

Cyclone leaves trail of corpses, desperation

AFP, Yangon

Rice fields littered with corpses, desperate survivors homeless and with nothing to eat or drink -- witnesses paint a horrifying picture of Myanmar's remote typhoon-devastated south.

Few outsiders are allowed to work inside the reclusive country, and fewer still have been able to reach the swampy Irrawaddy river delta, which was hardest-hit when cyclone Nargis slammed into the coast on Saturday.

Christian relief organisation World Vision, one of the few international agencies allowed to work inside the military-ruled state, said its teams had surveyed the worst-affected regions and witnessed scenes of desperation.

"They saw the dead bodies from the helicopters, so it's quite overwhelming from that height," said Kyi Minn, an adviser to World Vision's office in Myanmar's main city of Yangon. "Even from that height it's devastating."

More than 22,000 people have been killed in the disaster, which

ravaged a huge swathe of south-western Myanmar, affecting 24 million people or nearly half the country's population, according to the United Nations.

Kyi Minn likened the impact to the 2004 tsunami that swept across the Indian Ocean, killing 220,000 people in a dozen countries but causing little damage in Myanmar.

"The impact of the disaster could be worse than the tsunami because it is compounded by the limited availability of resources on top of the transport constraints," he told AFP.

"Eyewitnesses tell us there are thousands without the basic needs of water, food and, in some areas, shelter. Now the weather is getting hotter again, people are quite desperate," he said.

"They have no water to drink, no food -- and they are having to stand outside with no roof. This is quite desperate."

World Vision is distributing its limited supplies inside the country, including clean water, clothing, shelter and rice. But Kyi Minn appealed to the international community for more help.

Asian nations rally around cyclone-hit Myanmar

AFP, Hong Kong

Asian nations Tuesday joined the international community in offering support for victims of the devastating Myanmar cyclone, after a rare appeal for help from the nation's military junta.

The reclusive Southeast Asian country, whose rulers normally shun foreign aid, reached out to the world as the death toll climbed to more than 15,000 after tropical cyclone Nargis tore through the impoverished nation at the weekend.

China said it would send one million dollars in emergency aid in batches, some of it in cash, to help reconstruction.

"I believe that the government and people of Myanmar will soon overcome the difficulties caused by the cyclone and restore normal life and production," Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said in a message to his Myanmar counterpart General Thein Sein.

Wen also expressed sympathy for the Myanmar people and sent his condolences, said the state-

ment, which was posted on the Chinese foreign ministry's website.

China is one of Myanmar's closest political allies and has invested large sums of money to take advantage of its neighbour's energy and mineral assets, while helping to build the country's infrastructure.

Immediate neighbour Thailand airlifted more than 400,000 dollars' worth of food, drinking water and medical supplies, Foreign Minister Noppadon Pattama said.

With the disaster bringing back memories of the 2004 Asian tsunami, Indonesia said it would provide aid worth one million dollars, the Antara news agency reported.

Economic giant Japan offered 28 million yen (270,000 dollars) in emergency aid including tents, electric power generators and other emergency goods "considering the urgency of the situation there and humanitarian aspects to it," the foreign ministry said in a statement.

Asean appealed for "generous"

international aid for member Myanmar, with Surin Pitsuwan, secretary general of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, saying the 10-member bloc has begun to mobilise help through coordination centres in its capitals.

"We are now appealing to all Asean governments, the private sector and the civil society... to please respond generously," he told reporters in Singapore.

Meanwhile Singapore, which has close ties to Myanmar, expressed solidarity and pledged 200,000 US dollars in aid.

"I am deeply saddened to learn about the widespread damage caused by Cyclone Nargis over the weekend," Singapore's Foreign Minister George Yeo said in a letter, dated Monday, to his Myanmar counterpart Nyan Win.

"My heart goes out to the people of Myanmar who have been affected by the tragedy," Yeo said. "If there is any way Singapore can help, please do not hesitate to let us know."



People travel on a small boat in the port of Yangon following the passing of Cyclone Nargis. Governments urged Myanmar's military junta to end entry restrictions as offers of help flooded in for the country after its devastating cyclone that killed more than 22,000 people.



