

NATURAL DISASTER

TAJIK AUTHORITIES REMOVE PEOPLE FROM QIBLAI HIT BY LANDSLIDE DUSHANBE, March 29, Asia-Plus /Nargis Hamroboeva/ -- A government working group jointly with representatives from the National Migration Service (NMS) within the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection today arrived to the Village of Qiblai in Rudaki District, where a giant landslide had seriously damaged more than 100 houses. Head of the NMS information, Ms. Nazokat Muinova, has told Asia-Plus that the purpose of the trip is for the commission to remove people from the landslide-hit village to safe places. According to her, they will be moved to the settlements of Chor Teppa, Ispechak, and "40th Anniversary of Tajikistan".

TAJIK AUTHORITIES DISCUSSING ISSUE OF MOVING RESIDENTS OF JOMI DISTRICT TO SAFE PLACES DUSHANBE, March 29, Asia-Plus /Nargis Hamroboeva/ -- A government working group yesterday morning left for Jomi District in Khatlon Province. The group consists of representatives from the president's office, relevant ministries and agencies. Ms. Nazokat Muinova, head of information department within the National Migration Service (NMS) at the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, has told Asia-Plus that the main purpose of the trip is for the commission to monitor the situation in the district, where 70 houses were affected by the recent torrential rains and mudflows and consider the possibility of removing people from areas endangered by landslides and mudflows to safe places. According to the Asia-Plus interlocutor, the government will provide loan of 1,500 Somonis to each of the effected families for the period of five years. Besides, the effected families will receive extraordinary grant of 140 Somonis each. Ms. Muminova also told Asia-Plus that yesterday, another team comprising representatives from the UNHCR Country Office in Tajikistan and the Migration Service left to Jirgatal District in Rasht Valley to study the situation on the Tajik-Kyrgyz border there.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY CONTINUES FOR BRIDGES IN SITE OF LANDSLIDE IN KULO B KULO B, March 29, Asia-Plus /Turko Dikayev/ -- On March 28, a group of geologists arrived to conduct a site survey for the proposed bridges in the site of the landslide on the outskirts of the city of Kulob. Deputy Kulob Mayor, Pirmad Zaripov, told Asia-Plus this today morning. The team will perform a geological and technical investigation to help in the design of the bridges. "Only after this survey is completed, one may carry out feasibility study for these bridges," the Asia-Plus interlocutor said. We will recall that the commission for liquidation of effects of the March 17 landslide has decided to build two bridges in the site of the slide. Meantime, workers of Mobile Mechanized Unit # 5 has set to installation of overhead of water supply line to provide inhabitants of the Beshtigirmon and Ibronov villages with drinking water. Today, the work on destroying the mass of slurry and overflowing the amassed water into the cotton fields of the "Khatlon" Farm started.