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Experts call for strengthening disaster management system

Bangladesh received accolades from the international community for successful management of mammoth scale cyclones and floods in the past couple of years but experts have warned that disaster management system should be strengthened immediately to uphold this fame, reports BSS.

The country is known for its high sensitivity to natural calamities. Multiple natural hazards like tropical cyclones, coastal floods, drought and earthquakes gripped the land in the current decade.

Tens of thousands of people struggled against riverine flood in 1998, one of the worst this century, that inundated two-thirds of the country, damaged crops, physical infrastructure and assets over US \$ 2.5 billion and caused hundreds of deaths, official sources said.

They said the worst tropical cyclone hit Bangladesh in April 1991, with core winds over 225 kilometers per hour and a storm surge over seven meters high that resulted in about 138,000 deaths.

Excepting the Chittagong Hill Tracts in the southwest and the Modhupur tract in the central region, the country is located in the floodplains of three main rivers the Ganges, the Brahmaputra and the Meghna (GBM).

Julian Francis, the disaster preparedness delegate member (stationed in Dhaka) of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) said the deluge of 1998 was the most devastating in sense of both magnitude and duration. He said resilience and ingenuity of the people helped them overcome the crisis.

He observed that though Bangladesh government re-

ceived laurels from international bodies for successful management of natural calamities the country lacks a proper national disaster management policy.

"The government policy is not clear about how disaster forecast would reach the people with disabilities. It is yet to include people with vision, hearing and other disabilities," Julian said.

He noted that flood in Dhaka and other places were prolonged due to unplanned dykes and improper drainage systems. "If you follow old British maps 22 large canals crisscrossed

2 electrocuted in city

By Staff Correspondent

Two persons were electrocuted in two separate incidents in the city yesterday, said hospital sources.

Mohammad Ali, 40, son of Shukur Sheikh, was electrocuted when he was working in an electric line of a rickshaw garage at Rupnagar Shyabari under Pallabi thana in the city at about 1:30 pm yesterday.

The victim was declared dead when brought to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) at about 2:30 pm, hospital sources said.

In another incident, Maksudur Rahman, a resident of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar under Mohammadpur police station, was also electrocuted, said hospital sources.

The victim was declared dead soon after he was rushed to the DMCH at about 5:00 am.

When contacted police said they were not aware of the incidents.

Dhaka but now hardly you could find them functional," he said.

Julian said construction policy of cyclone shelters in the coastal belt districts should be changed as scientists concerned about global warming and climate change have warned that in the year 2030 Bay of Bengal would register 30 centimeter rise.

The IFRC delegate expressing caution said if cyclone preparedness programme (CPP) volunteers and its headquarters at Moghbazar here lacks efficient communication equipment the country would encounter severe crisis during next coastal cyclone.

Apart from cyclone and flood, earthquake has emerged as a new field of growing concern. Geographers said that the recent quakes have changed the geographical traits of offshore Moheshkhali Island in the Bay of Bengal. Country's lone seismic observatory in Chittagong is not equipped with modern technology.

Chairman of Bangladesh Space Research and Remote Sensing Organization (SPARRO) Dr A M Chowdhury said every day his organization received inputs from US satellite NOAA that gives latest data on weather, crops pattern and other things.

He said SPARRO is negotiating with the European space agency to establish ground station for receiving data and remote sensing images from Meteosat.

Dr Chowdhury said, as it is a very expensive process SPARRO is looking for strategic partnership with investors and consulted major European and American aerospace engineering companies for details.



Jatiyatabadi Tarun Dal brought out a procession from Muktangan in the city yesterday in protest of the attack on its leader Tuhiin. — Star photo

Withdrawal of expulsion order against 9 JCD leaders demanded

By DU Correspondent

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of main opposition BNP, yesterday brought out a procession on the Dhaka University campus demanding withdrawal of the expulsion order against its nine leaders including Shahabuddin Laltu.

Following the procession, the new faction held a rally at the Aparajito Bangla. The new faction consists of leaders of central executive committee and different JCD units at DU.

