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### **Press Release**

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has decided to send 10 thousand Metric Tons of rice as well as a large quantity of drinking water to Nepal as emergency humanitarian assistance for the victims of the recent earthquake. This assistance is being transported to Nepal through Banglabandh (Bangladesh) – Fulbari (India) – Panitanki (India) – Kakarbhitta (Nepal) land route.

As part of the dispatch operation of this emergency humanitarian aid, a convoy of 12 Bangladeshi cargo vehicles loaded with a total of 300 Metric Tons aid material reached Kakarbhitta Dry Port in Nepal at around 11:30 PM on Tuesday, 5 May 2015, where it was received by officials of Jhapa district administration. These materials will be transported to the quake-affected areas beginning today. The rest of the relief aid provided by Bangladesh will be transported in convoys of an additional 388 Bangladeshi cargo vehicles in the next few days.

Similarly, a convoy of three Nepalese trucks loaded with 25 Metric Tons of relief materials including medicines, blankets and dry food also reached the Kakarbhitta Dry Port yesterday evening. These relief materials were collected by the Embassy of Nepal in collaboration with various pharmaceutical companies, garment manufacturers and volunteers and were sent to Nepal via the land route. The relief materials will be transported to the quake-affected areas beginning today.

A total sum of BDT 3,462,996.00 has been collected in the Embassy's Special Relief Account until yesterday evening. Of them, the Dhaka Ahsania Mission contributed a sum of BDT 1 million yesterday.

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