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EU pledges continued help in climate change strategy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The European Commission (EC) will continue its support for the Bangladesh government's Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan through substantial contribution to various programmes, Ambassador and Head of Delegation of the EC to Bangladesh Dr Stefan Frowein said yesterday.

A huge fund is required for mitigation and adaptation projects, said Stefan while speaking as the chief guest at a workshop on 'Climate Change: Facing the Challenge Together', organised by Institute of Media and Communication Studies at the Chayanaut Seminar Hall in the capital.

The challenges of climate change will begin and continue for two

Dhaka turns unfit to live in few years

Meeting calls for DAP to be implemented with high priority

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka will be uninhabitable within a few years if the plan to expand road network, mentioned in the city's master plan, is not implemented soon, Housing and Public Works Secretary ASM Rashidul Hai said.

He said the next government should implement the Detailed Area Plan (DAP) for the city with high priority.

He said this yesterday during a views-exchange meeting arranged for Rajdhanis Unnayan Kartipaksha's (Rajuk) final draft of the DAP.

From October 5, public hearing on the final draft report of the DAP will begin and continue for two

months. The final DAP is scheduled to be published on December 16.

He said a city needs roads on 25 percent of its total area but Dhaka only has roads on eight percent of its landmass and this is why the traffic situation is deteriorating.

"If the situation continues like this, city dwellers will not be able to come out of their homes," he said.

"To solve the problems of Dhaka city, a huge road network is necessary and that is why construction of a large number of roads is mentioned in the DAP," he added.

"If the next government implements the proposals in the DAP, Dhaka will be habitable for the next 100 years. But if it is not done, it will become uninhabitable within the next two to four years," he said.

Rajuk took the initiative under a 20-year (1995-2015) Dhaka Metropolitan Development Plan (DMDP). The DAP is a major component of the DMDP.

"We prepared the DAP so that the city could be expanded in a planned way and to reduce haphazard growth," said Rashidul.

There are areas mapped in the DAP as residential, commercial, industrial and educational zones, he said.

Urban planning experts, environmentalists and public representatives during the views-exchange meeting held at the Rajuk Auditorium demanded the draft plan be made public before the public hearings.

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Triplets born to tiger at Dhaka zoo

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Royal Bengal Tiger and her cubs are doing well at Dhaka Zoo after the mother gave birth to the triplets on Saturday night.

This is the second time the tigress named Promila has given birth at the zoo. Last year in May, she gave birth to another set of triplets.

Earlier the mother was separated from the male tiger Raja and taken to confined quarters for the birth.

The curator of the zoo Dr Aminur Rahman said, "They will be kept in confinement, out of the sight of visitors until the cubs develop their eyes."

It takes about two weeks for tiger cubs' eyes to develop completely.

The mother and her cubs will be kept in the separate cage until the cubs are around six months old, the curator said.

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A policeman shows Yashili and Sweet Baby brand baby milk formulas seized in a joint drive by the BSTI and the district administration at Agrabad in Chittagong. The two Chinese products are suspected of contaminated with melamine.



TAILBACK TALE 6

Moghbazar, traffic jam go together

SHARIFUL ISLAM

Irritated rickshaw puller Rafiq Mian only made 250 metres headway from Moghbazar Wireless towards Moghbazar intersection. "I have been stuck here since 8:00am and now it is past 9:00am," he said.

Rafiq is actually angry with himself as he took a passenger onboard and pedalled towards Moghbazar knowing very well that traffic jams are a regular phenomenon during the morning rush in the area.

"I do not usually come to Moghbazar during the morning rush even if a passenger is willing to pay me three times the normal fare," Rafiq told The Daily Star.

"I made a mistake coming to this area. At any other place I would have earned more than Tk 30 by now," he added.

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PHOTO: STAR

The everyday tailback on Tongi Diversion Road at Moghbazar.

Afghan consul gen abducted after Pakistan ambush

Taliban kidnap over 150 Afghan workers

AFP, Peshawar/Herat

Afghanistan's consul general in the northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar was abducted and his driver killed in an ambush on the diplomat's car Monday, the Afghan consulate said.

"The driver was killed in the firing, consul general Abdul Khaliq

Farahi has been abducted," Zahir Khan Babari, an official at the Afghan consulate, told AFP.

Gunmen opened fire on the car as it was taking the diplomat from the consulate in the city centre to his home in a plush suburb of the troubled city near the Afghan border, police officer Banaras Khan said.

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Global financial crisis may hinder UN poverty fight

AP, United Nations

World leaders meeting at the UN General Assembly this week face a global financial crisis that threatens the United Nations' efforts to generate billions of dollars to fight poverty, especially in Africa.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said last week he was very concerned the economic slowdown and turmoil on Wall Street could have a negative impact on the ability of rich nations to help achieve United Nations goals to improve the lives of the poorest people who live on less than \$1 a day.

Leaders were set to begin a week of meetings on Monday.

Before the US financial meltdown rippled around the globe, Ban asked world leaders to arrive a day early for the annual ministerial meeting of the UN General Assembly to focus on Africa's development needs and to interrupt their speechmaking Thursday to make new commitments to achieve the UN Millennium Development Goals.

"We are experiencing a development emergency," Ban said in an AP interview. "This is one of the triple crises that I have termed climate change, development

emergency, and global food crisis.

