

## Palestinian envoy sends relief aid to flood victims

STAR REPORT

Palestinian Ambassador to Bangladesh, Yousef SY Ramadan, has provided relief aid packages for flood victims in Bangladesh.

The aid, which includes essential supplies, also features Palestinian flags as part of the packages.

The relief goods are being distributed through As Sunnah Foundation.

Around three million people have been affected by the flood in many districts including Feni, Cumilla, Noakhali, Chattogram, Habiganj and Moulvibazar.

In Feni, Parshuram, Fulgazi, and Chhagalnaiya upazilas have been badly affected.

## Over 2m

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People and children urgently require cash assistance, safe drinking water, hygiene kits, emergency latrines, sanitary pads, oral rehydration salts and emergency life-saving medicines. Primary healthcare services to treat sick newborns and children and help pregnant women to give birth must be restored immediately, it added.

The recent floods come close on the heels of the floods in north Bangladesh and Cyclone Remal in May. Jointly, the three emergencies have impacted over 13 million people across Bangladesh, including 5 million children, according to the press release.

In response to these three emergencies, Unicef urgently requires up to \$35.3 million for critical, life-saving, and multi-sectoral interventions for children, as well as pregnant and lactating women, it said.

## Relief that has yet

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Azadnagar, Harun Bazar, and Hajiganj are also reeling from the flood's devastation, with no relief in sight.

More than three dozen flood-affected people confirmed that they have not received any government relief in the past week.

"We want to eat rice," said Kader Hossain.

"Some students came a few days ago with biscuits and pulsed rice. I requested them to arrange for rice, but there's still no news from them."

**'JOURNALIST, TAKE MY NAME'**

"Journalist, please take my name," said Hafez Ahmed with a trembling voice.

The elderly man mistakenly believed that having his name recorded might somehow place him on a food distribution list.

"I have been starving for

## Fire completely doused, families

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An expert team from Buet, in collaboration with the Public Works Department, visited the site earlier this week and declared it too dangerous for rescue operations.

Professor Raquib Ahsan, who led the team, noted that the fire had severely damaged the upper floors, which collapsed onto the lower levels, causing visible cracks in the building's columns.

Rashida Begum, the mother of a missing worker, Md Aman, 21, criticised the authorities: "Why are we not even given their remains? Over a hundred people are missing. Is this the first fire in Bangladesh?"



Jakir Hossain, who has been searching for his younger brother Manir Hossain, 28, found a pair of shoes he identified as his brother's but no body. He returned to his family

with ashes and the shoes, holding a symbolic funeral for Manir.

The building continues to emit smoke and the smell of burning tyres and chemicals.

## Withdraw murder charges

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responsible for such abuses.

The statement expressed alarm over the widespread filing of murder charges, noting that it has created fear within the journalist community and among the public.

The DUJ warned that such actions could undermine efforts to build a fair and non-discriminatory state and society.

They urged for the prompt withdrawal of these charges against journalists and journalist leaders.

## Project cost reduced by Tk 1,835cr

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from consultancy, and Tk 244 crore from other expenses, he added.

"After receiving instructions [from the chief adviser], I decided to cut costs across the ministries I oversee. This does not mean we will do less work; we will carry out the same projects at a lower cost so that we can implement more initiatives with the same budget," Fouzul said.

The Padma Multipurpose Bridge

Project was completed on June 30 this year, approximately 17 years after its inception in August 2007.

The project underwent several revisions, with the cost rising to Tk 32,605 crore.

At one point, Shafiqul Islam, the then project director, had estimated that around Tk 1,600 crore might not be needed, predicting the final project cost to be around Tk 31,000 crore.

## ACC to probe loan

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Special Investigation Branch, ACC sources said.

