

Post flood diseases no cause for alarm anymore

Star Report

Bangladesh has successfully combated post-flood diseases, specially diarrhoea in which more than 1.068 people died till Saturday since July and more than half a million others are affected as the country slowly recovers from its worst ever floods, health officials of the government's diarrhoea control room said on Saturday.

They however said diarrhoea, caused by polluted water and rotten food, had not turned into an epidemic mainly due to health monitoring by nearly 4,500 medical teams and people's general awareness about hygiene.

"The post-flood diarrhoea situation is not alarming," said Dr Ruhul Alam, Medical Officer of the health directorate. "It's less widespread than was feared ... partly because rains have washed away germs causing the intestinal illness," he said.

The floods triggered by heavy monsoon rain and fed by water coming from upstream India have killed more than 1,500 people, including 1068 who died of diarrhoea, and made millions homeless. It also caused huge damage to agriculture, industry and infrastructure.

An official of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, said: "Diarrhoea is still spreading in remote flood-hit areas as people are forced to take unhygienic foods due to food crisis and impure water."

"Red Cross medical teams are still treating patients specially diarrhoeal ones at different flood hit area of the country," he said on Saturday. "(But) it has not turned into an epidemic yet," he added.

Chehlum held

The chehlum of Fareea Lara and co-pilot Syed Rafiqul Islam were held yesterday, says a press release.

They died in a Cessna-150 aircraft crash near Pagla on September 27.

A large number of people attended the chehlum of Fareea at MP's Club. They prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

Among those who attended were Mueyed Chowdhury, Mufazzal Karim, Prof Anisuzzaman, Dr Zillur Rahman Siddiky and Air-vice Marshal (ret'd) A K Khandakar.

"The diarrhoeal patients are mostly children. Malnutrition, respiratory infections and skin diseases are the other main health problems now," doctors said.

An official of Dhaka's International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease and Research (ICDDR,B), said the flow of patients into the centre was gradually reducing. "The number of patients coming to the centre daily now range between 325 and 450 compared to more than 900 in the previous month," he said.

"We are passing through the post monsoon period (October-November) while diarrhoea is common health problem in this country, so we cannot say that diarrhoeal attacks constitute an unusual phenomenon," he added.

Killers can't be saved by calling hartals: Sajeda

RAJBARI, Nov 14: Environment and Forest Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury today said the killers of Bangabandhu could not be saved by calling hartals, reports BSS.

She said people will unitedly resist those who want to foil the much awaited historic judgement of the killing of Bangabandhu.

Addressing a public meeting, organised by Pangsha thana Awami League at Kalukhali High School in Rajbari, she said it was not proper to create a chaotic situation through hartals when the government is busy with the post-flood rehabilitation work. She asked why the opposition was pursuing negative politics at the time of final examinations in all educational institutions in the country.

Three BNP and Jatiya Party supporter chairmen along with at least three thousand workers and supporters joined the Awami League at the meeting.

Among others, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, parliament members Kazi Keramat Ali and Zillul Hakim and leaders of Juba League and Chhatra League addressed the meeting.

6500 VGF cards yet to reach flood victims in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 14: Some 6,500 VGF cards are yet to be distributed among the flood victims of the district due to the conflicts between pro-Awami League and pro-BNP ward commissioners, reports UNB.

Police arrested one pro-BNP commissioner while the poura chairman and another commissioner released on bail following a case filed by a pro-AL commissioner on charges of corruption.

The district relief office sources said more than 100 metric tons of VGF food grains are lying at the godown.

Another report from Kushtia adds: Flood hit people of Kumarkhali thana have also alleged corruption and nepotism in distribution of VGF cards.

Local leaders alleged that maldistribution and favouritism are being practised in preparing the list of deserving people.

They called for fair distribution of the cards among the distressed people for the sake of humanity.

22 sex workers arrested

By Staff Correspondent

Twenty two alleged sex workers along with two hotel boys were arrested from two residential hotels at Nawabpur area yesterday.

Kotwali police said acting on a tip-off they raided the hotels at about 11 am and arrested the girls, aged between 16 to 25, from inside hotels on charge of anti social activities.

The hotel boys, identified as Forkan, 22, and Salahuddin, 36, were arrested on charge of cooperating the girls to continue sex trade inside the hotels.

Police produced the 24 before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court. A case was filed with Kotwali thana in this regard yesterday.