"This week, with the help of all world leaders, I would like to really mobilize necessary resources and galvanize political will to as high as possible as I can," he said.

The leaders are arriving in New York as the US Congress starts debate on a \$700 billion proposal to buy a mountain of bad mortgage debt in an effort to revive US credit markets, and whether they are prepared to make fresh commitments to help the poor remains to be seen.

The weeklong meetings begin Monday with a high-level session

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Dhaka seeks MoU with 15 nations to bring back smuggled money

STAR REPORT

Bangladesh has sent the draft of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to 15 countries towards inking agreements with them regarding exchange of information about money siphoned off.

"The countries concerned are examining the draft MoU at present and the agreement will be signed as soon as they agree to them," a high official of Bangladesh Bank said yesterday.

Bangladesh is looking to making these agreements with the USA, UK, India, Thailand, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Mauritius, Indonesia, Japan, Nepal, UAE, The Maldives, Myanmar, Vietnam and Cambodia.

Earlier last month, Bangladesh signed an MoU with Malaysia to bring back the money smuggled out of the country into Malaysia, and vice versa.

However, the government has not yet sought any information regarding any corruption suspects or their smuggled money even a month after the signing of such an agreement.

Bangladesh Bank (BB) sources

said that the BB can seek information from Kuala Lumpur only after the government, or any government agency, initiates a process seeking information about corruption suspects.

According to sources, the draft MoUs says that both countries will share information regarding specific corruption suspects.

"Bangladesh can ask for money back only after it is proven in a Bangladesh court that the money was illegally gained and smuggled out of the country," a BB official said referring to the proposal made.

"It is not expected that all the countries have corrupt suspects and money has been smuggled out of the country concerned, but agreement will remain in place in case such a situation ever arises," the official added.

When the present caretaker government initiated efforts to bring back money smuggled out of the country, the efforts failed as there were no agreements to the effect between the concerned countries.

'JMB' THREAT Security beefed up at Indian High Commission

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Security has been strengthened in and around the Indian High Commission in Dhaka after it received a fax message yesterday in Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh's (JMB) name that

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No DOCUMENTS 36 Bangladeshis held in Delhi

PTI, New Delhi

Thirty-six Bangladeshi nationals, including women and children, were arrested in the national capital for residing here without valid documents, police said on Monday.

The illegal immigrants were taken into custody from Kalyanpuri in east Delhi during checking in the area on Sunday, Deputy Commissioner of Police (East) Ajay Choudhury said.

Among the arrested, ten are women and 11 are children.

Police has intensified its drive to flush out illegal immigrants in the wake of serial blasts in the national capital on September 13 which claimed 24 lives.

EXTORTION THRU' PHONE DMP asks for callers' numbers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) has asked city residents to provide them with phone numbers of the callers demanding extortion ahead of the Eid.

The DMP request came yesterday as organised gang members identifying themselves as high-profile criminals are making phone calls to well-off people in various parts in the capital demanding extortion.

The DMP has already set up a special cell at the Detective and Crime Information Department to arrest the culprits, said a press release signed by DMP Commissioner Naim Ahmed yesterday.

The DMP requested city residents to call at 01713398325, SEE PAGE 15 COL 8



PHOTO: STAR

People especially rickshaw riders suffer as the Jurain level crossing in the capital remains in a bad shape with asphalt loosening off the rails due to lack of maintenance.

NON-BASMATI RICE India may lift export ban

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India may lift a ban on the export of non-basmati rice, the country's finance minister yesterday said.

"We were forced to put temporary constraints on certain kinds of rice... hopefully, these restrictions can be removed as early as possible," Finance Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram told reporters in Gurgaon near New Delhi.

India slapped the ban in past April to curb rising inflation that reached about 12 percent, the highest in 13 years.

"I'm not giving you any date or I'm not promising you anything but things will ease and we'll be able to remove these temporary restrictions," Chidambaram said.

Soaring food and energy prices and financial meltdown had forced the Indian government to scale

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Sehri, Iftar timings

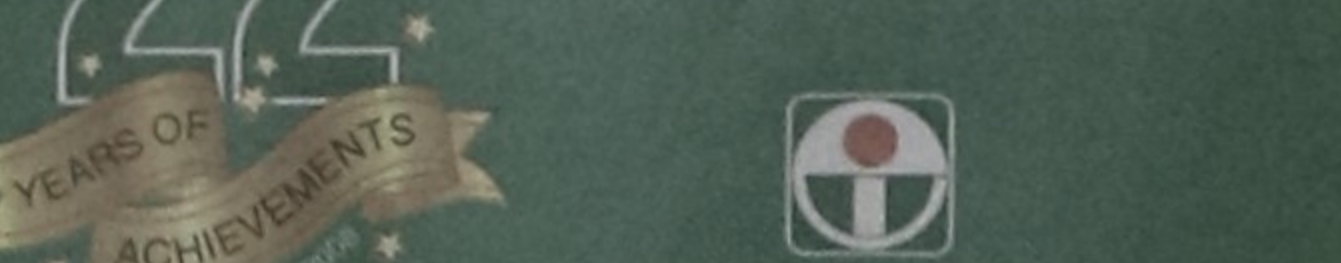
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