The institutions under investigation include -Limited, West Coast Ship Building Industries Limited, Sahara Import Limited, Arnu Jute Mill Limited, Gazi Auto Bricks, SBI Trading Limited, Kings Trading, Dob Enterprise, SM Auto Bricks, Novo Auto Bricks, Atlas Food and Beverage Limited, Apollo Engineering and Construction Limited, Adib Dyeing, Anan Socks Limited, Weltext Limited, EFS International, Maa Trex, SPN Enterprise, Bangladesh Development Company Limited, Four Steel, Profusion Tex Limited, Brothers Enterprise, Nis Aero Trading Enterprise, Lux Int, Angel Agro, Ocean and Design Limited, Peninsula Shipping Limited, Basgruh Properties, Facers Cameo

USA Knitwear Limited, SFG Shipping Line, S Resources Shipping Limited, Shifan Shipping Limited, Unique Protection Limited, Desh Pesticides Limited, S Suhri Shipping Line, Cameo USA Knitwear Limited, Techno Design and Development Limited, and Belayet Navigation.

According to the ACC, more such institutions may be investigated. A case will be filed based on the evidence found during the investigation.

However, the exact amount of money involved in the loan irregularities has not yet been determined.

The investigation team is led by Deputy Director Md Jahangir Alam, with Assistant Directors Minhaj Bin Islam and Md Anwar Hossain, and Assistant Directors Sabrina Jaman and Mahmuda Akter as members.

## Displaced

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Tariboon Begum, 45, of Mirerpara village, who has taken shelter at a neighbouring house, shared her plight

"After I lost my husband years ago, I have been working in households to look after my son. Now my 16-year-old son studies in a madrasa. We didn't have anything else apart from our little house, and now it has been destroyed by the flood," she lamented.

Day labourer Shadukul Islam of Hajipur village said, "My mud house was completely destroyed in the flood, and I am now left helpless. I don't need any relief; I need urgent rehabilitation."

He also has been forced to take shelter at a nearby house.

Junab Ali, a member of Ward 7 in Tilagaon union, said over 50 houses in the ward have been completely destroyed, with an additional 60-70 houses suffering significant damage.

Chairman Abdul Malik of Tilagaon Union Parishad urged wealthy individuals and the government to help rehabilitate the affected households.

"The flood has severely impacted hundreds of homes, agricultural lands, and fish farms, leaving many people destitute. The total damage assessment is underway," he said.

Project Implementation Officer Shimul Ali said, "Based on preliminary reports, 350 houses have been totally destroyed, with 2150 houses damaged partially. A comprehensive survey is being conducted through local representatives."

Upazila Nirbahi Officer Mohiuddin said the process of listing the victims is ongoing.

Once completed, the list will be submitted to higher authorities for further assistance, he added.

He also said the government has provided adequate relief and the relief operations are ongoing.

## I have nothing left

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Determined to support his family, Zakir began working as a mechanic at the age of fifteen. Over the years, he earned a modest living repairing pipelines in Kanchpur.

On July 21, Zakir was having a meal at a local shop near Kanchpur Bridge on the Dhaka-Chattogram highway.

Students were protesting in the area, demanding reform in the quota system. Soon, a clash broke out between the protesters and law enforcers.

Suddenly, a bullet struck Zakir in the back. He fell to the ground, and despite his co-workers' efforts to get him to safety, he succumbed to his injuries.

Zakir's body was brought

back to their village the same day. He was laid to rest in the family graveyard the following day.

Misili Begum, 65, is now beyond consolation.

"He was my everything... My son was just 22. His daily earnings were crucial for our survival. We did not have much; still, we saved whatever we could to have a place of our own," she said.

Misili remembered Zakir's warnings over the phone, urging her to stay indoors due to the escalating violence.

"Despite his own fears, my son continued to work, only to become a victim of the violence," said the grieving mother.

"All my hope is gone... I have nothing left to live for," she said.

## Homecoming

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As the procession marched towards a police station, clashes broke out, and police fired on the crowd.

Saiful was caught in the crossfire. A bullet struck him in the chest. He succumbed to his injuries at a local hospital.

The harrowing sight of her brother falling to the ground, wounded and helpless, left Rimu shattered. "I can't believe he's gone," she said, as she was in tears. "I saw him fall and knew instantly that we had lost him."

The grief was not confined to Rimu alone. Their mother, Khodeja Khatun, had been eagerly anticipating Saiful's return. "I had hoped to see him come back healthy and happy," Khodeja lamented. "But instead, we had to bury him after two days."

"Saiful was our main source of income," she said. "Now, I don't know how we will manage the educational expenses for my daughters."

