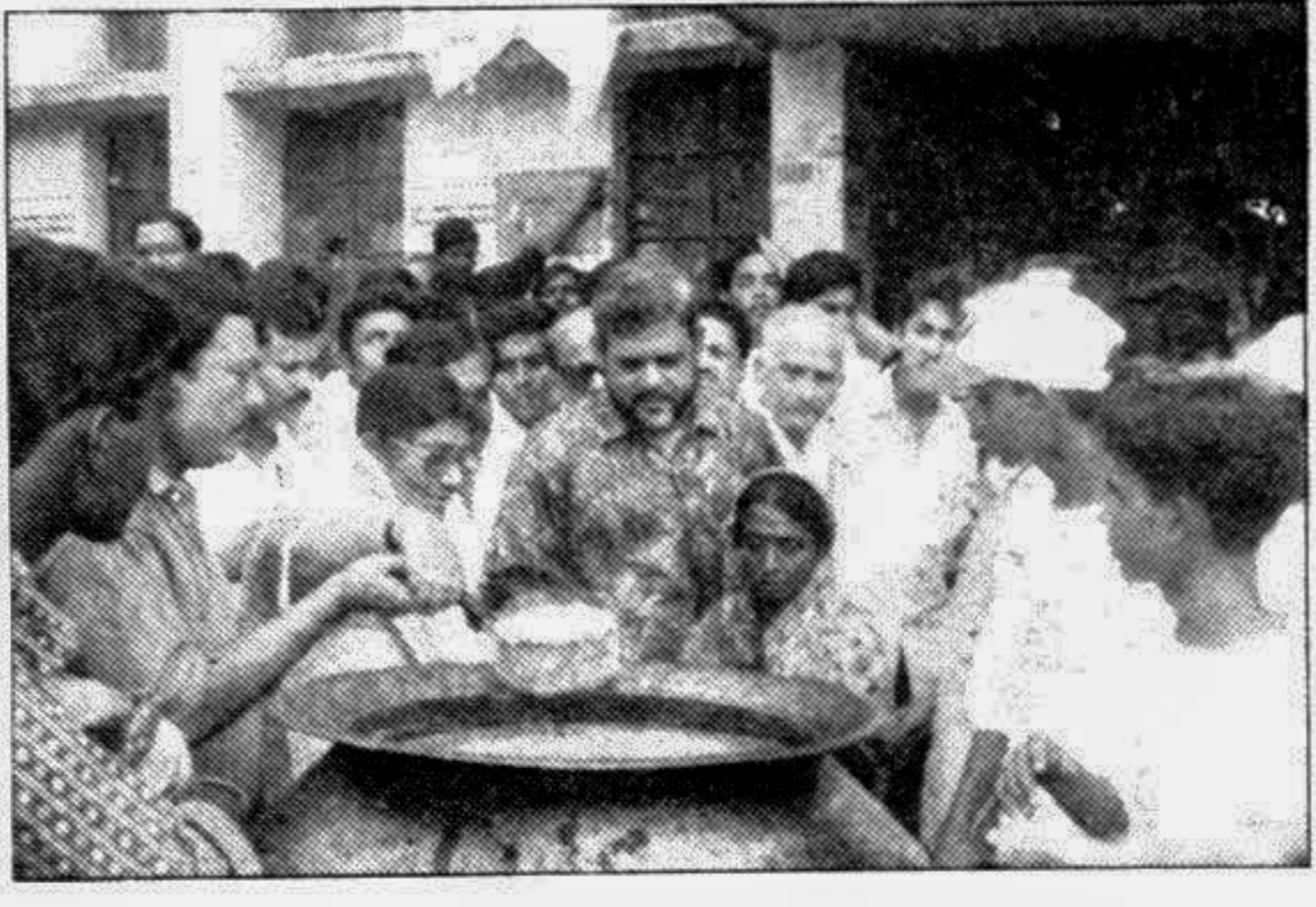
Bangladesh Jubo Union (BJU) has distributed 20 thousand packets of oral saline (ORS) among the flood-affected people across the country during last three days, says a BJU press release.

