

Bangladesh flood victims seek pure water, medical treatment

BAILTALI, Bangladesh (AP) — Barefoot women, among the millions of homeless in flooded Bangladesh, clambered from boats Monday onto the only strip of this village still above water and surrounded army officers who doled out food.

They pushed each other in the light rain to get at the giant cooking pots. They stuffed fistfuls of cooked rice and lentils into their own pots and bowls, or into the folds of their mud-stained saris.

Floods have submerged three-fourths of the nation and claimed at least 406 lives this summer, according to official figures. Daily tallies in Dhaka newspapers put the death toll at 1,015.

More than 92,000 people are known to suffer from diarrhea and 5,715 more from dysentery, the Health Ministry said.

Taslimur Rahman, joint secretary of the ministry, told reporters in the capital of Dhaka that people get the diseases by drinking impure water, often the very flood water that maroons them.

Officials say water purification tablets are being distributed but residents of Baitali, a village of 2,000 people 55 miles southwest of Dhaka, said they had not seen any.

"The water that is available to drink is the flood water. We have no option but to drink it," Injul Haq Majumder, a 37-year-old teacher, told reporters who arrived by helicopter.

He translated his reply from English to Bengali for villagers who crowded around. A dozen men nodded vigorously in agreement.

Only two short strips of road, totaling about 500 yards, remained above water in Baitali.

One was covered with makeshift shelters of bamboo poles and palm thatch, and the other was bare as two air force helicopters descended through the rain, except for the food kettles.

More than 100 small fishing boats, carrying two to 10 people each, bobbed beside the road in flood waters that had engulfed power lines and left only the tips of poles and a few loops of wire visible.

People throughout Bangladesh are huddled on tiny outcroppings of muddy earth like those at Baitali.

"Almost all the districts are like

this," Information Minister Mahbur Rahman told a dozen foreign journalists who accompanied him on the flight.

Rahman said 50 of the country's 64 districts and 25 million of its 110 million people have been directly affected by floods that began in June with the annual monsoon, then eased, but worsened again last week.

By his definition, "directly affected" included anyone who had lost relatives, a home or business, crops or other property.

Rahman said it was too early to

put a cost on the damage and reconstruction, but called the loss colossal, with homes, agriculture, communications, bridges, culverts, educational institutions, all damaged or washed away.

Floods are an annual monsoon event in Bangladesh, a disaster that accompanies the blessing of rain for the crops, but Rahman and other officials said those of 1988 are the worst in memory.

Last year's floods killed about 300 people, Rahman said, but Dhaka

newspapers put the 1987 toll at 1,500.

Because the floods come regularly, people seek higher ground or take to boats as soon as the water starts rising, thus averting greater loss of life. The government says most who drown are small children and elderly people.

Bangladesh, whose per capita annual income of \$150, is one of the world's poorest nations. Rivers run through it like veins, making it a sort of giant drain pipe for flood waters that pour south into the Bay of Bengal.

Los Angeles officer slain in gang drive-by shooting

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A plainclothes officer was shot dead in the year's first gang-related police slaying, and authorities said joint local and federal efforts were not stopping the violence that may make 1988 the bloodiest ever.

Officer Daniel Pratt was shot in the face during a drive-by shooting Saturday night in south-central Los Angeles.

He and his partner were pursuing a car believed to be involved in another such shooting minutes earlier that wounded three, police said.

Pratt, 30, died later at a hospital. The six-year veteran leaves behind a pregnant wife and three children.

A 20-year-old gang member believed to be the triggerman was arrested Sunday.

With flags outside police headquarters standing at half staff Sunday, Police Chief Daryl Gates lamented the department's loss.

"Here was a fine officer and family man, with a child he'll never see, dead because of some no-good, miserable sons of bitches out there that society allows to roam the streets," Gates said.

Pratt is the first police officer killed in a drive-by shooting, a technique that has been used frequently by gangs members in the past few years. A police officer in 1987 was

killed in a gang gun battle.

Eleven people were slain in gang shootings in the last weekend of August, and more than 200 people have died this year. The death toll should climb to an all-time high of more than 400 by year's end, making 1988 the bloodiest year ever for gang crimes, officials said.