At the rally the speakers alleged that, "a top leader of JCD is working as an 'agent' of Awami League government in a bid to ruin the organisation."

"As part of conspiracy, the leader dissolved the 11 hall unit committees of DU on June 19 to keep sacrificial leaders out of the organisation," they said.

The speakers demanded reinstatement of the 11 hall unit committees and reformation of JCD central executive committee and DU unit committee.

Harun-or-Rashid Shishir, president of Mohsin Hall unit, Ahsan Uddin Khan Shipon and Torikul Islam Titu, were among those who addressed the rally.

The committee asked all to submit a written statement regarding what they know about the incident at the office of proctor, by July 2, 3:00 pm.

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FEMA concerned at AL, opposition's disagreement over JS women's seats

The Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) has expressed regrets that it has not been possible for the government and the opposition parties to attempt to forge an understanding on the vital question of women representation in the Jatiya Sangsad. On the contrary, some of the moves taken by them may further complicate the matter, says a press release.

In this context FEMA leaders have referred to the outcome of the consultations and exchange of views that the organisation has undertaken over the past 3 years with a wide cross section of politically conscious citizens including political workers, academics, representative of professional groups and women activists in connection with electoral law reform.

These consultations suggest that there is a growing consensus in favour of increasing the number of reserve seats for women in the Sangsad.

FEMA have underlined that with every passing day women are coming out of their seclusion and participating in the economic and social life. FEMA leaders feel that it is imperative that the women who constitute about half the population of the country should be allowed an opportunity to actively take part in the deliberations of the highest law making organ of the country. The above FEMA study has also indicated an overwhelming preference among those whom it consulted on the subject in favour of direct election for the post.

Acting chairperson of FEMA Abul Ahsan has expressed the view that such a step is necessary to put the representatives of the women on a similar footing as other members of the Sangsad, make them fully accountable to their electorate and promote their self-confidence and pride.

Government of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
Faridpur PWD Division

Notice Inviting Tenders No 140 of 1999-2000

Memo No 1058

Dated: 13.6.2000/30.2.1407 Bang

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Details may be seen from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

MD Syedur Rahman
Executive Engineer

Faridpur PWD Division
Phone No: 3257

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Director General
Youth Development Directorate
Ministry of Youth and Sports
108, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000

Memo No-YDD/YTC/Mym-Construction-2/97-805

Dated: 18/06/2000

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Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No-2911 from the pre-qualified contractors for this project renewed for the current fiscal year for renovation repair, painting, snow-cem, white wash etc of different buildings of Mymensingh Youth Training Centre under a project titled "Development and Completion of Unfinished Work of the Existing Centres including setting up of Eleven New Youth Training Centres" under Youth Development Directorate. Tenders will be received till 12:00 Noon on 3-7-2000/19-03-1407 Bangla in the offices of the undersigned and the consultants establishment Engineers Consortium Ltd, 64/B, Green Road, Dhaka and the tenders received will be opened the same day at 12:15 PM before the tenderers present (if anyone remains present). Earnest money at the rate of 2% of the estimated expenditure in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of the Project Director, setting up of Youth Training Centre Project, Youth Development Directorate, Dhaka will have to be given. Otherwise tenders will be treated as rejected outright. The time-limit for work is 45 (forty-five) days. Terms and conditions of tender and schedule can be purchased by the contractor himself or his representative (with the attestation of signature by contractor) by depositing Taka 475/- (four hundred seventy-five) (non-refundable) through Bangladesh Bank/Treasury Challan in "No-1/3640/ 5130/2681 Code" and by depositing the original copy of challan in the office of the undersigned and the consultant establishment at 64/B, Green Road, Dhaka and by producing the registration book of pre-qualification during office hours tender form can be purchased. No tender form will be sold on the day of opening tender. Attested copies of pre-qualification and trade licence renewed during 1999-2000 fiscal year will have to be submitted with tender. Otherwise tenders will be treated as rejected outright. The authority reserves the power to accept or reject any tender or accept or reject tender fully or partially without assigning any reason and the authority is not obliged to accept the lowest rate.

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2846	2955	3002	3011	3057	3092
3184	3229	3521	3664	3675	

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