The ORS packets prepared at the 'BJU ORS Project', were distributed free of cost among flood affected people of Kurigram, Sirajganj, Gaibandha, Narsingdi, Madaripur, Tangail, Manikganj, Jamalpur, Chandpur, Munshiganj, Gazipur and Noakhali.

The ORS packets were distributed with the help of the activists of BJU, Bangladesh Students' Union, different NGOs and voluntary organisations.

BJU started the voluntary saline project at the Dhaka University gymnasium from September 1 with the help of Dhaka University authorities and Bangladesh Chhatra Union activists.

LGRD Minister Zillur Rahman attended a relief distribution programme of the Narayanjanj Chamber of Commerce and Industry at the Chamber office yesterday. Local MP A K M Shamim Osman was also present on the occasion.



Forest and Environment Minister Sajeda Chowdhury and Haji Selim MP distributed khichuri and old clothes among flood victims yesterday at the Daira Sharif relief centre in the city.



Cantonment thana unit of the Zia Academy distributed relief materials among the flood-hit people of Khilkhet Khapara. Former DU VC Emajuddin Ahmed is seen distributing relief yesterday.



Ruti (bread) making programme for the flood-affected people organised by the Mukhtijodha Sangsad. - Star photo



Employment and Technology Development Agency chairman BI Siddique handed over seeds to M Enamul Haq, Director General of the Agricultural Extension Department.



Leaders of Bangladesh Muslim League (Yusuf) distributed relief goods among the flood-affected people at party office in the city yesterday.

Different organisations continue relief work

Different economic and socio-cultural organisations continued their relief distribution activities and distributed relief materials among the flood-affected people across the country, report agencies.

Proshika. A centre for human development, distributed relief materials among 1200 flood stricken families at its Shaymoli office premises.

The relief goods included rice, pulse, powder milk, biscuit and medicine.

Dhaka University Debating Society handed over three bags of flour, 200 packets oral saline and water purifying tablets to the DU Central Relief Committee to distribute this among the distressed people.

DU Vice-chancellor Prof A K Azad Chowdhury received the relief goods at TSC where Pro-VC and president of the relief committee Prof Shahiduddin Ahmed were also present.

Shibhari Residential Area Social Welfare Society also handed over Tk 1,400 and 135 kgs rice to the DU relief committee.

Sammilito Sangskritik Jote is continuing relief operation for a week at flood-hit areas in sadar thana of Laxmipur and Chatkhil thana of Noakhali districts.

The Jote so far distributed rice, potato, oral saline, IV saline, water purifying tablets and clothes among 2,700 families in both the thanas.

Rotary Club of Gulshan distributed some 1100 packets of relief goods among the flood victims in the capital recently.

Every packet included two kg rice, one kg chira, one kg potato, bread and gur.

Club members distributed 500 packets of relief materials among the flood victims who took shelter in camps opposite to Gulshan Shooting Complex on September 8 and 300 packets at Arjat para on September 16 and 300 packets among the marooned people who took shelter around the culvert in the Kamal Ataturk Avenue on September 17, club officials said.

Rotary Club of Dilkusha and Inner Wheel Club of Dilkusha distributed relief materials among 200 flood affected families at Barua Alauddin Dewan High School Barua, Gulshan on Friday. Relief materials include rice, pulse, salt, ORS, medicines and clothes.

Intrans Group of Companies and its sister organisations continued relief activities in the city yesterday, says a press release.

Abu Yusuf, Managing Director of the companies on Saturday conducted the relief operation and distributed 3000 hand made bread and halua in front of the Intrans office at Kauran Bazar and its adjoining areas in the city.

Yousuf distributed oral saline, water purifying tablets, candles among some flood victims.

Ministers continue relief activities across country

Cabinet members continued relief activities in Dhaka city and different flood-hit districts yesterday, reports UNB.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman visited the flood shelter at Paikpara, Sitalkhaya Bazar, Nitaiganj, Maizdar and Narayanjanj High School in Narayanjanj district.

He distributed rice, pulse, dried foods and biscuits, oral saline, water purifying tablets and medicines among the victims.

The LGRD minister also distributed relief goods among 3,000 families of municipal area, organised by district Chamber of Commerce and Industries (NCCI).