Indian medical students burn the effigy of Indian Human Resource Development Minister Arjun Singh during an anti-reservation protest in New Delhi yesterday. The protesting students demanded that reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBC) be scrapped at the post-graduate level.

Women's quota bill placed in Indian parliament amid scuffles

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Amid high drama and scuffles among members in the Rajya Sabha, India's Congress-led UPA government yesterday introduced women's quota bill providing reservation of one-third of seats for women in Parliament and state legislatures.

Congress' women lawmakers provided a protective cover as Law Minister Hans Raj Bhardwaj introduced the controversial bill in the midst of Samajwadi Party members trying to snatch its copies from his hands.

The SP members stormed the well soon after the Rajya Sabha resumed its session at noon in an apparent attempt to stall the introduction of the bill, which they have been opposing along with Janata Dal (United), an ally of main opposition BJP.

However, the disruptions did not prevent the government from introducing the Constitution (108th amendment) Bill 2008 which was cleared by the federal cabinet at its meeting here on Monday night.

As agitated SP member Abu

Asim Azmi and his party colleagues tried to snatch the bill's copy from Bhardwaj, Congress members intervened and Women and Child Development Minister Renuka Chaudhary repulsed the attempts by pushing Azmi away.

Sensing trouble, Bhardwaj was seated in the middle row of the treasury benches flanked by two women ministers -- Kumari Selja and Ambika Soni. On top of it, Congress women MPs Jayanti Natarajan and Alka Balram Kshatriya guarded Bhardwaj from SP members.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Leader of the Opposition Jaswant Singh were present in the House when the high drama was staged.

The contentious bill has been hanging for 12 years since it was placed in the Lok Sabha in September 1996 when a coalition government headed by HD Deve Gowda was in power.

The move has since been firmly opposed by parties like Lalu Prasad Yadav-led RJD and SP headed by Mulayam Singh Yadav which demand that women's reservation should also have a sub quota for women belonging to backward castes and religious minorities.

Pakistan blamed for woes of troops in Afghanistan

THE DAWN, London

As the new government in Islamabad grapples with the on-again and off-again peace talks with the tribal militant leadership, foreign troops fighting the Taliban inside Afghanistan continue to blame Pakistan for their unending battle ground woes.

The Guardian on Monday carried a despatch (In ghost town where Afghan war begins, UK fights losing battle) from Deedan Walsh, its correspondent in Garmser in Afghanistan, some 120 miles from Pakistan border, which quoting

British troops stationed there said the fighters that encountered the British troops were mostly Pakistanis "ideologically driven young men who consider the war as a religious obligation of struggle, or jihad."

"Our understanding is that the Madressahs of northern Pakistan are the major breeding ground that provide the bulk of brainwashed Taliban fighters," Lieutenant Colonel Nick Borton, commanding officer of Battle group South, told Mr Walsh.

Up to 60 per cent of the fighters in Grasser were Pakistani, the Afghan intelligence chief in

Garmser, Mir Hamza, said. They come from militant hotspots such as Waziristan and Swat, but also from Punjab, a rich agricultural province with a history of producing radical Muslims.

"Sometimes the Pakistanis have trouble communicating with local (Pashto-speaking) fighters, because they only speak Urdu or Punjabi," he said.

Mapping the route the cross-border militants take, Mr Walsh said the insurgents crossed from Balochistan, whose capital Quetta was considered to be the Taliban headquarters by Nato commanders.

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- Minimum of 5 years management experience in multi sectoral rehabilitation/ emergency program
- Previous experience of implementing large programs through partner NGOs.
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Compensation: Monthly gross salary will be consolidated **Tk. 1,50,000.**

Interested candidates who fulfill the above requirements are requested to drop or mail their CVs (with cover letter, recent passport size photograph, and names/addresses of two non-relative referees) to: CARE-Bangladesh, 20-21, Kawan Bazar, Dhaka addressing Section Manager-HRM, HRD&M Department or send in your application to hr@carebangladesh.org on or before **May 13, 2008.**

Note: Women and different ethnic groups are particularly encouraged to apply. Any persuasion will disqualify the candidates. Applicants who have relatives in CARE are discouraged to apply. Only short listed candidates shall be invited for the interview. Please write the position applied for at the top right hand corner of the envelope.

