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"All places where women are excluded tend downward to barbarism; but the moment she is introduced, there come in with her courtesies, cleanliness, sobriety, and order." — Harriet Beecher Stowe

**SNAPSHOT**

**[DISASTER MANAGEMENT]**

Death toll from the 7.5 magnitude quake that hit Pakistan and Afghanistan could climb in the coming days as communications are down in much of the remote mountainous region. Rescuers on Tuesday rushed to deliver relief aid to victims of a massive earthquake that hit northern Afghanistan and Pakistan, killing at least 275 people over a wide swath of mostly mountainous terrain. Thousands spent the night outdoors in near-freezing temperatures reluctant to go back inside for fear of aftershocks, Pakistani media reported.

"Rescue work is ongoing, and tents, blankets and sleeping mats are being provided," Latif ur Rehman, a Pakistani disaster management official, told Reuters from the northwestern city of Peshawar. Pakistan's military and civilian authorities dispatched several helicopters to affected areas to assess damage and run rescue operations, the National Disaster Management Authority said. Landslides in mountainous northern Pakistan over the weekend caused by heavy rain and snow had already left thousands of tourists stranded. The earthquake struck almost exactly six months after Nepal suffered its worst quake on record on April 25. Including the toll from a major aftershock in May, 9,000 people lost their lives there and 900,000 homes were damaged or destroyed. In Afghanistan, where rescue and relief work is likely

to be complicated by security threats created by an escalating Taliban insurgency, more than 50 people were reported dead in several provinces including Badakhshan, where hundreds were killed in mudslides last year. Hundreds of houses were destroyed, creating additional hardship with winter temperatures setting in. The death toll could climb in coming days because communications were down in much of the rugged Hindu Kush mountain range where the quake was centred. In Pakistan, 228 people were confirmed dead. The initial magnitude 7.5 quake on Monday afternoon was followed by seven aftershocks, measuring as high as magnitude 4.8, according to the US Geological Survey. The latest aftershock came just before dawn on Tuesday. The United States and Iran were among countries that offered to provide humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan.

