

Red Crescent launches relief, rehabilitation programme

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies have taken up a massive relief and rehabilitation programme to mitigate the suffering of the flood victims as well as to assist them in post-flood rehabilitation, reports UNB.

The programme include food distribution, medical treatment, supply of vegetable seeds, clothes and assist people in rebuilding destroyed homes.

The Federation has made an international appeal seeking Tk 312 million to conduct the post-flood programme.

According to a press release yesterday, the response has so far been very positive.

Red Cross of Britain, Sweden, and Holland have launched national fund-raising campaigns. Other contributors so far are: ECHO (European Community Humanitarian Office), Danish government, Dutch government, American Express, American RC, Austrian RC, British RC, Canada RC, Dutch RC, German RC, Iceland RC, Korean RC, Spanish RC, Swedish RC and Swiss RC.

Red Crescent (RC) will provide vegetable seeds to 500,000 people of 100,000 vulnerable families, water containers to 50,000 families and clothing to 100,000 families, said the press release.

3 held with 60 rounds of bullet in N'ganj

NARAYANGANJ, Sept 27: Police arrested three people and recovered 60 rounds of bullet from their possession from Aliganj area under Fatullah thana this morning, reports APB.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the office room of a brick field at Aliganj area at about 2 am and arrested Jahangir, 35, Suman, 18 and Sultan, 18.

Later on their confessional statement, police recovered 10 rounds of 303 rifle and 50 rounds of 22 bore revolver bullets from an iron cabinet of the office room.

More donations to PM's Relief Fund

More organisations and individuals yesterday donated huge quantity of relief materials and cash and cheques worth over Taka 36.93 lakh, 10,000 US dollars and 200 British pounds to the Prime Minister's Relief and Welfare Fund for the flood distressed people of the country, reports BSS.

Receiving the donations at her office yesterday Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina thanked them for their gesture towards the distressed humanity.

Among others, wazir/estate fund of Hazrat Shah Ali Bogdadai (R) Mazar Sharif Mirpur-Taka 10 lakh, Rajshahi University-Taka four lakh, Bangladesh Marine Fisheries Association-Taka three lakh, Bangladesh Audit and Accounts Karmochari Parishad-Taka three lakh, Gopalganj Samity, Dhaka-Taka three lakh, Hindu Nagarik Committee, Rajshahi-Taka two lakh, Youth Group-Taka two lakh, National Tea Co Ltd-Taka 1,17,174, Bangladesh Agriculture University Ganantika Sikhak Forum-over Taka one lakh, Nawabpur Dokan Malik Samity-Taka 1.30 lakh, Statistics Department over Taka 1.48 lakh.

Besides, Dredging International of Belgium donated 10 thousand US dollars, Royal Thai Embassy in Dhaka-oral saline and medicines, Reckitt and Colman, Bangladesh Ltd-Taka 15,464 and five tons of detol soap, and Dr Sarla Verma from London donated 200 UK pounds.

Other organisations and individuals who donated yesterday to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund included Geography and Environment Department of Dhaka University, Tabuk Sahara Hostel of Saudi Arabia, Bangabandhu Parishad Amgara branch Kuwait, Sapco staff of Saudi Arabia, Ex-students Society of Dhaka University Islamic History and Culture Department, Baraawalia Degree College, Lohagara Chittagong, Shamsul Haq and Forkan Begum of Haji Kalu Miah Market, Narsingdi, Bangabandhu Parishad, Rajshahi Zila Unit, Habibur Rahman, Social Welfare Secretary of Nabnagar thana Awami League, Mau-

Dhaka-N'ganj train service resumes Oct 1

NARAYANGANJ, Sept 27: The Dhaka-Narayanganj train service will resume on October 1 as rail tracks have surfaced with the receding of flood waters, reports BSS.

According to the station manager of Kamalapur Railway Station, train service on this route remained snapped for about 22 days since September 8 as different parts of the tracks including Narayanganj Railway Station went under water.

Bangladesh Railway repaired the track replacing wooden sleepers, damaged by flood waters.

Twenty local trains ply on the route every day, the source added.

Star journalist cheated of cash in Sonali Bank DU branch

By Staff Correspondent. An account holder of Sonali Bank, Dhaka University branch was cheated of cash Tk 46,000 when he went to the office for depositing the money.

The FIR lodged with Ramna thana said that Shahzad Mahmud Saifuddin, the victim went to the branch office of the bank carrying cash Tk 45,800 at about 11:00 am. But none has been arrested in connection with the case as yet, police said.

Saifuddin, a journalist of The Daily Star, in his FIR alleged the involvement of the cashier Abdul Hamid with the group of the cheats that deprived him of the cash amount, said Ramna police.

