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Around the world many people have done their bit for climate change, but few of them come from countries that will be the first affected by it. Bangladesh is one of the most environmentally vulnerable nations to the scourge of climate change and few if any has taken the problem seriously here. But as it so happens the few people who did take the risk seriously took their work and research to unparalleled international heights, in the process becoming leaders in their own fields. The two people who standout head and shoulders above the rest are Atiq Rahman and Saleemul Huq, they have remained conspicuously anonymous in their own country, but their names and deeds reverberate around the world and have become references to issues such as climate change and the environment. Atiq Rahman recently won the United Nations-sanctioned Champions of the Earth Award 2008 and Saleemul Huq is a part Nobel winner after having been the lead author on the Adaptation chapter in the IPCC fourth assessment report. They have both worked their entire lives for a nation, simultaneously trying to educate and save it.