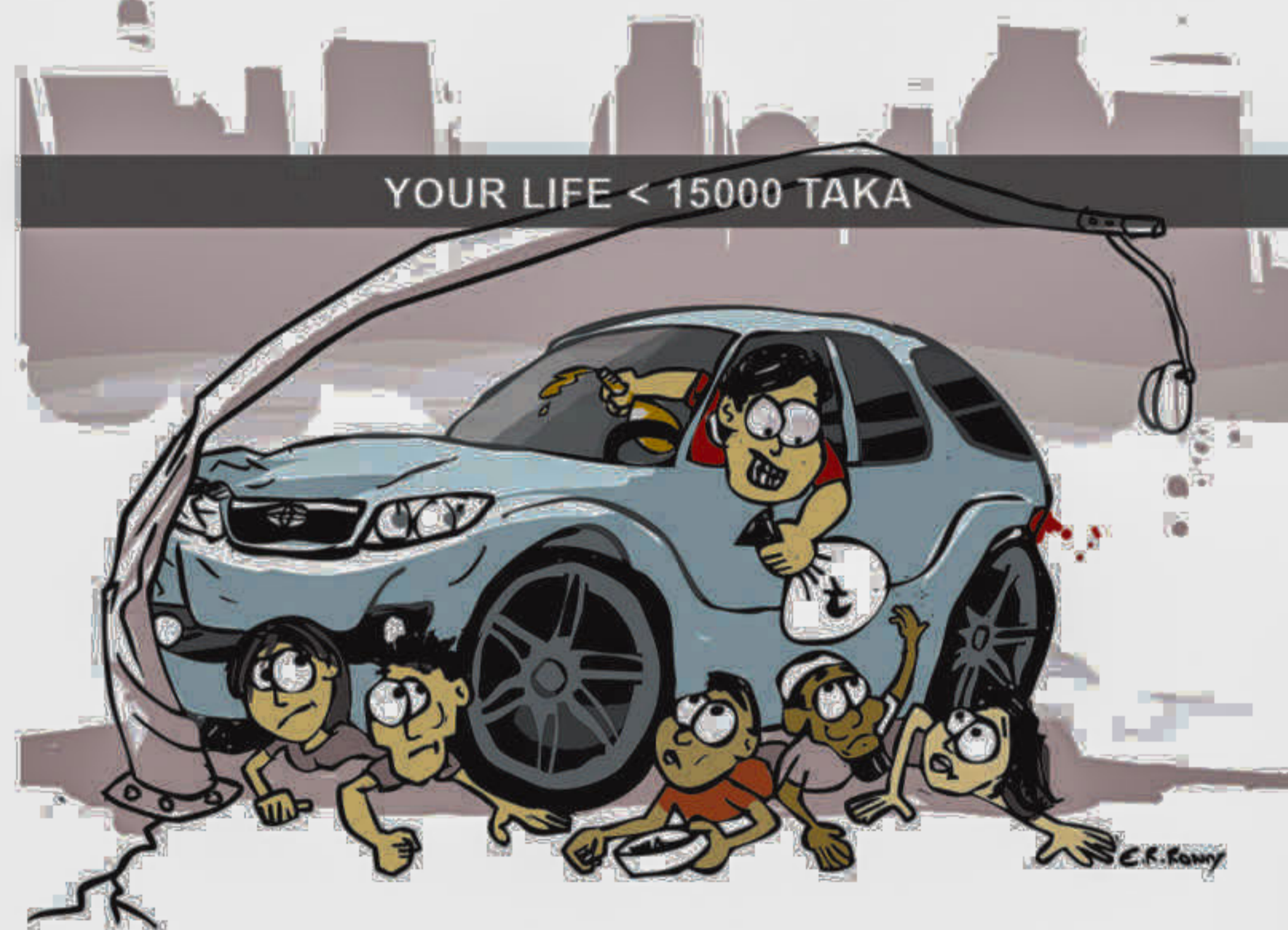
**RESCUERS RACE TO QUAKE ZONES**

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**Too Ill For Justice**

Road accidents have been claiming lives at an alarming rate in Bangladesh. The main reason behind this exponential increase in road accidents is nothing but lack of penalty and justice for breaking traffic and transport laws. We have seen no such evidence that a driver who once killed people by his vehicle and now facing trial or punishment for the occurrence. Recently we have witnessed how rich people can easily escape punishment even after killing several pedestrians while driving under influence and even without license. In the article titled "Too Ill For Justice" (published on October 23, 2015) written in a satirical way, these unfortunate scenarios have been depicted very well. If our lawmakers would read this piece, I am sure they would think twice before patronising the lawbreakers.  
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PHOTO: KAZI TAHISIN AGAZ APURBO



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**In the Realm of History**

The spotlight article titled "In the Realm of History" (published on October 16, 2015) was an amazingly wonderful and articulated written piece. It was full of important information that helped me to know about the great personality Enayet Kabir Khan in detail. It is very startling to know how he has collected and preserved the lost history through his collection of rare stamps, coins, books, magazines, newspapers and what not. His rich collection should be utilised by the young researchers of our country who seek valid and authentic information. Thank you Star Weekend for writing on this great personality and giving us a chance to know about his huge treasure house.  
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**Dhaka 100 Years Ago**

Dhaka Ajse Panchas Baras Pahle is one of the most rare and resourceful books on Dhaka's history. It reveals how Dhaka has been reshaped by the colonial British government and how western culture and commodities start to influence the day to day lives of millions of Dhakaites. The book also gives important accounts of significant political incidents that happened in Dhaka at that time. However, the problem for the history enthusiasts is the book is really very rare. I think the Star Weekend's informative article on this book (published on October 23, 2015) will inspire the publishers to reprint and preserve this valuable book on our very own city.  
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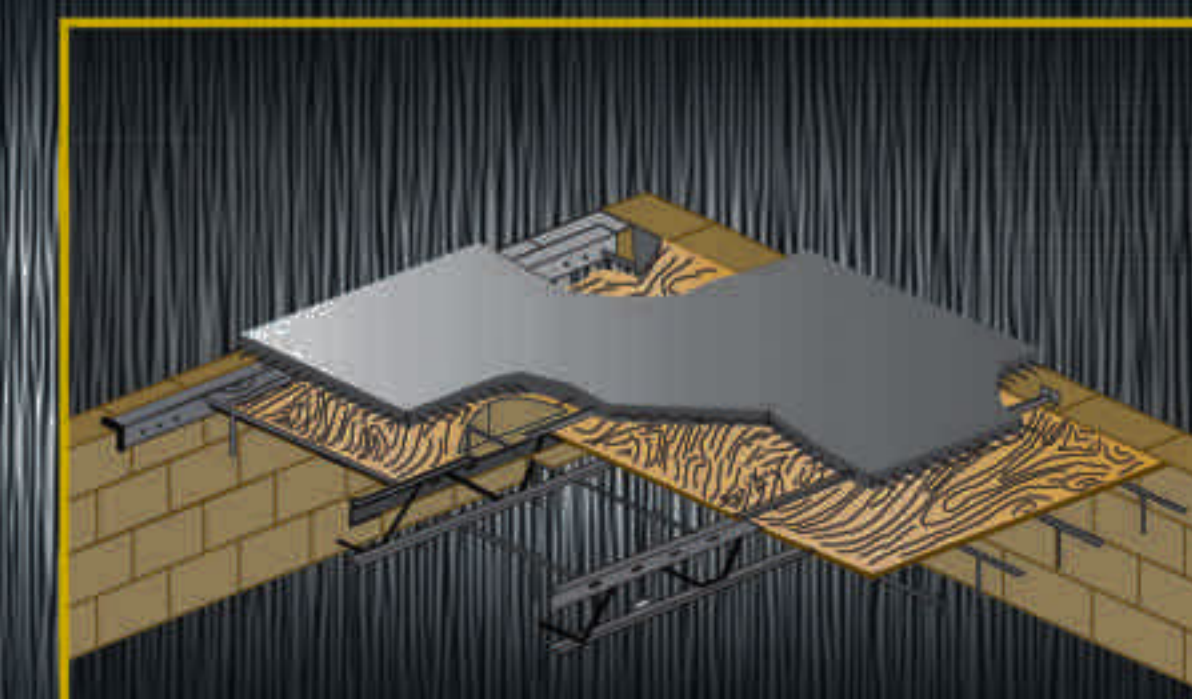


which already depends heavily on foreign aid after decades of war that have wrecked its economy and infrastructure. The quake was 213 km (132 miles) deep and centred 254 km (158 miles) northeast of Kabul. Dr John Ebel, chairman of the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Boston College in the United States, said the depth of the earthquake had limited its severity and meant damage was likely to be spread broadly rather than focused in one disaster zone. But he said landslides on the unstable slopes of the mountainous region could pose a major problem. "Obviously if a landslide comes into a village, it will take out buildings, but landslides can also take out roads and communications and power systems, so you lose the ability to access remote areas," he said. In Washington, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the US Agency for International Development was ready to provide emergency shelter and relief supply kits. Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, in London en route from an official visit to the US, said he would personally oversee the rescue efforts. "We will try our best to deal with this disaster using our own resources," he said.

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