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Cyclone ravages Bangladesh leaving 1.5 million homeless

DHAKA (Reuter) — More than 1.5 million people were left homeless by a cyclone in Bangladesh in which scores of people are reported to have died, relief officials said Wednesday.

Officials, police and the Cyclone Preparedness Centre in Chittagong put the established death toll at 119, but said that might rise because some 1,500 fishermen are still unaccounted for in the Bay of Bengal.

"Many of them may not return eventually," one official in the port of Cox's Bazar said.

"The death count may go up but we don't expect any dramatic rise," one

CPC official said.

The UN Department of Humanitarian Affairs in Geneva said today the cyclone had killed at least 200 people.

It also reported widespread destruction of houses after the cyclone roared in from the Bay of Bengal on Monday, battering coastal areas with 200-kilometre-an-hour winds and a tidal surge.

A UN statement said the government of Bangladesh was trying to assess the damage in disaster-hit areas and that UN relief officials would take part in an airborne survey mission with donor representatives Thursday.

Officials said nearly 400,000 houses had been damaged and 15,000 cattle killed. More than 1.5 million people had their homes destroyed or damaged, they said.

"We are making a full assessment of the losses, which may take a week or more. But so far it looks like that the extent (of damage) is within a manageable limit," an official said.

"However, many areas remain out of reach and many have suffered wider damage," added the official, who was supervising relief operations in south-eastern areas of the country that bore the brunt of the storm.

Lindbergh remembered

LE BOURGET, France (AP) — Seventy years after Charles Lindbergh made the first solo non-stop transatlantic flight, a Texas businessman duplicated the historic journey today.

Pilot Bill Signs touched down at Le Bourget airport just outside Paris at 11:25 a.m. About 200 people greeted him waving U.S. and French flags.

Signs said he felt "pretty tired but pretty good" after the nearly 22-hour flight from a Long Island, N.Y., airfield.

"It's unbelievable, all the people here. It's a great emotion and a great honor for a pilot who made such a trip," said Le Bourget Mayor Frederic Gaillard.



Susan Lucci was nominated for the best actress Emmy for the 17th time this year and lost again.

Rosie wins, Lucci loses

NEW YORK (AP) — Talk show divas Oprah and Rosie fought to a draw Wednesday night in the 24th annual Daytime Emmy Awards ceremony. And Susan Lucci lost again.

Tears streamed down Rosie O'Donnell's face as she accepted the award for best talk show host. She remembered sitting in Radio City Music Hall watching The Nutcracker Suite with her mother and sister as a child.

"I feel as though they have guided me in my life," she said on the show, telecast live on ABC.

The Oprah Winfrey Show was named outstanding talk show for the fourth consecutive year. It was the 26th Emmy for the show since it began more than a decade ago. Victory is becoming such old hat Winfrey didn't even bother coming on stage.

Perennial loser Lucci was nominated for the 17th time as best actress in a soap opera for her role as Erica Kane on All My Children. For the 17th time, she lost, to first-time nominee Jess Walton of The Young and the Restless.

Lucci, who has parlayed her long losing streak into a second career, joked about it with fellow co-host Regis Philbin. Philbin and Live With Regis & Kathie Lee have received 27 nominations with no victories.

"I've never won a Daytime Emmy," Philbin said, "and I'm getting pretty steamed about it."

Lucci replied: "We all sympathize with you, Regis."

Pat Sajak won his second award as best game show host for his role spinning the Wheel of Fortune. Veteran Bob Barker's show, The Price is Right, won for best game show.

Sajak beat veterans Bob Barker, Alex Trebek and Al Roker. Barker's The Price is Right had earlier won the award for best game show.

Actor Tim Robbins paid tribute to "the best neighbor any of us ever had," children's show host Fred Rogers, looking out of place in a tuxedo.

UN urged to aid refugees

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — From Central Africa to Bosnia, the plight of refugees has worsened in recent years and requires increased action by the United Nations, diplomats said Wednesday.

The UN Security Council held a special meeting to address the problems of refugees and the dangers to aid workers trying to protect them. Speakers urged the council to move consistently in conflicts involving refugees and intervene with military force when necessary.

Canadian Ambassador Robert Fowler said humanitarian help do only part of the job.

"Experience has demonstrated again and again that humanitarian action . . . is truly effective only when accompanied by political measures to address the causes of conflict."

He said Canada continues to support a rapidly deployable UN Headquarters, which could send aid workers in cases of humanitarian emergencies. The mobile headquarters plan is still not operational despite being endorsed by the General Assembly and the secretariat.

Fowler said that the faster the United Nations can respond to a crisis, the faster it can be contained or avoided.

"We urge that it be made operational as soon as possible," he said of the mobile headquarters.

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Maple and Sesame Grilled Salmon Steaks

- 4 salmon steaks, about 180g (6 oz) each
 - 45 mL (3 tbsp) sesame seeds
 - 25 mL (2 tbsp) Western Family Canola Oil
 - 2 green onions, sliced diagonally in 1" pieces
 - Marinade: 60 mL (4 tbsp) Western Classics Maple Syrup
 - 25 mL (2 tbsp) Western Classics Low Salt Soya Sauce
 - 25 mL (2 tbsp) sesame oil
 - 3 large garlic cloves, crushed
 - 25 mL (2 tbsp) grated fresh ginger
 - 1 mL (1/4 tsp) Western Family Louisiana Hot Sauce
1. Make marinade by whisking together maple syrup, soya sauce, sesame oil, garlic, ginger and hot sauce.
 2. Place steaks in marinade. Turn to coat evenly several times for 10 minutes.
 3. Remove steaks from marinade; lightly coat both sides with sesame seeds.
 4. Grill salmon under broiler 7-10 minutes per side or until fish flakes when tested with a fork. Reserve marinade and brush often.
 5. Transfer steaks to serving platter and garnish with green onions. Serve with steamed rice and stir-fry veggies.

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