



K Mahmood Sattar, managing director and CEO of Eastern Bank Ltd., hands over a cheque for Tk 22 lakh to Fazle Hasan Abed, chairperson of Brac, in donation for the flood victims on Tuesday.



The Children and Ladies' Affairs sub-committee of the Retired Armed Forces Officers' Welfare Association (RAOWA) distributes relief among the flood-affected people at Khilkhet Bat Tala area in the city on Tuesday.



Staff and employees of Arab Bangladesh Bank distribute relief in Manikganj recently.



Members of City University Flood Relief Committee distribute relief at Basabo and Kuril on Tuesday.



JICA Alumni Association, Bangladesh hands over country boats for the flood affected people of Bashaboo in the city recently.



Farhana Ferthous, a student of Eden College, bought rice, pulse, fried rice and molasses with her pocket money and distributed those among flood victims in Manikganj.



Vice-chancellor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University distributes relief among flood-affected people in Gafargaon, Mymensingh, on Monday.



Officials and employees of Meghna Group of Industries distributed relief in Sonargaon and Narayanganj recently.

## PM's directive to place 3 more areas under KCC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Khulna*

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia has directed the Khulna Development Authority (KDA) chairman to hand over Khulna Bus Terminal, Rupsha Natun Bazar and New Market to Khulna City Corporation (KCC).

She has also directed the authorities concerned to lease the abandoned house 'Elias Manjil' at Ahsan Ahmed Road to Red Crescent Society for 99 years.

Jalaluddin Al-Quaderi, director of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), sent a letter on July 13 to the Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Public Works in this regard.

Earlier, Mayor Shaikh Tayebur Rahman wrote two letters to Prime Minister Khaleda Zia on May 5 and July 3 as KDA refused to hand over Khulna bus terminal to KCC defying the inter-ministerial decision, said a city corporation press release.

The inter-ministerial meeting on March 3 in 1993 decided to hand over the bus terminal to city corporation.

KDA chairman Brigadier General Aminul Hasan could not be contacted for his comment on the issue. He is now in Dhaka to discuss this matter with authorities concerned, KDA sources said.

A senior official said that KDA being an autonomous body under the Ministry of Public Works has been contributing to the infrastructural development of Khulna since pre-independence days. This autonomous body is being run from its own income, he said. Expressing concern over the decision, he said that it may hinder development works of Khulna city.

Four out of five city mayors held a meeting on June 17 in Dhaka at 'Nagar Bhaban' with a view to taking positive decision on how to strengthen city corporations and increase revenues to provide citizens with more civic facilities.

Mayors in the meeting agreed that the development authorities should be abolished to empower city corporations.

## China assures help for post-flood rehabilitation

BSS, *Dhaka*

Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Chai Xi yesterday assured that his government would extend help and cooperation to the post-floods rehabilitation programme.

The assurance came when the ambassador called on Food and Disaster Management Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf at the latter's his office here.

The envoy said the Chinese government was observing the flood situation in Bangladesh very cautiously.

All should come forward to stand by the flood-affected people on humanitarian ground, he said.

The Chinese envoy also lauded the government's relief activities to face the flood situation.

They also discussed issues relating to mutual interests particularly the current flood situation and relief and rehabilitation programme.

Yousuf apprised the ambassador of undertaking a massive rehabilitation programme by the government to overcome the heavy loss caused by the flood which leaves a trail of destruction across the country.

China is a friendly country of Bangladesh, he said adding that our foreign friends would come forward in helping the flood affected people.

He said the government would appeal to the world community by the next week for financial assistance to undertake the post-flood rehabilitation programme.

### Obituary

BSS, *Dhaka*

Veteran communist leader and lawyer Shafiuddin Malik died of old-age complications at Birdem hospital in the city yesterday.

His body was taken to his village home in Manikganj for burial.

President of Communist Party of Bangladesh Manzurul Ahsan Khan and General Secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim expressed condolence at the death of Shafiuddin Malik.

### Death anniversary



The sixth death anniversary of noted social worker Khondker Zahedur Rahman will be observed today, says a press release.

A former member of the Dhaka University Central Students' Union (DUCSU), Zahed was the second son of late Khondker Fazlur Rahman (Mawladad) of Gowaldi, Faridpur.

On the occasion, a doa mahfil will be held at his family residence at Dhanmondi (House-- 62/1, Road--12/A) after Asr prayers today.

### Toufika Manzil Lovely



The first death anniversary of Toufika Manzil Lovely, wife of Syed Mohammed Akram, head of the Reliance Insurance Limited, Karwan Bazar branch, will be observed on August 7, says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at her residence at 214 Malibagh, Meer Aloya, Flat No-D-2, second floor, after Maghrib prayers on Friday.



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia distributes relief among flood-affected people in Shariatpur district yesterday.

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## 223 more medical teams formed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The health directorate yesterday said it had formed 223 additional medical teams for the treatment of sick people in flood affected areas.




These include 173 teams formed in coordination with the Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) which were deployed in the city yesterday to help treat the sick people.

The directorate said until now a total of 4,137 medical teams have been deployed for the treatment of the people suffering from various water-borne diseases.

Of them, 3,453 teams are working in the worst affected regions.

The health directorate also said a total of 1,41,864 people had suffered from diarrhoea since the onset of flood in July. Out of them, 88 people, mostly children, have died.

The directorate said it distributed a total of 5,22,000 water purification tablets, 81,900 oral saline packets and 6,800 intravenous saline in 14 districts.



### Fall in temperature likely

UNB, *Dhaka*

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over the country with moderately heavy falls at places till 6.00pm today.

Slight fall in day temperate is expected over the country during the period, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 33.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Syedpur and the lowest 24.6 degree Celsius at Srimongal.

**The sun sets in the capital at 6:39pm today and rises at 5:30am tomorrow.**

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.3	26.2	89	80
Chittagong	31.6	25.8	90	75
Rajshahi	32.8	26.2	71	76
Khulna	31.5	26.4	81	86
Barisal	30.4	26.0	76	74
Sylhet	32.9	25.5	83	91
Cox's Bazar	31.3	25.5	90	96