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প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা।

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তফসীল বর্ণিত সম্পত্তির বিবরণ

জেলা - ঢাকা, থানা-সুবুজবাগ, মৌজা-দক্ষিণ গাঁও, জে. এল. নং-সি. এস-৩১৮, এস.এ-১৪৩, সাব রেজিস্ট্রার অফিস -ডেমরা, সি. এস. থানায়ান -২৫৬, এস.এ থানায়ান -৩৫০, আর এস থানায়ান-১০৪; নামজারী থানায়ান নং-৬৮৫২, ১ এস এ দাগ-৫৩১ আর এস দাগ-১৫০৭, নামজারী দাগ নং-৬৮৫৬ ও ৬৮৬০। জমির পরিমাণ ৪৬ শতক। যাহার উত্তরে- আরাফাত, দক্ষিণে- রাস্তা।

NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 82 OF 2008

IN THE MATTER OF:
Cytrax Packaging & Printing Industries Ltd. represented by its Chairman Mohammad Hanif having its office at 28, Dilkusha Center, 17th Floor, Suite # 1703, Dhaka-1000.

.....Petitioner

-VERSUS-

1. Registrar, of Joint Stock Companies and Firms having office at Sadhan Bima Sadhan, 24-25, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000.

.....Respondent

Notice is hereby given that the petitioner filed an application under Section 59 and 60 of the Companies Act, 1994 in the Hon'ble High Court Division and after hearing the application the Hon'ble Judge of the Company Court, Mr. Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed was pleased to admit the application on 05.05.2008 and posted in the list for hearing on 16.06.2008.

If any one is interested to appear in the case may obtain the copy of the same by paying fees to the undersigned.

Thanking you
Sincerely
Majedul Islam Patwary
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Supreme Court of Bangladesh
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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(SPECIAL STATUTORY JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 79 OF 2008
IN THE MATTER OF:

Olympic Industries Limited

Versus

Tripti Industries Limited
and another

.....RESPONDENTS

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that an application under section 228 read with section 229 of the Companies Act, 1994 was moved by the above named petitioner before the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh for admission of the application and necessary direction. The said application was heard by Mr. Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed of the said Hon'ble Court who vide order dated 05.05.2008 was pleased to admit the same. The date of hearing of the application has been fixed on 18.05.2008.

Any person interested may appear on the date fixed for hearing either personally or through his duly authorized Advocate. Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of prescribed fees.

Sd/-
(Rabeya Jamali)
Advocate
For the Petitioner
HUQ AND COMPANY
47/1, Purana Paltan, Dhaka

Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd.

IEB Bhaban (New), 3rd floor, Ramna, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd. (PGCB) entrusted with the responsibility of operation, maintenance and development of national power grid, invites applications from Bangladeshi citizen for recruitment of **Company Secretary** on contract basis, initially for a period of 5(five) years but renewable subject to satisfactory performance. The qualification & experience requirement and salary Packages are described below:

Salary and allowances per month	Qualification & Experience
Basic Pay Tk. 35,000/-, House rent allowance Tk. 45%, Free Medical for self, Spouse & Children (as per company's rules). Transport (Full time as per company's rules) Income tax-Payable by the employee.	Master degree in any discipline, preferably MBA, CA, CMA or CS. Excellent track record of at least 12 years of experience in the related field in Large Govt./ Semi Govt./ Autonomous/ Industrial/ Commercial/Multinational Organisation. The Candidate with Multi disciplinary Qualifications will be preferred. The Company Secretary will be required to work independently on all the company law matters like filing return, reports etc. to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, share issue and transfer matters, constitution of Board of Directors, keeping necessary registers, minutes books, etc. He/She must have knowledge of arranging shareholders meeting, annual general meeting, Board of Directors meeting, preparation of working papers for the meeting, preparation of minutes of meetings. Knowledge in computer literacy and administrative matters will be treated as an added qualification. Age: Maximum 55 years.

In addition to the above compensation package the company provides two festival bonus in a year, contributory provident fund, group insurance, 100% leave encashment & annual increment, gratuity etc.

Only short listed candidates will be called for interview.

Applications accompanying Bio-Data, two passport size photographs, attested photocopy of all educational and experience certificates should reach to the General Manager (P&A) at the above address on or before 25th May, 2008.

General Manager (P&A)
PGCB, Dhaka