

# Aid can reach Myanmar victims soon: UN

AP, Yangon

More than 1 million Myanmar cyclone victims will soon be able to receive their first assistance if the country's military regime quickly allows foreign experts into the affected areas, the United Nations said yesterday.

International aid agencies meanwhile prepared to test the junta's promises to allow their workers access to the estimated 2.4 million victims in all of the May 2-3 Cyclone Nargis. Official estimates put the death toll at about 78,000, with another 56,000 missing.

Myanmar's leaders have virtually barred foreign aid workers and international agencies from the delta since the storm.

But after meeting junta chief Senior Gen. Than Shwe on Friday, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said the exclusive leader agreed that international aid workers will be able "to freely reach the needy people."

Aid organisations immediately began planning to send hitherto banned teams into the hard-hit Irrawaddy Delta and resubmit visa applications for staffers abroad that had earlier been rejected.

"Now, if we can get these experts out, we can start putting in place the water purification machines, warehousing and the other things that we need and this operation can quickly scale up," Richard Horsey, a spokesman for the UN humanitarian operation in

Bangkok, Thailand told The Associated Press.

"By quickly scale up, I mean that in the coming days we can start to reach all of those that need to be reached, that's the aim and we aim to do that as quickly as possible."

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies said it has started negotiations with the government over allowing three teams that include a total of six international aid workers into the delta.

"We're hoping to get those teams in the field to start providing fresh water to the people," said IFRC spokeswoman France Hurtubise.

On the roads leading from Yangon to the worst-affected areas in the delta, however, cyclone

survivors said they haven't heard anything about the world's efforts to increase aid to them or seen any signs of more government help.

Aye Shwe, 52, lives in a bamboo and thatch hut with his family of eight by the roadside in Pyapon.

"I have no hope that the help will come," he said. "We live hand-to-mouth. We have no buffaloes, no paddy fields." The only assistance he has received, he said, came from private citizens.

The UN has estimated of the 2.4 million people affected by the storm, about 42 percent had received some kind of emergency assistance. But of the 2 million people living in the 15 worst-affected townships, only 23 percent had been reached.



Youths from the Nepali Congress Party shout anti-Maoist slogans during a demonstration in Kathmandu yesterday, two days ahead of the anticipated abolition of the monarchy.

# Nepal bans protests near royal palace

AP, Katmandu

Nepalese authorities yesterday banned protests around the king's palace and private residence to prevent any violence, days before the centuries-old monarchy is formally abolished in this Himalayan nation.

King Gyanendra is expected to be dethroned on Wednesday when a constituent assembly, elected last month and charged with rewriting Nepal's constitution and deciding its future political system, meets for the first time.

The country's major parties decided before the election that the first meeting of the 601-member assembly would remove the king and declare Nepal a republic.

The Maoists who look set to lead Nepal's new government after the election and smaller political parties planned to hold victory rallies on Wednesday.

But Home Ministry official Ekmani Nepal said Monday all protests and rallies around the Narayanhiti royal palace and Gyanendra's home have been banned to prevent any violence.

Demonstrations were also barred near Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala's house and the Birendra International Convention Centre, where the assembly is scheduled to meet Wednesday. Violators will be arrested and jailed, Nepal said.

Gyanendra has remained unpopular since he seized absolute

power in 2005. Weeks of pro-democracy protests in 2006 forced him to give up his authoritarian rule, and since then he has lost all his powers and command of the army.

Gyanendra belongs to the 239-year-old Shah dynasty, which dates to 1769 when a regional ruler conquered Katmandu and united Nepal.

In January, the interim parliament formally declared the country a secular state.

Gyanendra is expected to move to his private home where he lived before becoming king in 2001 following a massacre at the royal palace. He assumed the throne after his elder brother Birendra was gunned down by his son Dipendra, along with several members of the royal family on June 1, 2001.

# 5 die in Pakistan shootings

AFP, Peshawar

Gunmen shot dead five people including three Shia Muslims and a policeman in suspected sectarian violence in a northwestern Pakistani town on Monday, police said.

The attackers sprayed bullets at a rickshaw on the outskirts of the town of Dera Ismail Khan, killing three passengers and the rickshaw driver, local police chief Ghaffar Qaiserani told AFP.