Among others Shamim Osman MP, Narayanjanj district Awami League president Prof Nazma Rahman and NCCI president Bazlur Rahman were present.

Law Minister Abdul Matin Khasru distributed relief among the distressed people in Laksham thana of Comilla district.

During the relief campaign, he said the government would implement three programmes in the aftermath of flood - vulnerable group feeding, food for work and disbursing loan among the small and marginal farmers.

Environment Minister Sajeda Chowdhury distributed cooked food among the flood victims who took shelter at different relief centres at the city's Azimpur area.

Azimpur Daira Sharif Welfare Association, which is continuing their relief operation for a week, organised the relief programme.

Haji Selim MP, Association's president and general secretary Khalek Monsur and Dr Fazlul Huq and city Awami League leader Adv Quamrul Islam were present.

Agriculture and Food Minister Begum Motta Chowdhury visited the flood-affected areas of Sherpur district.

Agri-rehabilitation programme launched

Small Scale Water Resources Development Sector Project of LGED, the Employment and Technology Development Agency (ETDA), an NGO, have launched agricultural rehabilitation programmes under the supervision of the Department of Agricultural Extension, says a press release.

The rehabilitation programme will cover the farmers under the Water Management Cooperative Association (WMCA) formed in the target area particularly in the districts of Chapainawabganj and Kushtia and will help them planting high yielding black gram (mash kala), hybrid maize and vegetable seeds.

Krishnibid M Enamul Haque, Director General, Agricultural Extension Department, Moslehuddin Ahmed, Director Food Crops, DAE, B I Siddique, Chairman of ETDA, Chief Engineer LGED, Project Director, SSWRDS and other agricultural experts were present during the launching ceremony of the rehabilitation programme.

LGED and DAE has signed a MOU for joint collaboration in the field of water resources management and agricultural development to help small and marginal farmers. 5000 kg black gram, 1000 kg maize, 500 kg vegetable seeds will be distributed among 5000 flood affected families to augment their income by producing 2000 metric tons of foodgrain, pulse and vegetables.

Death anniversary

Qulkhwani

The qulkhwani of former MP Rafiqul Islam Roni will be held on Monday after Asr prayers at New DOHS mosque in the city family sources said, reports BSS.

Rafiqul Islam Roni died at his Kachua village home under Chandpur district on Wednesday night where he went to distribute relief goods among the flood victims.

He left behind his wife and two daughters and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death.

Death anniversary

KHULNA, Sept 19: The first death anniversary of late journalist Abu Sadeque, former Special Correspondent of The Bangladesh Observer, was observed here today, reports BSS.

Khulna Press Club held a meeting on the club premises followed by a milad mahfil.

Presided over by the Vice-President of Khulna Press Club Shaikh Abu Hassan, the discussion was addressed, among others, by the Secretary of the club Manik Chandra Saha, Wadudur Rahman Panna, Wahiduzzaman, Monirul Huda and Anwar Ahmed.

Speakers paid rich tributes to late Abu Sadeque, a Khulna-based journalist, for upholding the cause of journalism throughout his entire career and struggle for the establishment of rights of the journalist community.

A milad mahfil was also held today at his residence, followed by feeding of the destitute.



Bangladesh Protibondhi Foundation distributed dry food among the flood-hit children. The foundation has been providing healthcare services to children and distributing relief materials for a month.

More donations to PM's relief fund

Members of cabin crew of Biman Bangladesh Airlines donated 8,000 pieces of bread for flood victims to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund on Thursday and Friday, says a press release.

The cabin crew bought the bread while staying abroad by saving money from their daily meal allowance.

BSS adds: Pacific Jeans Ltd yesterday donated Taka two lakh to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

Chairman and managing director of the company, M Nasiruddin, handed over a cheque for the amount to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office.

Hanif distributes relief goods in city

City Mayor Muhammad Hanif yesterday distributed relief goods among the flood victims at different flood shelters in the city's Nazirabazar, Surtola, Dhalpur and Maniknagar areas, reports BSS.

During the distribution of relief materials, the Mayor enquired about the health of the affected people and urged them to face this natural calamity with patience and courage, a press release said.

