

CLIMATE CHANGE FUND MANAGEMENT

Ensure people's representation

Speakers urge govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar yesterday said representation of the people, who are vulnerable to climate change fallout in the country, should be ensured in the management of climate change fund and development of climate change strategy paper.

They also condemned the inclusion of World Bank (WB) in the management of Multi Donor Trust Fund which was formed after the climate change conference on Bangladesh held on September 10 in London and demanded its exclusion from the fund management.

The seminar was organised by

Equity and Justice Working Group (EJWG) to create public opinion against the inclusion of WB in multi-donor fund management at the National Press Club in the city.

Presenting a keynote paper, Shamsuddoha of EquityBD said the WB had been maintaining double standard at the same time by troubling about its concern over climate change and investing on various development projects that are not environment-friendly.

He called on the government not to take any fund given by the WB imposing tough conditions and regulations.

Though the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change

(UNFCCC) decided to establish an Adaptation Fund Board with the representation of the developing and least developed countries to manage the adaptation fund, he said, adding that the developed countries are including the WB in fund management to secure their interest.

Former finance minister Abul Mal Abdul Muhit said the risks of climate change could not be faced only by undertaking few projects, the matter should be underscored in all development plans and projects.

"The representation of the people who are vulnerable to climate change should be included in fund management and developing

the climate change strategy paper," he added.

He further said that the stance of any government in the country should be published to the people in a White Paper before joining any inter-governmental or international conference in this regard.

Local government specialist and Chittagong University Prof Dr Tofail Ahmed said climate change issue is now a matter of national existence. So, it should be underscored seriously.

The seminar moderated by Dr Tofail Ahmed was also addressed by Ziaul Haque Mukta of Oxfam GB, former lawmaker engineer Md Shahiduzzaman and Mostafa Kamal Akand.



A woman looks at a photograph at a week-long international photography exhibition at the National Museum auditorium in the city yesterday. Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU) organised the event.

PHOTOGRAPHY FEST

Artist can depict civilisation thru' paintbrush
Says Rasheda K Chy

BSS, Dhaka

Cultural Affairs Adviser Rasheda K Chowdhury yesterday said an artist can depict the culture and civilisation of a country through his or her paintbrush and colour.

She said this while inaugurating a week-long international photography exhibition at the National Museum auditorium in the city as the chief guest.

The show was jointly organised by Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU) in cooperation with Japanese embassy in Dhaka.

A large number of visitors, including Japanese Ambassador Masayuki Inoue and ACCU Director General Kunio Sato, also took part in the inaugural function.

A total of 80 important photographs from 38 countries have been put on display in the show. The exhibition will remain open to public from 10:00am to 7:00pm every day until October 17.

1344 cans of adulterated coconut oil seized

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Police seized 1344 cans of adulterated coconut oil worth Tk 23 lakh from a truck yesterday from Khulna-Bagerhat highway under Bagerhat Sadar Police Station.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) Humayun Kabir of Bagerhat Sadar Police Station said the adulterated coconut oil weighing 11,960 kilograms was being transported to North Bengal for sale.

Madhu Dam, proprietor of Tilatisa Enterprise at Nager Bazar of Bagerhat Town, is owner of the oil. He remains absconding.

Police arrested Murad Sheikh and helper Aslam Khan of the truck on the spot.

A case was filed against the proprietor and the arrestees under section 25 (C) of the Special Powers Act-1974.

UIU orientation programme held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A two-day orientation programme for newly admitted students of 2008 Fall trimester of the United International University (UIU) concluded yesterday.

A total of 400 students enrolled at the School of Business and School of Science and Engineering took part in the orientation programme held at the university auditorium at Dhanmondi.

Speaking as the chief guest, eminent economist Prof Dr Wahiduddin Mahmud said, "Highly educated and experienced teachers, modern infrastructural facilities and advanced equipment are preconditions for quality education which are available in this university."

He advised the students to work hard.

He hoped that the cordial and supportive relationship between teachers and students would contribute to a great extent to materialising the objective of the university.

Vice Chancellor of the university Prof Dr M Rezwana Khan chaired the programme.

Member of UIU KM Ahsan Shamim, Pro-VC Dr Chowdhury Mofizur Rahman, Prof Dr Golam Rahman, Registrar ASM Salahuddin, Prof Habibur Rahman and Prof Mohammed Musa also spoke at the programme.

3 army officers transferred

UNB, Dhaka

In a latest reshuffle in the administration in the interim period, the government has given three army officers transfers and postings, one of them as ambassador.

