

Relief operation in flood-hit areas on

More donations to PM's fund

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday received Tk 53.92 lakh as donations from individuals and organisations for her relief fund, report agencies.

Officials said she received a total of Tk 53.92.374 in cash and cheques from the donors in her office for flood relief and rescue operation in southwestern districts.

Director General of Bangladesh Rifles handed over a cheque for Tk 20 lakh from the BDR Welfare Fund while Alhaj Syed Abdul Hossain MP personally donated Tk 10 lakh to the PM's Relief Fund.

Officials and staff of Sonali, Janata, Agrani and Rupali Bank donated their one day's lunch allowances amounting to Tk 4 lakh, 3.5 lakh, 3 lakh and 1.25 lakh respectively.

Chairmen of those banks handed over the cheques for the amount to the Prime Minister.

A little boy, Naim, donated Tk 100, the prize money he won in a weekly paper Roodro. He is a Class III student of Saint Gregory School.

A small trader aged about 30, Dulal Chandra Saha, donated Tk 1,000 he had kept for his marriage anniversary.

Besides more organisations have donated one day's salary of their officials and employees. These include Bangladesh Open University, Dutch-Bangla

Bank and Roads and Highways Division.

Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Open University handed over a cheque for Tk 1 lakh while Managing Director of Dutch-Bangla Bank and Chief Engineer, Roads and Highways Division, Dhaka Tk 5 lakh each.

Chairman of Investment Corporation of Bangladesh handed over Tk 69,808 as one day's salary of its officials and staff and Ramendra Majumder gave Tk 20,000 on behalf of Sammilito Sangskritik Jote.

Ministry of Environment, Forest

Officials and employees of all offices under the Ministry of Environment and Forest will donate their one day's salary to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund in aid of the flood victims.

BDRCS

Chairman of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) Sheikh Kabir Hossain yesterday inaugurated the Red Crescent Flood Control Co-ordination and Monitoring Centre in Jessore, says a press release.

Chairman of the BDRCS also visited flood-affected areas of Sathkhira district and participated in the distribution of the Red Crescent relief. He also held a meeting with the members of the Executive Committee of Sathkhira Unit and the local administration.

Meanwhile, BDRCS deployed 7 more medical teams to Jessore, Sathkhira, Chuadanga, Kushtia and Jhenidah districts yesterday. It also dispatched 50 MT of rice, 10 MT of dal, 10 MT of chura and 2 MT of gur to the

flood-affected southwestern districts. A total of 792 MT of foodstuff sent to the flood-affected areas so far.

German grants

The German Federal Foreign Office has made available more than Taka 15 lakh for humanitarian relief operations in the flood affected districts in the southwestern region of Bangladesh, a press release said yesterday.

The humanitarian aid efforts aim at fulfilling the most urgent needs of the flood victims and will include the supply of medicine, dry food and provisional shelters.

The relief efforts will be implemented by the Bangladesh NGO Dhaka Alisana Mission

Navy

The Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral A Talier visited flood affected areas of Jessore and Sathkhira yesterday.

The Chief of the Naval Staff went to Jhikargacha, Benapole and Sathkhira and saw for himself the relief and medicare activities being carried out by the Navy personnel there. On the occasion he distributed relief materials among the flood victims.

The relief materials, collected from the Navy's own sources, included rice, flour, powder milk, chira, muri, molasses, biscuits, medicine, cooked food and clothes.

BGMEA

Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters' Association (BGMEA) has taken up a relief distribution programme for the flood victims of the country's southwestern districts.

Expressing concern over the flood situation, the BGMEA in a press release yesterday urged its member organisations and the people to join the programme of the association.

DCCI

The Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI) Board of Directors has constituted a Relief Committee to initiate the relief operations in the country's southwestern region, says a press release.

Three separate relief teams of the DCCI are working to help the flood affected people of

Godagari-Chapainawabganj, Jhenidah-Moheshpur, Sathkhira and Navarmon-Benapole area.

DCCI teams will distribute dry-food, clothing, salt, water purifying tablets, candles, matches, oral saline, buckets and other necessary items among the distressed people.

World Vision Bangladesh

World Vision Bangladesh has so far distributed packets of food among 13,000 families affected in the recent flood in the southwest parts of the country.

The food packets consist of 10 kg rice, 2 kg lentil, 1 kg salt, 5 packets oral saline and in some places 5 kg cooking oil and medicines, said a press release yesterday.

C'wealth Student and Youth Organisation

Commonwealth Student and Youth Organisation will distribute educational equipments in the flood-affected area at southwestern region in Bangladesh, says a press release.

More relief sanctioned for flood victims

The Relief and Disaster Management Ministry yesterday sanctioned a total of 600 metric tons of rice and Tk two lakh as gratuitous relief for the flood affected people of the southwestern region, reports BSS.

Of the total rice, 200 metric tons will be sanctioned each for Jessore and Sathkhira districts, 100 metric tons for Chuadanga district, 75 metric tons for Jhenidah district and 25 metric tons for Meherpur district.

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Netherlands willing to provide more assistance in agri, edn sectors

The Netherlands is willing to provide more assistance to Bangladesh in agriculture, energy, education and health sectors, newly-appointed Dutch Ambassador to Bangladesh Sje IJzerman said yesterday, reports UNB.

The newly-appointed Dutch envoy called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office and also told her that his country is keen on bolstering bilateral cooperation.

The Prime Minister said that the two countries can share experience in water resources management and stressed the need for river dredging to control recurring floods in the country.

Dismissal of SI

Show cause issued on home secty, police officers

Justice D M Ansaruddin, Chairman of the Administrative Appellate Tribunal, has issued notice upon the Home Secretary and some top police officials asking them to show cause as to why contempt proceedings will not be drawn against them for failing to carry out the order of the Tribunal, reports UNB.

The notice came upon a petition filed by Khrushti Alam, a sub-inspector of police, whose dismissal from service was declared illegal by the Tribunal.

The petitioner stated that despite the Tribunal's order, he had not been re-instated in services, tantamount to violation of the order, a press release said yesterday.

Dr Bandaranayake presented a paper on "General Practice/Family Medicine at an Undergraduate Level in Bangladesh: Concepts, Constraints and Possibilities".



Noted educationist Prof Anisuzzaman speaking a discussion meeting arranged in observance of the sixth death anniversary of an eminent artist S M Sultan at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy auditorium yesterday.

- Star photo

Concept of general practice largely ignored in Bangladesh

Speakers say as two-day national workshop on family medicine gets underway in city

By Staff Correspondent

The concept of general practice and family medicine, one of the main instruments for primary healthcare until now, is largely ignored in Bangladesh, participants at a workshop in the city said yesterday.

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