The Mayor said the city corporation will take necessary steps for building houses for the dwellers of the City Polli. Dhaka city unit of the Red Crescent Society conducted the relief operation at the City Polli, at Dhalpur.

City Red Crescent general secretary Monir Hussain Khan and other city corporation personnel accompanied the Mayor.

Copies of Starr report big hit in Britain

LONDON, Sept 19: Britons are snapping up the Starr report, with its graphic descriptions of President Clinton's extramarital liaisons with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, reports AP.

The first British company to publish the report of independent counsel Kenneth Starr says 95,000 out of an initial print run of 100,000 copies sold within the first two days.

"It is incredible. We have nothing to compare to this - not even after (Princess) Diana died and we brought out a special hardback book," said a spokeswoman for publishers Orion, who are selling the report at 4.99 pounds (\$8 dollars).

All the big high street book shops are just clamouring for copies," said the spokeswoman, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Orion already has made plans to print further copies.

Another edition of the Starr report, printed by Pocket Books, a division of US publisher Simon and Schuster, goes on sale in Britain next week for 3.99 pounds (6.40 dollars).

"We have brought over 10,000 copies from the United States today which will be out in the shops by next week," said a spokesman.

"Such has been the demand in the United States that we had to re-print and couldn't get it earlier," said the spokesman, speaking anonymously.

But the Booksellers' Association, which represents Britain's book trade, believes demand will tail off soon.

Six terrorists held in Rangamati

RANGAMATI, Sept 19: Local police in different places of the district overpowered six tribal armed terrorists on Thursday and Friday while they were allegedly in a bid to collect tolls and handed them over to the law enforcing agencies with arms and ammunition recovered from their possession, police said, reports BSS.

People of Bhebbhdi in the town caught red-handed three tribal armed extortionists yesterday while they were in an attempt to collect tolls from the shop-keepers and recovered two guns and cartridges from their possession.

The tribal armed terrorists: Annamoni Chakma, 23, Nijhum Chakma, 24, and Tanny Tripura, 27, were handed over to Rangamati Kotwali police.

The peace-loving tribal people of Dukherpara in Narianchar thana of the district caught three tribal armed terrorists on Thursday while they were in a bid to extort tolls. They were handed over to nearby Ghanipara army camp with a pipegun and a bayonet recovered from their possession.

The arrested, reportedly activists of Proshil-Sanchoy group, a faction of Pahari Chhatra Parishad, opposing the peace treaty, were identified as: Subash Chakma (23), Rintoo Chakma (25) and Hinto Chakma (27), police said quoting their confidential statement.

The arrested persons along with five others, led by Rintoo Chakma, allegedly committed a bus dacoity on August 2, on SAKM road at Kutubchhari in sadar thana of the district, police said.

Separate cases were lodged with Rangamati Kotwali thana and Narianchar thana against the arrested persons.

Don't depend on this 'unkind' govt: Mannan Bhuiyan

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday advised the country's farmers not to depend on this "unkind and injudicious" government but to try and stand on their own feet to recoup their losses, reports APB.

"This incompetent government may fail to tackle the dreadful situation which is ahead of the nation," he said and urged the farmers to try to go ahead with their own initiative.

Addressing a series of meetings at Shibpur under Narsingdi district while distributing relief goods among the flood victims, Bhuiyan said the country and its people incurred a huge loss due to the government's irresponsibility.

Bhuiyan visited and distributed relief goods at Paratola Bazar, Alinagar, Charlakapur, Lakpur, Shimulia College, Garbari Bazar, Shibpur Pilot Girls School and some other places under Shibpur thana.

Meanwhile, the BNP secretary general in a statement strongly protested the arrest of Mymensingh district Jubodal general secretary SM Faruque under "false and conspiratorial" charges.

Two killed in road mishap

MYMENSINGH, Sept 19: Two people, including a woman, were killed and 20 others injured in a road mishap on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway today, reports UNB.

Of the deceased, one identified as Hasina (30) while identity of other man aged about 35 could not be known.

According to police, a Dhaka-bound bus from Tangail collided head-on with a truck coming from opposite direction at 2.30 pm at Bolor in Trishal thana while it was trying to overtake another bus leaving the two people dead on the spot.