The cash amount along with the deposit slip was then placed in front of Abdul Hamid though the hole of the glass barrier.

Hamid a senior cashier in that branch, on one pretext or the other, was delaying to accept the cash and the deposit slip.

A group of cheats then drew Saifuddin's attention asking him whether the money lying on the floor belonged to him and fled from the spot taking away the cash from in front of the cashier.

German relief goods to arrive tomorrow

German relief materials including baby food, live saving medicines and a water purification plant for the flood victims will reach in city tomorrow, a message from Bonn said, reports BSS.

M/s Human Milchunion Eg. a baby food manufacturing company of Germany, has donated 2016 packages of baby food and M/s Action Medeor, a German-aid organisation has given 280 kg of live saving medicines in response to appeal made by Bangladesh embassy to the government of Germany and the private sector of that country.

Bangladesh Biman is expected to bring the relief goods along with the water purification plant on September 29, the message added.

One water purification unit was earlier sent from Germany on September 22.

ASHK Sadique elected SID president

By Staff Correspondent. A 14-member executive committee of the Bangladesh chapter of Society for International Development (SID) was elected for the year 1998-99 yesterday.

ASHK Sadique, Minister for Education and Nilufar Banu have been elected president and general secretary of the committee. Other SID office bearers are: vice presidents, Prof Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed and Dr Zahurul Alam, secretary for seminar and publication, Syed Shah Habibullah, secretary for finance, Sajjida S Howader, secretary for office and establishment, Khaleda Akhter Jahan, secretary for external affairs, Masud Mannan, and secretary for internal relations Nilufer Karim.

Executive members are: Majibul Haq, Prof Hafiz G A Siddiqi, Fatema Zohora, Prof Syed Abdul Hye, Kiriti Mitra, Mukhlesur Rahman Chowdhury, Dr Ahsan Uddin Ahmed, Syed Jafar Sohail Prof Kazi Saleh Ahmed, Md Faizul Kabir and Shamima Sultana.

Fake NGO official jailed

BARGUNA, Sept 27: A fake NGO official was sent to jail for misappropriation of money, reports UNB.

Shaheen Alam, a resident of Char Colony area in the town, allegedly mobilised more than Tk 3 lakh from 750 them enlisting them as members of a NGO, Mukhtangon College Mission, which later proved a fake.

Shaheen opened the NGO in early 1997 and employed 30 field workers and collected the money from the members.

Humayun Kabir, a supervisor of the NGO filed a case against Shaheen who went into hiding, when employees demanded their dues.

Shaheen reappeared in the area recently and opened another NGO under the name of Karmojog Sangsta and again started collecting money from simple and innocent people.

The court rejected his bail petition when he appeared in connection with the case filed by Humayun Kabir.

Lend a helping hand, please

By Staff Correspondent

Various organisations continued their relief activities across the country to mitigate the suffering of flood affected people.

DADA (Dhaka) Ltd, a sister company of DADA Corp, Seoul, Korea, the world's largest head-wear manufacturer and exporter, recently donated Tk four lakh to the Prime Minister's Relief and Welfare Fund for the flood affected people of Bangladesh. On behalf of DADA, SM Majedur Rahim, General Manager of Dada (Dhaka) Ltd, handed over the cheque to the Prime Minister.

IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh distributed relief materials among 500 flood-hit families of Kaneshwar union in Lauhajang thana under Munshiganj district on Saturday.

A total of 120 disabled flood victims and their families were among those who received relief goods.

The relief goods included two tons of rice, one ton of pulse, two tons of flour, 500 litres of edible oil, one ton of salt, 5000 packets of oral saline, sufficient quantity of Vitamin A capsules, water purifying tablets, deworming tablet, 500 buckets and 500 saucapans.

The relief operation was financed by Kadoorie Charitable Foundation, Hong Kong.

The IMPACT has also planned to support 1000 disabled families in the second phase of its programme under flood rehabilitation drive in Lauhajang thana.

The 22-member relief team was headed by Director of IM-

PACT Foundation Bangladesh Monsur Ahmed Chowdhury. The team members included representatives from IMPACT Foundation, National Forum of Organisations Working with the Disabled, Prip Trust Bangladesh and Centre for Services and Information on Disabilities.

IUB relief committee conducted a month long relief and rehabilitation programme in the adjoining areas of Baridhara with donations from the faculty, student and staff members of IUB, says a press release.

Besides, the relief committee extended their helping hand to the severely affected people of the far off areas of Basundhara-Bosumati, Khilkhet, Bhoura and Rampura.

The IUB relief committee, formed soon after the announcement and kind blessing by its president Dr A Majed Khan, were in action immediately after the commencement of the worst flood in recent years. Headed by the sr student relation officer Kazi Faruque Ahmed the IUB relief committee worked day and night to mitigate the sufferings of the flood victims.