The fleeing gunmen hurled a hand grenade and later shot dead a policeman who tried to chase them, he said.

"It appears to be a sectarian killing," he said, adding that the attackers left a motorcycle and a shawl at the crime scene and police were using sniffer dogs to search for them.

Three Shia relatives of one of the victims of Monday's shooting were also shot dead on May 10 in Dera Ismail Khan.

# Myanmar constitution approved

AP, Yangon

Voters in cyclone-hit areas of Myanmar have overwhelmingly approved a constitution that critics say will perpetuate the military's decades-old grip on power in this Southeast Asian nation.

State radio said Monday the constitution was approved by a 92 percent vote in a referendum held in the Irrawaddy delta and Yangon on Saturday. The turnout was 26 out of 27 million eligible voters.

The Saturday balloting did not alter results of the main May 9 referendum, which also approved the constitution by a huge vote.

Critics say the document was drafted under the direction of the ruling military and ensures that the generals will have the final say in running the country.



Sri Lankan volunteers and rescue workers pull out a woman who survived a bomb blast inside a train on the outskirts of Colombo yesterday. At least seven people were killed and scores more wounded in the bombing of a packed commuter train in the suburbs of the Sri Lankan capital by suspected Tamil rebels.

# Taiwan ruling party chief arrives in China

AFP, Beijing

The head of Taiwan's ruling party arrived in China on Monday for the highest-level contact with communist China's leadership in 60 years, state media reported.

Kuomintang (KMT) chairman Wu Poh-hsiung landed in the eastern city of Nanjing, with his arrival broadcast on national television.

Leading a 16-member KMT delegation, Wu became the first ever ruling party chief from Taiwan to visit the mainland.

He will meet Chinese President Hu Jintao in Beijing on Wednesday, underscoring a rapid improvement in ties since a change of government on the self-ruled island.

# Two US soldiers killed in Iraq blasts

AFP, Baghdad

Two American soldiers were killed and four wounded in two separate roadside bombings in Iraq on Monday, the US military said.

"A coalition force soldier was killed as a result of injuries sustained from an improvised explosive device in Salaheddin province (north of Baghdad) on Monday," a military statement said. "Two soldiers were wounded."

In the second bombing, one soldier died and two were wounded in the central province of Qadisiyah, the statement said.

"We can confirm that a coalition force patrol was attacked by an improvised explosive device in the Ash-Shamiyah district in Qadisiyah province, southeast of (the Shiite shrine city of) Najaf," the statement added.

# China targets 'quake lake' as flood fears grow

AFP, Mianzhou

Soldiers raced Monday to unblock a river that was dammed by landslides in China's deadly earthquake two weeks ago as flood prevention became a top priority in the disaster zone.

More than 86,000 people are dead or missing following the massive quake on May 12 that destroyed entire towns and villages across an area of mountainous Sichuan province the size of South Korea.

China has had to cope with

thousands of aftershocks and a myriad of other potential disasters while trying to provide food, shelter and medical help for the millions of people left homeless.

Underlining those dangers, an aftershock measuring 6.4 on the Richter scale shook Sichuan province on Sunday -- the strongest since the original 8.0-magnitude tremor -- killing at least six people and injuring hundreds.

The aftershock also led to the collapse of a further 70,000 homes on top of the nearly six million destroyed two weeks ago.

The US Geological Survey, using a different scale, put the quake magnitude at 5.8.

Meanwhile, a lake on the Jian river in devastated Beichuan county that was created by landslides continued to build, raising fears of major flooding downstream if it burst.

State television showed a team of 1,800 Chinese soldiers and police arriving early Monday at the river after a long hike through remote, mountainous terrain.

A helicopter was also seen lifting a bulldozer into the area.

# Nato soldier, 3 Afghans killed in attacks

AFP, Kabul

A Nato soldier and three Afghan security personnel were killed in a string of explosions and ambushes linked to a Taliban-led insurgency, security officials said yesterday.

The International Security Assistance Force trooper died after being hit by an explosion on Sunday that injured two other personnel in the volatile south of the country, Isaf said in a statement.

The nationalities of the three were not released because the 40-nation Isaf leaves this to their home countries.

# 'PPP in position to muster support for Musharraf's impeachment'

THE DAWN, Islamabad

PPP co-chairman Asif Ali Zardari said on Sunday that the PPP could muster the support of as many lawmakers as required for impeaching President Pervez Musharraf, but hastened to add that his party did not want to do that in order to avoid what he called a political upheaval.

