



Do more to tackle climate change

PM asks developed nations

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked the developed countries and development partners to come forward further to help countries that are vulnerable to climate change.

She also urged them to take effective measures instead of just making pledges.

The PM came up with these remarks while inaugurating the two-day Bangladesh Development Forum 2020 at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC) in the capital.

The Economic Relations Division (ERD) under the Ministry of Finance is organising the BDF -- a high-level multi-stakeholder participatory forum.

The forum provides a platform for effective dialogues among development partners, national and international NGOs, development think tanks, development practitioners, and leaders from businesses and industries.

The PM said Bangladesh government had formed a trust fund to face the challenges of climate change as the developed countries and development partners are not fulfilling their pledges properly.

She also said, "Bangladesh is not responsible at all for climate change, but the country is getting affected. For this, those who are mostly responsible for climate change



A Palestinian demonstrator confronts an Israeli soldier near the West Bank village of Tubas yesterday during a demonstration against the US President Donald Trump's peace proposals. Trump's long delayed Middle East peace plan won support in Israel but was bitterly rejected by Palestinians facing possible Israeli annexation of key parts of the West Bank.

PHOTO: AFP

ME PEACE ROAD MAP Trump plan faces dim prospects

AFP, Washington

President Donald Trump has boasted that his Middle East plan will find support but most experts believe its unshakable backing of Israel and tough conditions for the creation of a Palestinian state mean it is doomed to fail.

"It is a non-starter," said Steven Cook, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations.

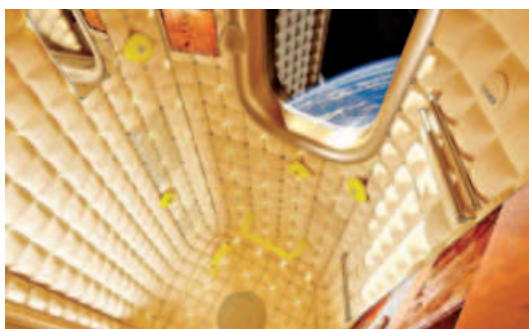
"The Palestinians have rejected it out of hand as have Israeli settlers who are opposed to any form of Palestinian sovereignty," he said.

Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas has no intention to negotiate over the plan and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who joined Trump for the announcement at the White House on Tuesday, appears to be counting on Abbas to reject it, Cook said.

The White House coordinated with Israel on

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Nasa to add 'hotel' capsule to ISS



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Nasa has selected a company to build a private hotel on board the International Space Station (ISS).

The new additions to the ISS will include a crew habitat that will serve as a home for future space tourists.

It will also have a research and manufacturing facility and large-windowed Earth observatory, according to Axiom, the Texas-based company that is building the extension.

Axiom hopes the segment could one day serve as a self-contained space station that could replace the ISS when it is decommissioned.

It hopes to launch the new commercial hub in 2024, it said.

Nasa announced last year that it would allow space tourists onto the ISS, as part of a broader effort to encourage commercial companies to

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Almost nothing moves without speed money

Finds TIB study

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Real estate developers have to pay up to Tk 2 crore speed money to get building approval from Rajuk for a housing project, says a TIB report.

The government-set rate for this service is Tk 3.65 lakh maximum, excluding 15 percent VAT, it said.

For getting approval for a building above 10 storeys, developers spend up to Tk 40 lakh extra.

Besides, they are charged Tk 10 lakh extra for approval of a 10-storey building, while an individual pays up to Tk 4.5 lakh for the same, said the report based on a research conducted from November 2018 to December 2019.

The usual fees amount to Tk 83,000 plus 15 percent VAT.

For obtaining a land use clearance, developers pay up to Tk 10 lakh and an individual spends up to Tk 80,000 extra, the study found.

The actual fee is Tk 1,000 and 15 percent VAT.

Findings of the study "Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakha (Rajuk): Challenge

of Good Governance and the Way Forward" were disclosed at a press conference at Transparency International Bangladesh's Dhanmondi office yesterday.

As errors were made during the formation of Rajuk, exploitation of loopholes, mismanagement, corruption, irregularities, and lack of transparency and accountability have been institutionalised, said TIB Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman while addressing the press conference.

He said besides giving mandate to formulate plans and implement development activities, Rajuk was also given the job of a regulatory body.

As a result, there has been a "conflict of interest" in Rajuk since its inception, he said.

Such conflict helped grow the culture of irregularities, corruption, and mismanagement within the government organisation, "turning the protector into a predator", he added.

Vested groups take the advantage and do whatever they want, he added.

Iftekharuzzaman said as the housing sector became profitable, Rajuk maintained

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148 return from war-torn Libya

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As many as 148 Bangladeshi migrants who were stranded in war-torn Libya returned home yesterday, according to International Organisation for Migration (IOM) Bangladesh.

