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# World Environment Day today

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World Environment Day will be observed in the country as elsewhere around the globe today with a call for saving the planet from environmental degradation.

This year's theme of the day is protecting the environment. "Connect with the World Wide Web of Life" that calls for coordinated effort of world community for keeping the earth livable.

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed sought coordinated effort of the world community for solving environmental problems for sustainable development keeping the planet livable.

"The present world is under threat of environmental degradation," the President said in a message on the eve of World Environment Day

He said climate and environmental balance of the earth are gradually deteriorating with the greenhouse effect like climate change, rise of temperature, dam- rium.

UNB, Dhaka

Office said.

5.11 am.

Dhaka

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Thundershowers likely

wind is likely at most places over the country till 6 pm today.

from 3 am this morning. Met Office predicted.

some major cities and towns vesterday were:

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty to squally

Little change in day temperature is expected over the country. Met

Heavy to very heavy falls is likely at one or two places over

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 32.6

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.43 pm and rises tomorrow at

25.4

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in

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age of ozone layer and sea-level

In a separate message Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has called upon all irrespective of caste and creed to come forward in achieving success to the endeavours for

The prime minister also said that the government has attached top priority to environmental issues and poverty alleviation in her developmental government's

"Life and environment supplement each other and healthy environment is a pre-requisite to better living." Sheikh Hasina said.

To mark the day, the Ministry of Environment and Forest as well as Environment Department has chalked out elaborate programmes.

The programmes include bringing out a colourful rally from and holding daylong environment fair at Osmani Memorial Audito-

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Morning Evening

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina unveils the plaque of newly built Paribesh Bhaban at Agargaon in the city yesterday.

#### President, PM greet new king of Nepal

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President Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina vesterday felicitated King Gyanendra Bir Bikram Shah on his ascension to the throne of the Kingdom of Nepal.

In his message to King Gvanendra, Justice Shahabuddin expressed hope that the existing friendly and cordial relations between Bangladesh and Nepal would be further strengthened under his guidance.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, in another message to her Nepalese counterpart Girija Prasad Koirala expressed belief that the traditional bond of friendship between Bangladesh and Nepal would be further strengthened to the mutual benefit of the two countries under the patronage of King Gyanendra Bir Bikram Shah.

The President and Prime Minister wished the Nepalese King's good health and happiness and continued peace, progress and prosperity of the people of Nepal.

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the 8th of June 2001 at his

#### Nasim visits church at Baniarchar Anti-liberation forces blamed for bomb attack

BSS, capaigant

Home Minister Mohammad Na sim yesterday blamed the antiliberation forces for the bomb attack in the church, saying that they are carrying out such activities to destroy the communal harmony in the country.

"These quarters have resorted to destructive activities to under mine the successes of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina," the Home Minister said this while addressing a gathering at the local Catholic Church premises in Baniarchar.

At least ten people were killed and 18 others injured. 12 of them critically, in the bomb attack at the church during the weekly prayers of the local Christian Community on Sunday. Expressing his shock and sym-

pathy to the relatives of the dead and injured persons, the Home Minister said the culprits must be brought to book.

The bomb attacks in the church, at Udichi concert in Jessore, at CPB rally in Paltan Madian and at Ramna Batamul are all interlinked, he said, adding that this quarters had also planted

bombs in Kotalipara to kill Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The Home Minister also instructed the intelligence agencies to find out the culprits who are hatching conspiracy to destroy the hard-earned democracy.

Presided over by president of Moksudpur upazila Awami League Atiur Rahman Munshi, the gathering was also addressed by local MP Mohammad Farook Khan, Inspector general of Police Mohammad Nurul Huda, journalist Abed Khan, Awami League central leader Sri Mukul Bose, former MP Abdur Rashid Kazi, general secretary of Gopalganj district Awami League Sheikh Mohammad Ab dullah, Acting Bishop of Khulna Division Father Ramen Bairagi and In-charge of Baniarchar Catholic Mission Father Mimmo.

Earlier, the Home Minister visited the place where the bomb went off. He also talked to the people and consoled the relatives of the dead and injured.

Mohammad Nasim also gave 11,000, to each, family, 91, dead and Tk 5,000 to each family of 12 injured persons.

