

the Swedish Red Cross and the League. This would give advance warning of the approach of a cyclone and thus permit the evacuation process to be put into operation. The foundation stone was laid in October 1968 and on the 16th May 1969 the radar station went into operation. The meteorological personnel assigned by the Pakistan Government to the radar station at Cox's Bazar have been trained at the Miami Weather Bureau in Florida and Japan. They are now receiving further training in radar interpretation by an American storm expert and in radar technique and maintenance by Japanese radar engineers at present stationed at Cox's Bazar.

Thus a very important step forward has been taken by the Pakistan Red Cross Society in this vital Red Cross field of pre-disaster planning.

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On 21 June 1969, rioting broke out at Huanta and Ayacucho, two towns some 325 miles south-east of Lima. As a result of the clash between peasants and police there were eighteen dead and some sixty wounded.

A relief centre was immediately organised by the National Red Cross Society at Lima. Dr. Demetrio Grados, Head of Relief, flew to Ayacucho, taking with him a consignment of medical supplies including blood serum and plasma.

In addition, four lorries with medical supplies went to Huanta on 27 June. The town had been completely isolated due to the disturbances.

The Peruvian Red Cross, in co-operation with the armed forces, organised an airlift between Lima and Huanta. This enabled the more seriously wounded to be evacuated as rapidly as possible.