There were a record 387 gang-related murders in Los Angeles county in 1987.

The violence has left law-enforcement officials struggling to end the rampage.

Police launched a full-scale assault in March. Twice since then, the Los Angeles Police Department has marched 1,000 officers into the most gang-infested areas of the city on weekends.

Overall crime rate declined, but the gang murder rate continues to climb.

"We're in a holding action. We're keeping the flames from spreading but we're not putting them out," said Robert Philibosian, former county district attorney and head of the state task force on gangs and drugs.

While the carnage mounts, Los Angeles gangs continue to export their drug trade to Seattle, Kansas City, Arizona and Philadelphia as

they expand their rock cocaine-trafficking network.

"It's going to take years. The FBI has worked at stopping the drug problem for 30 years and still hasn't stopped it," Lawrence Lawler, the new FBI chief for Los Angeles said. "It's a form of life to some people. It may be an entire generation before this goes away."

Kurdish guerrillas: Iraqi soldiers kill

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Kurdish guerrillas claimed Monday they killed or wounded 7,000 Iraqi soldiers who they said attacked their mountain strongholds in northern Iraq with chemical weapons.

The guerrillas also said 1,900 civilians died and some bases were lost.

Iraq denied the claims.

In Baghdad, Iraqi authorities displayed thousands of Iranian weapons they said were captured in offensives before a cease-fire took effect Aug. 20 in the 8-year-old war with Iran.

Also on Monday:

—Iran accused Iraq of violating the cease-fire by bombing villages in northwestern Iran with fighter-bombers.

Iraq denied it.

—The head of the U.N. observers, Gen. Slovkovic, said after a visit to the southern front that "there are some minor problems that we are trying to resolve. Many of the problems we have been able to solve."

He did not detail the problems. He spoke in an Iranian TV interview, monitored in Nicosia.

—U.S. officials abruptly postponed for at least five days the scheduled pullout of the missile cruiser Vincennes from the Per-

sian Gulf region after at least one Arab government raised last-minute objections, U.S. military sources said.

The vessel was to have ended its patrol duties with the U.S. Joint Task Force Middle East on Sunday and was earlier reported to actually have left.

—In Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, the foreign ministers of the Arab gulf states urged the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council to help push along the peace talks between Iraq and Iran that began Aug. 25 in Geneva.

The five permanent members are the United States, the Soviet Union, China, Britain and France.

According to the Kurdish guerrillas, most of the civilians were killed in 65 villages they say have been attacked with chemicals.

"Most of the Kurdish civilian casualties are from constant Iraqi poison gas attacks on their villages and settlements," a spokesman for the Kurdish Democratic Party told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

Baghdad's official Iraqi news agency said Iraq "strongly denied fabricated allegations reported by The Associated Press on the use of chemical weapons in north Iraq."

Texas, Illinois top contenders for \$4.4 billion supercollider

DALLAS (AP) — Texas and Illinois are the top contenders for the site of the federal government's \$4.4 billion superconducting supercollider and the thousands of jobs the atom-smasher would create, U.S. News & World Report said Monday.

The magazine quoted unidentified sources whom it characterized only as "savvy bettors" as saying Arizona, Colorado, Michigan, North Carolina and Tennessee trail in the race for the project. The supercollider laboratory would be a scientific research park with office space and support buildings for an estimated 2,500 to 3,000 people.

Physicists hope to use the proposed 53-mile-round underground particle accelerator to study subatomic particles — nature's fundamental building blocks.

The tunnel would be 10 feet to 12 feet in diameter and would contain two pipes through which beams of subatomic particles, protons, would circle and then collide at enormous speeds achieved by the use of electricity and 10,000 superconducting magnets.

Scientists have said the resulting collisions of protons would, for a fraction of a second, produce high-energy conditions similar to those that may have existed at the creation of the universe.

Texas has promised the Department of Energy \$1 billion to help pay for construction and the laboratory's electricity bills. Illinois has offered the use of the Fermilab atom smasher in Batavia as its bid booster, which would save the Department of Energy \$500 million, the magazine said.

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