In an interview with the Express TV channel here on Sunday, the PPP leader said his party wanted to resolve all issues through dialogue and did not want confrontation with anyone. "We are ready to hold talks with anyone, including (President) Musharraf, despite differences," Zardari said.

He said the PPP wanted reinstatement of all judges, including deposed Chief Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry, adding that there should be no doubt about that.

He said the constitutional pack-

age prepared by his party was not final and it could be amended to accommodate views of coalition partners.

Zardari termed the constitutional package an important turn in the country's history, adding that he wanted a thorough debate to evolve consensus on various issues.

The package was based on the Charter of Democracy and it had the support of most of the political parties, he said.

Zardari said all political parties wanted to see democratic norms flourishing in the country, adding that the package could be improved through a healthy debate and in consultation with all stakeholders.

He said there was a possibility of presenting the package in the National Assembly before the budget session and holding debate on it after the budget session.

He expressed the hope that the

constitutional package would be approved in July with consensus, and said that he had asked Supreme Court Bar Association President Chaudhry Aitzaz Ahsan to hold talks on the issue because the PPP wanted to improve the judicial system in the country.

Zardari said that the PPP did not believe in politics of confrontation as it wanted reconciliation and resolution of the judicial issue through dialogue.

The PPP co-chairman said that his party believed in the supremacy of parliament and did not want confrontation with anyone, adding that politicians' job was to make possible what appeared to be impossible.

In reply to a question, he said there was working relationship between PPP and the presidency.

The PPP leader pledged to address grievances of the people of Balochistan and said that efforts were under way in this regard.

**গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার**  
পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়  
গাইবান্দা

**দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি-০১/২০০৮-০৯**

গাইবান্দা জেলা পুলিশের ২০০৮-০৯ অর্থ বৎসরের নিম্নলিখিত সরবরাহ/পোশাক সেলাই কাজের জন্য প্রকৃত ঠিকাদার/সরবরাহকারীগণের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে।

০১। কাজের বিবরণ : (ক) পুলিশ অফিসে স্টেশনারী সামগ্রী সরবরাহ, (খ) পুলিশ লাইনের ডিপার্টমেন্টাল স্টোরের বিবিধ দ্রব্য সরবরাহ, (গ) পুলিশ হাসপাতালের জন্য ঔষধ সরবরাহ, (ঘ) পুলিশ বাহিনীর পোশাক সেলাইয়ের কাজ, (ঙ) ৪র্থ শ্রেণীর কর্মচারীর পোশাক সরবরাহ।

০২। সিডিউলের মূল্য : টাঃ ৪০০/- (চারশত) মাত্র (অফিসের তথ্যোগা) প্রতিটি আইটেমের জন্য।

০৩। বায়নার টাকা : উপরোল্লিখিত কাজের বিপরীতে ক্রমানুসারে (ক) ৫,০০০/- (পাঁচ হাজার), (খ) ৫,০০০/- (পাঁচ হাজার), (গ) ৫,০০০/- (পাঁচ হাজার), (ঘ) ৬,০০০/- (ছয় হাজার), (ঙ) ৫,০০০/- (পাঁচ হাজার) টাকা।

০৪। দরপত্র সিডিউল প্রাপ্তির স্থান : পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, গাইবান্দা। ১৫/০৬/০৮খ্রিঃ (অফিস চলাকালীন সময়)।

০৫। দরপত্র গ্রহণের স্থান ও শেষ তারিখ : পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, গাইবান্দা। ১৬/০৬/০৮খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১২:৩০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে।

০৬। দরপত্র খোলার স্থান, সময় ও তারিখ : পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, গাইবান্দা। ১৬/০৬/০৮খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১:০০ ঘটিকায় ও তারিখ।