### Bomb attack in church condemned

UNB, Dhaka

Different political parties and socio-cultural organisations yesterday took to the street blasting the bomb attack on a church that killed 10 people and demanded exemplary punishment of the

The left-leaning 11-party alliance at a rally in the capital demanded judicial inquiry into the gruesome killings and said the government which cannot ensure security of the people has no moral right to continue in power.

Speakers at the rally at Paltan Crossing in the afternoon also demanded of the government to find out the culprits behind the Udichi tragedy and bombings at CPB rally and Ramna Batmul on Pahela Baishakh function.

"Had the trial for bombings at dichi conference, CPB rally and amna Batmul function been held, the conspirators would not dare to go for another hombing at a church," said speakers at protest ralls of the CPB in the capital.

rally, the CPB held the protest meeting in front of its party office at Paltan. The meeting was addressed, among others, by Presidium member Ashraf Hossain Ashu and Dhaka city general secretary Ruhin Hossain Prince.

Protesting the church bombing, the students of the Department of World Religions at Dhaka University held a rally in the Arts Faculty premises. It was addressed by Fazrin Huda and Iva Sadia Saad with Prof Kazi Nurul Islam in the

Left Democratic Front coordinator Siddigur Rahman, BSD convenor Khalequzzaman, Samajtantrik Chhatra Front president Nurul Islam and general secretary Khokon Das, Ain O Salish Kendra. Coalition Against Tobacco. Sylhet Division Development Action Council, Nirmul Committee, South Asian People's Union Against Fundamentalism and Communalism, Christian rights Protection Forum, Bangladesh and Bangladesh Christian League also condemned the bomb attack Before the 11-pary alliance's in the church.

## Workshop on Ubran Poverty Issues begins

## All upazila HQs to be turned into municipalities: Zillur

BSS, Dhaka

All upazila headquarters will be turned into municipalities in phases to check influx of rural people into urban areas and contain urban poverty, Local Gov ernment and Rural Development Minister Zillur Rahman said ves-

The minister was addressing the inaugural session of a "Workshop on Ubran Poverty Issues" jointly arranged by Asian Development Bank (ADB), ADB Institute, and Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies, Netherlands.

The workshop, second in a series on poverty reduction, is being held from June 4 to 13. The first workshop held in Manila in November last year focussed on conceptual and operational issues related to poverty reduction, in general. The third workshop, which will focus on rural poverty. will be held in India in October

proper housing, low income, health hazards, unhygienic living condition, inadequate municipal services, social exclusion, exploitation, deprivation and lack of

of the urban poverty. He said the government had taken a comprehensive poverty alleviation programme, both in urban and rural areas, under the Fifth Five-Year Plan. Economic opportunities and urban facilities are being created in the rural areas through local government institu-

tions, he added. Zillur said Bangladesh had entered "Partnership agreement in poverty reduction" with Asian growth of about 40 million. Development Bank in April last various areas of poverty reduction, time frame.

projects under this agreement is in

The LGRD minister said lack of progress and will be completed in 2010 through short-term and longterm programme.

A total of 40 participants, including government officials involved in implementing policies social securities are the key issues and programmes on urban poverty reduction issues and members of non-government organisations are taking part in the workshop.

> Urban poverty in South Asian countries is on the rise due to rapid urbanisation and higher population growth. It is estimated that the urban population in the Asia Pacific region has already reached 350 million, it will reach 1.3 billion by 2020 with an annual

The majority of the urban poor year to achieve specified targets in are concentrated in Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Pakistan and including nutrition, health and China. Six megacities in the reeducation within a clearly defined gion, namely, Beijing, Mumbai, Calcutta, Jakarta, Shanghai and The implementation of the Tianjin have the largest concentration of urban poor.



A three-day long workshop on Extension Scouting began at the National Scout Training Centre, Mouchak on Sunday. M Rafiqui Alam Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare, inaugurated the workshop while M Fazlur Rahman, Chief National Commissioner, Bangladesh Scouts, presided.

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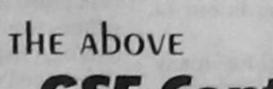
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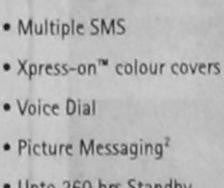
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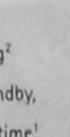


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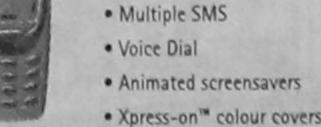
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