

Bangladesh: death toll rises

The death toll from Tuesday's cyclone has reached 100,000. Getting aid to the survivors is now the biggest problem. Fears of a cholera epidemic mount as the first foreign aid flights arrive

Most devastation in coastal region. Three islands swamped with loss of 8,000 lives

Khulna
Population: 435,000

Barisal
Population: 170,000

Bay of Bengal

Tidal wave 6.5 metres high was funnelled up the Bay of Bengal

Nasirabad

Dhaka

Sandwip Island

Hatia Island

Kutubdia Island

Chittagong
Population: 1.4 million.
Harbour closed, airport open

Cox's Bazaar
Population 30,000

CYCLONE WARNINGS IGNORED

Cyclone was detected by satellite four days before it struck the coast. Cyclone warnings broadcast on radio network were ignored because harvest was being collected

INSUFFICIENT SHELTERS

Concrete storm shelters built on stilts could protect a thousand people

OVERSTRETCHED RESOURCES

Bangladesh has fewer than 40 helicopters to distribute aid. Fresh water, medicine, food and clothing are the main priorities

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