'BNP out to jeopardise peace'

By Staff Correspondent

BRAHMANBARIA, Nov 14: LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman said the opposition leader would not be allowed to do politics sitting in the cantonment, the country's security bastion, reports UNB.

"To do politics she will have to come out of the cantonment and stand among the people", he said addressing the inaugural ceremony of Salda Bridge at Nayanpur in Koshba thana yesterday.

"But BNP and some anti-liberalisation forces are out to jeopardise the peaceful political order, the democracy and the rule of law to push back the nation into a situation like that of the aftermath of August 15, 1975," he added.

The minister said Begum Khaleda Zia, the BNP chairperson, was making provocative statements from the cantonment that created adverse reaction among the people.

Chaired by parliament member from the area Advocate Shah Alam, the rally was also addressed, among others, by Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Abdul Matin Khasru and LGED Chief Engineer Quamrul Islam Siddique.

He called for the people to counter unitedly any bid of BNP and its allies to create "anarchic situation" in the country.

Faezul condoles death of BD Habibullah

State Minister for Jute A K Faezul Haq expressed his profound shock at the death of eminent politician BD Habibullah, a close associate of Sher-e-Bangla A K Fazlul Haq, reports APB.

BD Habibullah died of old-age ailments at his Barisal town residence Thursday night.

In a condolence message, the State Minister prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.



Participants in a day-long CEFE (Competency-based Economies through Formation of Entrepreneurs) appreciation workshop organised by Centre for Human Excellence (CENCE) in collaboration with German Technical Corporation (GTZ) yesterday.

Kenneth Starr coming up with unpleasant surprise for Clinton

WASHINGTON, Nov 14: As he prepares to face hostile questioning in the House impeachment inquiry, Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr is coming up with a few unpleasant surprises for President Bill Clinton, reports AP.

Starr obtained an indictment accusing presidential friend Webster Hubbell of committing 15 felonies in order the conceal his and Hillary Rodham Clinton's work on failed Arkansas land deals that benefited Hubbell's father-in-law, Little Rock businessman Seth Ward.

Starr also turned over new evidence for House investigators to decide whether they should expand the impeachment inquiry to include allegations against Clinton by former White House volunteer Kathleen Willey.

Democrats were furious at Friday's development.

Starr is engaging in "a transparent attempt to change the subject" of the Judiciary (Committee) hearings next week," said Sen Robert Torricelli of New Jersey.

As the first witness in the impeachment inquiry, Starr will undergo questioning Thursday from committee Democrats about his aggressive pursuit of the Monica Lewinsky investigation last January before getting formal approval from the Justice Department.

Starr's transmittal allows the House committee to determine whether Mrs Willey's allegation of an unwelcome sexual advance by the president should be included in the inquiry, said sources familiar with the matter who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Starr has been investigating whether Clinton lied under oath when he denied making a crude sexual advance toward Mrs Willey during a 1993 encounter in the Oval Office, and whether others tried to intimidate the former White House volunteer after she went public with her allegations.

The material sent to the House is testimony from key witnesses and other evidence from the Willey investigation that had been left out of Starr's earlier referral, which accused Clinton of 11 offenses that the prosecutor contends are impeachable. Mrs Willey and several of her friends testified before Starr's grand jury.

The Hubbell indictment holds potential peril for Mrs Clinton.

The 40-page indictment refers to her three dozen times, saying that Hubbell lied about his own and the first lady's actions at the Rose Law Firm in Little Rock on behalf of the Clintons' Whitewater investment partners, Jim and Susan McDougal.

Hubbell decried the charges as a vendetta for his failure to provide any incriminating evidence about the first family to Whitewater prosecutors.

"I do not know of any wrongdoing on behalf of the first lady and president and nothing the independent counsel can do to me is going to make me lie about them," Hubbell said.

The indictment cited a mid-1980s real estate development in Arkansas called Castle Grande that was funded by the McDougal's Savings and Loan.

"Legal work performed on" Castle Grande "was performed by defendant Webster L. Hubbell"

and other attorneys, including "the 1985-1986 Rose billing attorney," the indictment said.

The indictment noted that regulators from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp and the Resolution Trust Corp concluded that Castle Grande involved "insider dealing, fictitious sales and land flips." Regulators estimate the failed development cost taxpayers nearly \$4 million.

Hubbell, the Justice Department's former No 3 official, is accused in the new indictment of lying to Congress during the 1995 Whitewater hearings. The other charges include fraud, false statements and corruptly impeding federal regulators.