০৭। দরপত্রের সংগে প্রদত্ত কাগজপত্রের বিবরণী : উপস্থিত দরপত্রাদাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ হাজির থাকেন)। (ক) হালনাগাদ নবায়নকৃত ট্রেড লাইসেন্সের কপি, (খ) ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদপত্র, (গ) টিআইএন নম্বর সম্বলিত হালনাগাদ অয়কর সনদপত্র, (ঘ) যে কোন তফসিলি ব্যাংক হইতে হালসনের আর্থিক বচস্হলতার সনদপত্র। পোশাক সেলাই কাজের জন্য পুলিশ বিভাগে কমপক্ষে ৩ (তিন) বৎসরের অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র। ঔষধ সরবরাহের ক্ষেত্রে হালনাগাদ নবায়নকৃত ড্রাগ লাইসেন্সের সত্যায়িত কপি। সিডিউল ক্রয়ের সময় উপরোক্ত কাগজপত্র দেখাইতে হইবে। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র/সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। দরপত্রের প্রক্রিয়া The Public Procurement Regulations/2003 অনুযায়ী সম্পন্ন হইবে।

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**গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার**  
পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ  
বাংলাদেশ  
বাতিলকৃত বিজ্ঞপ্তি  
নং-০১(২০০৭-২০০৮)

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জিডি-২৫২১

**Meghna Petroleum Limited**  
(A Subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation)  
58, Agrabad C/A  
Chittagong

**Re-Tender Notice No. Pur: 095 dt. 13/4/08 (2nd Time)**

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the manufacturer/ sole distributor for procurement of 1 (one) No. (2700 to 3000cc) Jeep (year of manufacture-2007 or later) 4 wheel drive (right hand). The bidder/supplier must have own servicing centre facility at Dhaka and Chittagong.

The tender schedule can be obtained from our Cash/Purchase Section at 58-59, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong and Meghna Bhaban, 131, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka against cash payment of Tk. 3000/- (three thousand) only (non-refundable) on all working days (from Sunday thru Thursday) within 1500 hrs up to 08/06/2008.

The tender must be dropped in the tender box kept at our abovementioned Chittagong and Dhaka office latest by 1500 hrs of 10-06-2008. The tender will be opened on the same day and same places at 1515 hrs in presence of bidders (if any). All other terms and conditions will be as per tender schedule.

The company reserves the right to accept any tender or to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason.

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**PUBALI BANK LIMITED**  
ESTABLISHMENT DIVISION  
(ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT)  
HEAD OFFICE, 26 DILKUSHA C/A, DHAKA-1000.

**INVITATION FOR TENDERS**

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from the eligible Tenderers as mentioned in the tender documents of the under mentioned work as per terms & conditions stated below.

1. Procuring Entity : Pubali Bank Limited, Establishment Division (Engineering Department), Head Office, 26 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000.

2. Tender Name : Internal decoration works of proposed premises of our Pathantola Branch, Sylhet.

3. Time for completion of the work : 15 (Fifteen) Calendar days.

4. Eligibility of Tenderers : i) Minimum work experience of 3 (three) years in building decoration/renovation/construction.  
ii) The tenderers must have experience of Minimum 02 Nos. work in same nature each costing minimum Tk.10.00 (Ten) Lac for the last 3 (Three) years.  
iii) Having valid trade licence, up to date Income Tax clearance certificate and VAT registration certificate.  
iv) Having valid B & C contractory and supervisory licence for electrical works.  
v) Must be financially solvent.

5. Price of Tender Document : Tk. 500.00 ( Taka five hundred) only (non-refundable).

6. Amount of Tender security : 2% of total bid amount in the form of Payment Order favoring Pubali Bank Limited, Head Office, Dhaka.

7. Name and address of the office from where tender documents to be obtained. : (i) Pubali Bank Limited, Establishment Division, Engineering Department (8th floor) 26 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka -1000  
(ii) Pubali Bank Limited, Regional Office, Sylhet.

8. Name and address of the office where tender documents to be submitted : (i) Pubali Bank Limited, Establishment Division (12th floor), 26 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka -1000.  
(ii) Pubali Bank Limited, Regional Office, Sylhet.

9. Last date & time for selling tender document. : Up to 5:00 PM (BST), 03 June 2008

10. Last date & time for tender submission : Up to 11:00 AM (BST), 04 June 2008

11. Date & time for tender opening : At 11:15 AM (BST), 04 June 2008 in presence of bidder (if any).

12. Special Instructions : Pubali Bank Limited reserves the right to reject any/all tender(s) prior to acceptance. Tenderers must produce necessary papers along with tender.

Md. Rasul Amin  
General Manager