

Dhaka supports sustainable forest management

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Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, Ambassador and permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, has said Bangladesh is supporting all measures leading to sustainable

management of forests.

He was leading the Bangladesh delegation at the Second Session of the UN Ministerial Forum on Forests at the UN headquarters on Thursday.

The Bangladesh Ambassador expressed concern over the inter-

national community's capacity to combat desertification and drought. He stressed the need for managing the fragile eco-systems to ensure against those phenomena.

He called upon the developed countries to provide technical and

financial assistance to developing countries for protecting their forest resources.

He said, "By protecting our forests, we protect our planet".

He enumerated the steps Bangladesh government has

adopted to protect its own forest resources, including the Sunderbans, the world's largest mangrove forest and UNESCO Heritage Site. The world therefore shares the responsibility for its preservation, he added.

26 DU teachers demand release of Proshika official

DU CORRESPONDENT

Twenty-six teachers of the Dhaka University have demanded immediate release of Omar Tareque Chowdhury, a high official of Proshika, a leading NGO in the country.

In a joint statement yesterday, they said the arrest of Tareque Chowdhury is a violation of human rights as there is no specific allegation against him.

According to the police, Md Omar Tareque Chowdhury, a director of Policy Communication Department of Proshika, was arrested along with another Proshika employee on March 12 for their alleged involvement in 'anti-state activities'.

The signatories to the statement include Prof. Golam Rahman, Rubayet Ferdous, Mofizur Rahman, Samia Rahman, Nadir Junaid, Fahmidul Haq, Lavina A. Ahmed, ASM Asaduzzaman, Sabrina S Chowdhury, MM Akash, Dr. Muhammad Samad, Abu Mohammad Delwar Hossain, Ashfaq Hossain, Prof. Nurur Rahman, Meher Nigar, Aminur Rahman, Baitullah Kaderi, Hakim Arif, Sirajul Islam, Dr. KM Saiful Islam Khan, Prof. Ajay Roy, Zahid Hasan Chowdhury, Samir Kumar Shil, Suresh Chandra and Mohammad Nuruzzaman.

BCS Computer Show begins Mar 23

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 'BCS Computer Show-2002' begins in the city on March 23.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia will inaugurate the week-long fair at newly built Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the city.

Organised by the Bangladesh Computer Society (BCS), the fair will be the biggest one.

Md Sabur Khan, president of BCS, said this year's fair will focus on the Information Technology (IT) industry.

"It will not only exhibit and sell hardware, but also present the in-depth activities of IT industry in the country."

Two seminars will also be held each day during the week-long fair.



Leader of the Opposition in parliament and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina speaking at a discussion marking the National Children's Day at Dhanmondi Road No. 32 in the city yesterday.

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Zubaida Rahman-Wife
Mijanur Rahman, Mamun ur Rahman,
Masudur Rahman, Mushfiqur Rahman-Sons.

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