Hubbell pleaded guilty in 1994 to tax evasion and mail fraud for stealing from his law firm and served 21 months in prison. He was indicted anew by Starr this spring on tax-evasion charges that were later dismissed by a judge.

"I had hoped I could start my life anew again. And I'm now of the belief that I may never be able to do so. I just do not know what it is going to take to make this matter end," Hubbell said outside his suburban Washington home.

Added his lawyer John Nields: "It is not normal for a prosecutor to keep indicting the same person over and over again."

Hubbell "answered over 10,000 questions from various investigators conducting various investigations. ... It's child's play to go through those 10,000 statements and pick out a few in which his answers were inaccurate or ... differed from the recollection of other witness," Nields said.

AL leader dead

CHITTAGONG, Nov 14: Advocate Abdur Rashid, 65, former member of national committee of Awami League died of heart attack at a city clinic today, reports BSS.

Rashid left behind his wife, five daughters, one son and a large number of relatives, political colleagues and well wishers to mourn his death, family sources said.

The mortal remains of Rashid was buried at his family graveyard at North Kattali after Asr prayers.

Labour and Employment Minister M A Mannan, City Mayor Alhaj A B M Mohiuddin Chowdhury attended his namaz-e-janaza.

They expressed deep sorrow at his death.



Rotary Club of Dhaka Downtown in collaboration with Bangladesh Society for Enforcement of Human Rights yesterday donated clothes and sewing machines among victims of women and child trafficking and domestic hands who are the victims of violence by their masters to make them self-employed. — Star photo

Report of progress in cancer drug Interests of investors clash with pace of science

WASHINGTON, Nov 14: Cancer researchers working on a dramatic new approach to killing tumours found yet again this week that the interests of investors and patients often do not coincide with the slow, steady pace of science, reports Reuters.

A front-page article in the Wall Street Journal on Thursday highlighted delays in efforts to test the promising new drugs agniostat and endostatin, which will off tumours by starving them of blood supply.

The Drugs, known as angiogenesis inhibitors, have been the subject of intense speculation since Dr Judah Folkman of Children's Hospital in Boston announced the two drugs had completely eliminated tumours from specially bred mice.

Although he stressed it was a long way from testing drugs in mice to testing them in humans, his findings were the subject of breathless news reporting — they were put on the front page of the New York Times in May — and his lab was deluged with telephone calls and letters from hopeful patients.

The hype given to it by the New York Times article is unfortunate because it's put a lot of pressure on these two compounds in general and on Judah," Dr. Joseph Bertini of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre in New York said in a telephone interview.

Investors, who have looked to biotech companies as a good way to get rich, sometimes to get rich quick, have shown just what that pressure can do.

Shares in the company Folkman works with — Entremed Corp — shot up. But on Thursday they plummeted more than 25 per cent after the Wall Street Journal report, which said other scientists had been unable to replicate Folkman's results.

The usually reticent Folkman issued his own statement responding to the article, saying his laboratory and repeated its remarkable results in mice several times since he first announced them last November.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Azimpur PWD Division, Dhaka

Tender Notice

- Tender Notice : 49/98-99.
- Name of work : Construction of 10,000 gallon capacity underground water reservoir within the compound of different important Fire Station at Dhaka city (SH: One at West Palasy, Dhaka).
- Estimated cost : Tk. 3,28,438/-
- Earnest money : Tk. 6,600/-
- Time allowed : 45 (Forty-five) days. for completion of work
- Cost of tender : Tk. 400/- (Taka four hundred) only documents (non-refundable) per set.
- Place of selling : Office of the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Motijheel /Narsingdi/ Narayanganj/Munshiganj/Resources /Eden Building PWD Division, Dhaka.
- Place of receiving tender : All the offices of the clause-7 above.
- Last date of selling the tender : Till 29-11-98 during office hours.
- Date of receiving and opening the tender : Up to 12:00 Noon of 30-11-98 and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM.
- Eligibility of Contractor/Firm : Special Class-I, Class-I, Class-II, Class-III & Class-IV contractor of PWD.
- Miscellaneous : No tender will be sold to the contractor/firm who has no VAT registration and TIN certificate.
- In case more than one tenderer stood lowest quoting same rate, selection will be made by lottery to be held on 3-12-98 at 11:00 AM in the office of the undersigned.