Family members and locals have called for a thorough investigation into his killing, demanding justice for the remittance fighter whose life was cut short by violence.

## I have lost my son

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critically injured and rushed to Khwaja Eunus Ali Medical College Hospital.

Siam succumbed to his injuries that day. His body was laid to rest in his village graveyard.

Siam's father, Abdul Kuddus, reflected on his son's unfulfilled dreams with a heavy heart.

From a young age, Siam wanted to establish a madrasa in their village, where he could teach others, said Kuddus.

"Siam was a devout and

dedicated young man," he shared. "He not only pursued his studies but also worked as a Muazzin, contributing to our community."

His mother, Laki Khatun, said, "My son had promised not to join the protest, but when his friends took part, he couldn't stay away."

In the midst of their grief, the family has chosen to forgo seeking legal action.

"I have lost my son. Nothing can bring him back," Kuddus said.

## A pleasant surprise

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executive director of HSLA, told The Daily Star, "We are trying our best to ensure passengers get their luggage smoothly."

He said with the constant coordination of Biman Bangladesh Airlines, which is providing ground handling facilities at the HSLA, the airport staff are working throughout the day to improve the quality of baggage handling facilities.

"Passengers are getting 80 to 85 percent of their luggage within the

stipulated time and for the rest of the luggage we are in a constant process to improve. It's a continuing process."

He said the first piece of luggage is now available at the belt within 18 minutes of the aircraft touching the boarding bridge and shutting down its engines and the last item is available within 60 minutes.

"We are trying our best so that passengers get the luggage and complete immigration formalities in the shortest possible time," he added.

## Next polls most

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He further advised the party men to act responsibly, underscoring the importance of maintaining the trust of the people.

"No action should be taken that would undermine the people's trust," Tarique added.

Meanwhile, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday called for state compensation for the families of individuals who were abducted and killed during the previous Awami League government.

Speaking at a rally in front of the BNP's central office in Nayapaltan, Fakhrul highlighted the need for justice and reparation for the victims.

**World Health Organization**  
Bangladesh

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The World Health Organization in Bangladesh invites proposals/bids from the interested Companies in Bangladesh for the following service:

**1. RFP/BAN/2024/030: Provision of Newspaper Advertising Agent services for WHO Bangladesh under Long Term Agreement.**

**Deadline for the submission of RFP: 14:00hrs, 09 September 2024 (Dhaka time).**

Interested Companies can view and download the relevant RFP documents from: <https://www.who.int/bangladesh/about-us/procurement-notice>.

Interested bidders are requested to submit their financial and technical proposals in two separate sealed envelopes as per the instructions provided in the RFP documents at the Reception of WHO Bangladesh, House-SW(1)1/A, Road-8, Gulshan-1, Dhaka.

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Tender ID & Package No.	Package description	Publishing date, closing date
Tender ID No. 1011237, Tender No. e-GP-01/EE/BRD/OTM/2024-2025.	Construction of RCC U Drain/Cross Drain at Ch. 2+100 to 2+210 Km of Bogura City to Medical College Connecting Road (N-519) under Road Division, Bogura during the year 2024-2025.	27-Aug-2024, 16:45 09-Sep-2024, 14:00
Tender ID No. 1011238, Tender No. e-GP-02/EE/BRD/OTM/2024-2025.	Repair & Seal Coat Works at 4th (P), 5th (P), 6th (P) & 7th (P) Km of Mahastangarh (Bogura-Rangpur National Highway)-Shibgonj-Amtoli Road (Z-5505) under Road Division, Bogura during the year 2024-2025.	27-Aug-2024, 16:50 09-Sep-2024, 14:05

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### Invitation for Tender (Works)

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01	e-Tender/NBIDGSP/NOA/SAD/2023-24/W1-08354	Construction Khademul Islam GPS under NBIDGSP Project-1 at Noakhali Sadar Upazila, Noakhali.	15-Sep-2024 12:00	15-Sep-2024 15:00	1010508

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To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP system portal have to be deposited online through any registered Banks branches up to **12.00PM on 15-Sep-2024**. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal and e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)), or [ephelpdesk@lged.gov.bd](mailto:ephelpdesk@lged.gov.bd).

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