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**STATEMENT ON CYCLONE AILA BY JOHN HOLMES, UNITED NATIONS  
UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS AND  
EMERGENCY RELIEF COORDINATOR**

The United Nations Emergency Relief Coordinator John Holmes was saddened to learn of the loss of life and damage to property in Bangladesh and India caused by Cyclone Aila. He extends his deepest condolences to the affected, especially to the families of those who have been killed or who are missing.

The United Nations stands ready to assist as required.

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