A chartered flight carrying the Bangladeshis, including survivors of failed sea crossings to Europe and detainees, landed at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka in the morning

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File pleadings by July 23

ICJ sets deadline for The Gambia regarding 'Rohingya genocide' case

PORIMOL PALMA

The International Court of Justice has asked The Gambia to file its initial pleadings by July 23 in the case against Myanmar.

Myanmar, which is accused of genocide against Rohingyas, will then have to file the counter-memorial on January 25 next year.

"The Court made the order taking into account the exceptional circumstances of the case and its gravity," said the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in a statement on Tuesday.

On January 23, the ICJ ordered Myanmar to ensure that

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2 girls raped in Noakhali, Gazipur

STAR REPORT

Two girls -- a third-grader in Noakhali and a teenager in Gazipur -- were allegedly raped on Tuesday.

In Noakhali, police yesterday arrested a tailor for the alleged rape of a seven-year-old schoolgirl in Begumganj upazila.

The arrestee, Abul Khayer, 45, is from Krisnarampur village in the upazila, said Harun-ur-Rashid, officer-in-charge of Begumganj Police Station.

The victim is undergoing treatment at Noakhali General Hospital, the OC said, adding that the girl's mother filed a case with the police station yesterday morning.

Abul raped the child when she went to his shop at Kalirhat Bazar on Tuesday evening to have her outfits tailored, said the OC.

The family members came to know of the matter when the child returned home and felt sick.

In Gazipur, a case was filed yesterday morning in

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With blatant disregard for traffic laws, an SUV, with an equally culpable motorcyclist in tow, go against traffic in full view of the traffic police in the capital's Banglamotor yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN



PRAYER TIMING JANUARY 30

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 5-35 12-45 4-15 5-46 7-15
JAMAAT 6-10 1-15 4-30 5-50 7-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

দোয়া মাহফিল

ঢাকা কলেজ ইতিহাস বিভাগের সাবেক প্রধান, অধ্যাপক উম্মে সালামা আকতার অনুষ্ঠিত করবেন গত ২০ শে জানুয়ারি ইত্তেফাক করেছেন। তাঁর বিহেদী আত্মার মাগফেরাতে আগামী ৩০ শে জানুয়ারি বুধসপ্তাহের বাদ-মাগরিব বারিখারা জামে মসজিদ, দুতাবাস রোড-এ এক দোয়া মাহফিলের আয়োজন করা হয়েছে। তিনি বাংলাদেশ বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ডের সাবেক চেয়ারম্যান জনাব মুকন্দীন মাহমুদ কামাল এর স্ত্রী। মরহুমার পরিবারের পক্ষ থেকে সকল গুণগ্রাহী ও স্বজনদের দোয়া মাহফিলে অংশগ্রহণের জন্য অনুরোধ করছি।

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করোনা ভাইরাস (2019-nCoV)

করোনা (nCoV) এক ধরনের সংক্রমক ভাইরাস। এটি সর্দি ও মার্ম সমন্বিত। এজন্য পর্বে কোন টিকা বা প্রতিষেধক আবিষ্কৃত হয়নি। জনসংক্রমণের মাধ্যমেই এর প্রতিরোধ করতে হবে।

সচেতনতা বাড়ান

- মাস্ক ও পতপাথির মাধ্যমে
- হাতি বা কপির মাধ্যমে
- গোণী বা তার ব্যবহৃত জিনিস ধরে সরাসরি নিজেই চোখ, মুখ ও নাকে হাত দিলে
- গোণীর সাথে করদর্শন বা শারীরিক খনিষ্ঠতা হলে

সতর্কতা

- শ্বাসতন্ত্রের সংক্রমণ (শ্বাসকষ্ট, সর্দি, কাশি বা নিউমোনিয়া)
- জ্বর (100° F এর বেশি)
- কিটনি বিকলতা

প্রতিরোধের উপায়

- মাস্ক ব্যবহার করা
- আক্রান্ত ব্যক্তির সংস্পর্শ এড়িয়ে চলা
- হাতি কপির সর্বাঙ্গ টিপ্তা বা কামল ব্যবহার করা
- সাবান পানি দিয়ে ভালোভাবে হাত ধোয়া বা হ্যান্ড স্যানিটাইজার (HEXISOL / Clean gel) অথবা এধরনের অন্য কোন হ্যান্ড স্যানিটাইজার/সাবান ব্যবহার করা
- মাস্ক, মাস্ক ও ডিম ভালোভাবে পিচ করা
- পতপাথি ও জীবজন্তুর সংস্পর্শ এড়িয়ে চলা এবং সংস্পর্শে আসলে হ্যান্ড স্যানিটাইজার (HEXISOL / Clean gel) অথবা এধরনের অন্য কোন হ্যান্ড স্যানিটাইজার/সাবান ব্যবহার করা

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