Executive Engineer
Azimpur PWD Division
Segunbagicha, Dhaka
Phone: 9331089

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Tender Invitation Notice by R&H

- Tender Notice : 06/MWD/1998-99.
- Name of work : Supply of spare parts for overhauling of 75 HP Harbomaster Ford Engine (engine no S820505, 6 cylinder), now brought and kept at the workshop (the present site of which is from former Thakurakona Ferry Ghat) of 'C' type ferry under Workshop Division, Mymensingh during 1998-99 fiscal year.
- Estimated cost : Taka as per schedule.
- Amount of earnest money : Taka 2% (two per cent) of the estimated cost.
- Time limit for completion of work : 20 (twenty) days from the date of issue of work order.
- Eligibility of contractors : R & H enlisted general category contractor with as per financial and regional capability.
- Offices from where tenders can be purchased : Executive Engineer (R&H), Workshop Division, Mymensingh, Dhaka/ Feni and Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Workshop Sub-Division, Mymensingh.
- Name of officials and offices to receive tender : 1. Superintendent Engineer (R&H), Workshop Circle, Tejgaon, Dhaka.
2. Executive Engineer (R&H), Workshop Division, Mymensingh/Dhaka/Feni.
- Last date of selling tender : 22-11-98 (during office hours).
- Last date and time of receiving sealed tender : 23-11-98 till 12:30 PM.
- Last date and time of opening sealed tender : 25-11-98 at 11:00 AM.
- Date of lottery (if necessary) : 25-11-98 at 11:30 AM.

Mir Aminul Islam
Executive Engineer (R&H)
Workshop Division, Mymensingh.

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Directorate General Defence Purchase
Ministry of Defence
New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders (Exploratory/Budgetary) in foreign currency are invited from bonafide manufacturers/dealers/suppliers/indentors (Enlisted firms and firms applied for enlistment in DGDP) for preparing complete specification. Procurement of the items by open tender. Brochures/catalogues and price of the items are required for the following items for Bangladesh Navy.

Sl No	Name of Items & Qty	Date of Selling From To	Date of opening	Currency	Tender No
a.	Deep Sea Hydrographic Echo Sounder	23-11-98 — 31-12-98	03-01-99	Foreign	5776
b.	Qty—02 Complete Sets Gentry Crane	-do-	-do-	-do-	5777
c.	Qty—01 in No Electric Chamber Furnace	-do-	-do-	-do-	5778
d.	Qty—01 in No CNC Cutter	-do-	-do-	-do-	5779
e.	Qty—01 in No Wood Working Slot Cutting Machine	-do-	-do-	-do-	5780
f.	Qty—02 in Nos Bellows Making Machine	-do-	-do-	-do-	5781
g.	Qty—02 in Nos Engine Health Monitoring Set	-do-	-do-	-do-	5782
h.	Qty—02 Sets Induction furnace	-do-	-do-	-do-	5783
i.	Qty—01 in No Water Tight Integrity Test Indicator	-do-	-do-	-do-	5784
j.	Qty—04 Sets Reverse Osmosis Plant	-do-	-do-	-do-	5785

2. Tender schedule with detailed specifications/conditions will be available on payment as per I/T selling rate (not refundable) during office hours between 0800 hours to 1300 hours. The tender can be dropped latest by 1000 hrs and opened at 1005 hours on the specified date of opening in the presence of tenderers (if present).

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Lt Commander BN
For Director General

BCIC Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited by the Managing Director, Karnaphuli Rayon & Chemicals Ltd, Chandraghona for the following work from the BCIC-enlisted contractors under category A-3 and above.

Sl No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Cost of schedule (non-refundable)
1.	Repairing/maintenance of Brine-Make up shed	Tk 2,43,120/-	Tk 500/- (Tk five hundred) only

The earnest money @ 2% of the quoted value in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the Managing Director, KRC Ltd, Chandraghona for any scheduled bank of Bangladesh will have to be enclosed with the tender, otherwise the tender will be treated as cancelled.

Tender documents will be sold from the office of the Sr. General Manager, BCIC Branch office, 6-Agrabad, Chittagong and from the office of the General Manager (A&F), KRC Ltd, Chandraghona up to 29-11-98.

The tender will be received on 30-11-98 at 11:00 AM and will be opened at 11:15 AM simultaneously in the office of the Sr. General Manager, BCIC Branch office, Agrabad, Chittagong and General Manager (MTS), KRC Ltd, Chandraghona on the same date in presence of the tenderers, if any.

The KRC Ltd authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Md Iqbal
BCIC 992-8-11-98
DFP-23767-10/11
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Asstt. Engineer (Civil)
for Managing Director, KRC.