

Alliance govt enemy of environment: Hasina

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Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday termed the alliance government the "enemy" of the people and environment. "After capturing the state power this alliance government is busy with cutting trees, grabbing land and have no headache to protect the environment," the opposition leader said at a discussion meeting on the 'World Environment Day' at the National Press Club auditorium in the city. Awami League Sub-committee on Forest and Environment organised the meeting, chaired by sub-committee president MAMannan. Hasina alleged the "Ministers and MPs of the alliance government only know how to grab land, cut trees and construct buildings and CNG stations for themselves." "At least 25,0000 trees were destroyed in the last three and half years of the government," she said, but deplored that no nature lovers dared to protest such indiscriminate tree felling. Hasina urged the countrymen to plant more trees to save the environment. The meeting was addressed by former forest and environment minister Sajeda Chowdhury, former DU vice-chancellor AK Azad Chowdhury and former CU vice-chancellor Professor Abdul Mannan.

POWER CUT IN BIHARI CAMPS

Nirmul body condemns govt

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Leaders of Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee in a statement yesterday condemned the government for snapping power supply to the stranded Pakistani's camps across the country, says a press release. Nirmul Committee Advisor Prof Kabir Chowdhury, acting President Shahriar Kabir and General Secretary Quazi Mukul said it has brought intolerable sufferings to them during the scorching summer heat and demanded immediate power supply to the camps. Those who live in the camps are not war prisoners or war criminals and they opted for Pakistani citizenship during the War of Liberation willingly, they added. "We always urged Pakistan to take initiative to take them back but they keep on turning down our request and the Bangladesh government has also failed to put pressure on Pakistan in this regard", Nirmul leaders said. The leaders also blamed Pakistan's deceitful political decision that brought miseries to around three lakh stranded Pakistanis, popularly known as Biharis, in different Geneva camps in Bangladesh. They urged the United Nations, Organisation of Islamic Conference, International Red Cross and the Pakistan government to take initiatives to take them back to Pakistan.

Poster exhibition on environment ends

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A two-day poster exhibition on environment and education concluded at the Shilpangon Gallery at Dhanmondi yesterday. The Campaign for Popular Education (Campe) organised the exhibition to mark the World Environment Day. A total of 145 posters were put on display. Eminent artist Prof Rafiqunnabi inaugurated the exhibition on Sunday.



Awami League President Sheikh Hasina speaks at a discussion on the World Environment Day at the National Press Club auditorium in the city yesterday. Awami League Sub-committee on Forest and Environment organised the meeting.

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