

BUSHFIRE, SIDOR AND HUMAN GENEROSITY

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Whole Australia is mourning what has happened due to ravage bushfire in Victoria on Saturday, 7th February, 2009 which has become the worst peace time disaster in Australian history. Newspapers, television, Radio's or anywhere you go, there are massive news covering about huge loss of life, human sufferings, destroyed homes, huge loss of animals and native species and wiped out the whole tranquillity of nature and community in an unimaginable scale.

As integral part of Australia, we convey our deepest sympathy to the fellow Australians who lost their loved ones and condolences for their huge sufferings.

During this devastation, we saw the human face of resilience, determination, compassion and extraordinary human bondage and sense of enormous love for each other from the deepest part of heart. There are also sense of unity and courage as whole nation when it's come to the point of national crisis.

I would like to share some of my experience in the similar scenario during the time of cidor (Cyclone) which caused huge devastation and damaged the whole community, plants, animals and destroyed our natural heritage (Sunderban) in the southern part of Bangladesh on Monday, November 19, 2007. During that time I had a chance to observe lot of generosity, unity and huge determination of Bangladeshi people to unite the nation with great deal of courage and dignity. Lot of students went on street and was asking for help to mitigate sufferings for distress people. The enormity of help reflects ultimate compassion, love and care for fellow human being and sense of resentment to overcome the huge gravity of hurdle regardless of colour, race, poor or rich or any demography around the globe. There will be always a similar pattern of human empathy when it is the time of crisis and human sufferings during any kind of natural disaster.

Key lesson from these tragic sufferings are simple and clear, Unite the nation as a whole, embrace peoples generosity and support no matter it is small or in large scale, give people hope and dream to build with huge determination to create new sense of life. It would really hard to heel up the mental and psychological trauma who lost their love one which (the sorrow) never be go away any time soon. We could only pray for their sufferings and loss and give them countless counselling to minimise their grief.

Some time we forget the suffering of the animals and stocks, they are helpless during this sort of natural disasters time and need human help to bring them in to safer place. We should have similar compassion and love in the time of their sufferings. In recent time, a touchy caption (A fire-fighter was helping one Koala provided plenty of waters) which was replicated huge respect for animals had been published in the Newspapers throughout the world.

In conclusion, this is the time, we forget the hatred and meanness, aside politics, and enlightened the beauty of human heart and show our humanity as full to unite the nation in crisis time.