Relief goods constituted dry food, water purification tablets, oral saline and other basic medications. The post flood rehabilitation were at first surveyed by the school of environment and then necessary steps were taken accordingly. Some of those measures include the installation of hygienic latrines, free medical assistance and also distribution of clothes.



Dredging International, a reputed firm of Belgium, has donated US dollar 10,000 to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for the flood victims. Syed Mozzam Hossain, Managing Director, SMH Engg & Trading Co and Resident Representative of Dredging International, handed over the cheque to the Prime Minister.



IUB relief committee distributing dry food, oral saline and water purification tablets among the flood affected people in the adjoining areas of Baridhara in the city.



Mayor Mohammad Hanif distributing cooked food among flood affected people at Nazira Bazar Girls' High School shelter. Dhaka Youth Foundation organised the relief distribution programme.



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The teachers, students and management committee of Green Gems International School distributed relief materials among 1500 flood victims at Shahidnagar, Labagh and Kamrangir Char, areas recently.



Proprietor of S. A. Paribahan Salahuddin Ahmed distributed relief goods among flood affected people of Begumganj thana under Noakhali district.

Bushra Lamination distributed cooked food among the flood victims who took shelter at the Arambagh Girls' School in the city.

Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh Tender Notice. Sealed tenders are hereby invited from CAAB enlisted E/M Contractors having experience in similar nature of works for the following works: Repair, servicing/maintenance of 11 KV/415 KV 500 KVA Sub-Station at Custom House, ZIA, Kurmitola, Dhaka.

RHD Short Notice Inviting Tender. Sealed tenders are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No-2911. 1. Tender Notice No. 3 (Three)/CRD, 1998-99. Restoration of flood damaged pavement at 5th km. (300m) of Gahira-Fatikchhari Road under Ctg. Road Division during the year 1998-99 (FDR). 266-C.A. Estimated cost Tk. 1,82,710/- Earnest money Tk. 3,655/- Completion time 7 (seven) days. Eligibility of RHD enlisted contractors 'A' to 'E' General Category. Price of tender document in/c.B.D. Form No 2911 Tk. 525/-

50 injured in bus accident in Jessore

JESSORE, Sept 27: Some 50 passengers were injured, 31 of them seriously, in a bus accident on the Jessore-Benapole highway on Saturday evening, reports APB.

The injured persons were rushed to the Jessore Sadar Hospital while the rest released after first aid.

The condition of the injured persons were critical, said hospital sources.

Police said all 50 passengers were wounded when a Benapole-bound speeding bus from Jessore turned turtle and skidded off the highway at Dhopakholia at about 6:30 pm.

Police seized the bus, but the driver fled the scene immediately after the accident to avoid arrest.

Cabinet body meet on law, order held

The eleventh meeting of the cabinet committee on law and order was held in the city yesterday with Home Minister Rafiqul Islam in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting reviewed country's overall law and order situation and underscored the need for taking effective measures to combat terrorism and extortion of toll. It also laid importance on reforms of law in this regard.

The meeting decided to take joint efforts of the police and the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) for removing traffic jam in the capital, an official hand-out said.

575 tonnes of rice allocated for 7 flood-hit districts

The government yesterday allotted 575 metric tons of rice for seven flood affected districts after reviewing the latest situation, reports UNB.

Disaster Management and Relief Ministry sanctioned 150 mts of rice for Comilla, 100 mts for each of Chandpur and Madaripur districts, 50 mts for each of Shariatpur, Narayanganj and Gaibandha districts and 75 mts for Laxmipur district.

With this, the government has so far allocated 90,837 mts of rice, 750 mts of wheat and Tk 8.57 crore among other relief materials for the flood affected people.



Nigar 4th among female students in Ctg Board

Gulshan Nigar Chaudhury stood 4th amongst the female students and 20th on the combined merit list in Science Group in this year's HSC examination held under Chittagong Board, says a press release.

A student of Ispahani Public School & College, Chittagong, Nigar secured 835 marks with letters in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics.

She also stood 2nd amongst the female students and 12th on the combined merit list in her SSC examination with distinction in six subjects by obtaining 894 marks. She appeared in the SSC exams from Bangladesh Women's Association Girls' High School (BWA School), Chittagong.

Nigar is the second daughter of Najmul Huq Chaudhury, Managing Director of Van Ommeren Tank Terminal Bangladesh Ltd (former ITI) and International Oil Mills Ltd, North-Patenga, Chittagong, and Ifat Jahan, a teacher of Bangladesh Women's Association Girls' High School (BWA School), Chittagong.

Her ambition is to serve the less fortunate of the society by becoming a competent physician.