An official notification yesterday said Brig General ATM Amin of Bangladesh Army has been appointed DG of Ansar and VDP under the Home Ministry while Brig General Abu Belal M Shaiful Huq made DG of BISS on deputation under Foreign Ministry.

Meanwhile, Major General Abdul Hafiz, who was appointed DG of Ansar and VDP on deputation, has been transferred to the Foreign Ministry for appointing him Ambassador "on deputation".

140 cops to join East Timor peacekeeping

UNB, Dhaka

A 140-member contingent of Bangladesh police will join the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in East Timor.

Of them, the first group of 70 police, led by Police Super Tanvir Haider Chowdhury, reached East Timor Friday night by a chartered plane of United Nations while another group of 70 will leave Dhaka tonight, said a police headquarters release.

Deputy IGP (R&T) M Mokhlesur Rahman, AIGP (UN Desk) M Ekrumul Habib and other police officials will see the East Timor-bound team off at Zia International Airport.

Some 1,083 police members are working in UN Peacekeeping Missions in East Timor, Kosovo, Congo, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Darfur and Sudan.

Firm employee shot in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A private firm employee sustained severe injuries when a gang of muggers sprayed a bullet on him at Rahamatganj in old part of the city yesterday.

The victim was identified as Md Ferdous, 30, an employee of Suman Enterprise at Sadarghat in the city.

The injured said two muggers shot at him and fled the scene when he was going to Rahamatganj by a rickshaw for an official work purpose. The muggers could not take anything from Ferdous.

Local people rushed him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital in a critical condition.



Justice Gholam Rabbani speaks at a discussion on "Electoral reforms, constitution and political rights of war criminals" at Bilila auditorium in the city yesterday. On his right are Barrister Shafique Ahmed and Prof Panna Kaisar and on his left are Prof Ajay Roy and Prof Kazi Farook. (Story on Page 2)

27TH BCS EXAMS 'Cancel second phase results'

DU CORRESPONDENT

The unsuccessful candidates of 27th BCS Examinations yesterday reiterated their demand for immediate cancellation of the second-phase results of the examinations and reconsideration of the first-phase results.

Raising questions about the legality of publishing the second-phase results, the candidates also demanded immediate removal of PSC Chairman Dr Saadat Hussain, appointment of those including children of freedom fighters who came out successfully as per first-phase results, and a judicial investigation into the irregularities in publishing the second-phase results.

The demands were articulated at a press conference at the National Press Club in the city.

The unsuccessful candidates alleged that due to autocratic interference by Dr Saadat, a total of 1137 candidates who were successful as per first-phase result but did not get any service on the basis of second-phase results, are mentally depressed and leading a miserable life with their families.

They demanded immediate steps to make the PSC free from the grip of personal and group-based influences saying that the PSC chief is using his office as project centre of ADB and World Bank, rather than preserving the interests of meritorious students of the country.

They urged the government to appoint honest, efficient and competent persons to run the administration of PSC and preserve the interest of meritorious candidates.

Tarique's condition still critical

Says his lawyer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The condition of Tarique Rahman, eldest son of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, remains the same, despite his better treatment in London.

Tarique is still in a critical condition and that he remains bedridden because of severe back pain, his lawyer Barrister Nasir Uddin Ahmed Ashim, who has returned from London, said yesterday.

"The sixth and seventh bones of Tarique's spine have been dam-

aged. Condition of these two bones has worsened due to lack of treatment for a long time. He is also suffering from other spinal diseases," Ashim told reporters at his Dhanmondi residence.

Tarique was shifted to a renowned hospital on Thursday, he said, adding that Tarique needs to undergo prolonged treatment.

"Tarique also needs to do some physical exercise. But he feels severe pain when he tries to move," he added.

Tarique went to London on September 11 for better treatment.

500 held, 44 vehicles recovered last month

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) recovered 44 stolen motor vehicles and seized about 38 kg of cannabis and over 5,000 bottles of Phensidyl last month.

The police also arrested around 500 criminals, including robbers, muggers and drug peddlers, during the month of September.

At a press conference at the Police Telecom Auditorium at Rajarbagh Police Lines yesterday, DMP Commissioner Naim Ahmed said the monthly figures are the

highest for this year so far.

He also said that the DMP has decided to expand their drive outside the capital, as the criminals often flee the city after committing crimes.

Replying to a question, he said they are seriously trying to nab top fugitive criminals and their accomplices who had been carrying out criminal activities as the agents of topnotchers.

He also said the traffic department and the regular police forces have been asked to facilitate smooth traffic movement.



A garage owner is doing business occupying the sidewalk beside Square Hospital at Panthapath in the city, which hampers smooth movement of traffic and pedestrians. (PHOTO: STAR)