Of the injured, Taslima (3), daughter of deceased Hasina, Nazrul Islam (25), police Subedar Ibrahim Hossain (43) and an unidentified man aged about 35 were admitted to the Mymensingh Medical College Hospital with critical injuries.

The truck driver, however, managed to flee the scene along with his vehicle.

BAF distributes relief goods

BHEDERGANJ (Shariatpur), Sept 19: Bangladesh Air Force continued to distribute various relief goods among the flood-affected people, an ISPR press release said, reports BSS.

Chief of the Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Jamal Uddin Ahmed today reached here by a BAF helicopter and distributed relief goods among the distressed people.

The relief goods donated voluntarily by BAF personnel included rice, pulses, salt, sugar, loaves, match boxes, candles and sixty-five cartons of oral saline prepared by the BAF personnel.

More than 3000 kg of the relief goods were later handed over to the local administration for distribution among the flood-hit people.

Plane carrying relief from Italy to arrive Sept 23

An Alitalia cargo plane carrying relief materials from Italy for the flood victims of Bangladesh will reach the city on September 23, reports BSS.

Bangladesh Embassy in Rome was informed by the Italian foreign ministry of its government's decision to send medicines for the flood-affected people, a message received in the city by the Foreign Ministry said.

Italy earlier announced 40,000 US dollars and 1700 metric tons of wheat as relief assistance in response to the appeal made by the government.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh mission in the United Arab Emirates has informed that a good quantity of relief materials, including food, medicines and clothes have been donated by individuals and business firms in the Emirates.

Mohd Juma Al Nabooda, owner of Al Nabood Construction Company, donated one lakh UAE Dirham (about Taka 12.7 lakh), a message said.

USAID official tells FS US likely to respond positively to appeal for further aid

A senior official of US Agency for International Development (USAID) has spoken of possible positive response from the US administration to Bangladesh's appeal for additional assistance in wake of devastating floods, a message from Washington said yesterday, reports BSS.

Harriette C Babbit, Deputy Administrator of USAID, told visiting Foreign Secretary Mustafizur Rahman in Washington Friday that Bangladesh's request for more food assistance is receiving US government's urgent attention and consideration.

Rahman, during his meeting with Babbit on the third and concluding day of his three-day official visit to USA, gave a detailed account of the damages and destruction caused by over two months of flooding. He held meaningful discussion on US assistance for the flood victims and government's relief and rehabilitation efforts.

US flood relief assistance till now stands at about Tk 336.04 crore.

The foreign secretary thanked USAID's senior executive for the prompt US response to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's appeal for international assistance. He described US assistance as "substantial and timely", the message said.

Earlier, while speaking at a gathering organised in the US capital by Asia Society and UNOCAL on regional cooperation and related issues, Rahman said quality of life of the people of the region could only be improved through cooperation and joint efforts.

Mr Rahman said the concept of regional cooperation for collective self-reliance and securing peace and harmony in our region was first articulated by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is totally committed to regional peace and cooperation and is working for the economic development of the region through better understanding among the leaders of South Asia, he added.

The foreign secretary said with further growth of democratic culture in the SAARC countries and meaningful and sustainable cooperation in "each and every arena of our social and political milieu" the South Asia region could earn its meaningful place in the next millennium. He said promotions of cooperation with other regional organisations with similar aims and purpose has also been an important aim of the SAARC.

Bangladesh Ambassador to the United States KM Shehabuddin was present on both the occasions.

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1.	MCL/C (Purchase) 03/95	1. NC thinner T-1 2. Quick drying thinner T-3 3. Greeze (HTG)	Tk 100/- (one hundred) (non-refundable)	6-10-98 at 11 am	6-10-98 at 11-10 am	1. Purchase Section, Bangladesh Steel and Engineering Corporation, BSEC Bhaban, 102, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka -1215	Local
2.	MCL/C (Purchase) 95/95	1. NC Putri 2. NC undercoat	Tk 100/- (One hundred) (non-refundable)	-do-	-do-	2. Metalex Corporation Ltd, 99, Tongi Industrial Area, Tongi, Gazipur -do-	-do-

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