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Farm output may drop 30pc in S Asia by 2050

ActionAid sees Bangladesh already affected by climate change

PINAKI ROY from Poznan, Poland

ActionAid said in a report at the UN sum- impact of climate change unfolds. mit on climate change in Poland.

Climate Change (IPCC) report which had said South Asia might experience a 30 percent drop in agricultural production by 2050, ActionAid said the slide is already

The report of the international non-Agricultural sector in Bangladesh is government development organisation already affected by global climate change, noted that food security is under threat in report added. needing support for climate resilient many regions of the world, which will agriculture and for overall adaptation, only worsen as the full extent of the

Referring to the food price situation, Citing an Intergovernmental Panel on the report stated, poor people of least developed countries (LDC) have been spending almost 50 to 80 percent of their total income on food.

Food price volatility, which could be

compounded by increasing climate change variability, is likely to be a serious problem for the foreseeable future, the

The report titled 'Time is now -- lessons from farmers adapting to climate change', mentioned case studies from Bangladesh, Brazil, Ghana, Malawi and

It was released in the conference centre in Poznan, Poland, suggesting an adaptation plan in line with the United SEE PAGE 15 COL 6

Love-soaked Nurul Islam laid to rest

DU CORRESPONDENT

Hundreds of people from all walks of life paid tribute to Ganotantri Party president Nurul Islam showering flowers on his coffin at the Central Shaheed Minar in the capital

vesterday. The coffin of the veteran politician, who succumbed to fatal burn injuries on Thursday afternoon after fighting for life for 36 hours at Combined Military Hospital in the capital, was brought to the Shaheed Minar at 11:45am.

As the coffin arrived at the Shaheed Minar, a police SEE PAGE 2 COL 5



A contingent of police gives guard of honour to late Ganotantri Party president Nurlul Islam at the Central Shaheed Minar in the capital yesterday before he was laid to rest at the Mirpur Martyred Intellectuals' Graveyard.



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

JP names 47 out of 50 candidates

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Party yesterday announced names of its candidates for 47 out of the 50 seats it has been allotted as part of Awami League-led grand alliance.

In a press release, it also said a contestant from any component of the grand alliance will be considered the coalition candidate in the event of any ally losing its nominee.

"We have published the list of our candidates after discussions with Awami League, read the release, adding that the candidates for the three | the Mumbai plot. remaining seats will be announced later.

JP candidates in the northern districts, traditional strongholds of the party, are Hafiz Uddin Ahmed for Thakurgaon-3, Jafar Iqbal Siddique for Nilphamari-1, Kazi Faruk Quader for Nilphamari-3, Shawkat Chowdhury Nilphamari-4, Mujibur Rahman Lalmonirhat-2, SEE PAGE 15 COL 3

Indian govt admits 'lapses' before attacks

Captured militant names masterminds; ISI involved in training militants, says media

AP, AFP, Mumbai

India's top law enforcement official admitted yesterday therewere government "lapses" in last week's terror attack on Mumbai, amid a public uproar over security and intelligence failures in the deadly siege.

"There have been lapses. I would be less than truthful if I said there had been no lapses," Home Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram told reporters. "I'm doing my utmost to overcome the causes of these lapses and to improve the effectiveness of the security systems in the country."

The assault on India's financial capital left 171 dead and 239 wounded. Chidambaram, only days in the post after the previous minister was ousted after the attacks, made the acknowledgment as new details surfaced that a Pakistani militant group had used an Indian operative as far back as 2007 to scout targets in

The surviving gunman, Ajmal Amir Kasab, 21, told interrogators he had been sent by the banned Pakistani militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba and identified two of the plot's masterminds, according to two Indian government officials familiar with the inquiry. Lashkar, outlawed by Pakistan in 2002, has been

deemed by the US a terrorist group with ties to al-Qaeda. Kasab told police that one of them, Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi, Lashkar's operations chief, recruited him for the attack, and the assailants called another senior leader, Yusuf Muzammil, on a satellite phone after hijacking an Indian vessel en route to Mumbai. The information sent investigators back to another reputed Lashkar operative, Faheem Ansari.

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EC asked to ensure safety of minority communities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission (EC) should arrange special security measures in the upcoming national polls in the constituencies where minority communities were subjected to repression during and after the 2001 elections, human rights activists and academics said yesterday.

Memories of rape and barring from casting votes in SEE PAGE 2 COL 5

Depression intensifies in Bay

UNB, Dhaka

The depression over southeast Bay moved slightly northwestwards and intensified into a deep depression.

A special Met Office bulletin said it was centered at 6:00pm yesterday about 1,670- km south-southwest of Chittagong port, 1,580-km south-southwest of Cox's Bazar port and 1650-km south of Mongla port.

"It is likely to intensify further and move in a SEE PAGE 15 COL 8

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FAO REPORT ON BANGLADESH

People throng the second Buriganga Bridge in the afternoon as the surrounding area has few places for recreation.

Milk consumption lowest, prices highest in region

PORIMOL PALMA

Average milk consumption in Bangladesh is the lowest in the region. Its cost is the highest in the region due to low yield and high production other sources. cost, making it almost impossible for the majority people to have the nutritious food

In Bangladesh, per capita daily calorie intake through milk is only 24 kilocalories, while in Sri Lanka it is 57, 82 in Nepal, 104 in India and 265 in Pakistan, according to statistical yearbook of Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

Nutritionists say milk is an ideal food that easily provides large amounts of calcium and protein to the body but inadequate intake of milk is causing calcium deficiency and bone-

related diseases like rickets.

They said nutrients of milk can be had from other food items but people are usually not conscious enough to get the nutrients from In the wake of the recent controversy over

toxic melamine in milk, health and dairy experts said the best way to meet the milk demand is to expand dairy production at farm and household levels.

According to FAO, average annual milk production in Bangladesh is 2,264,000 tonnes and only 13kg of milk is available for every person annually.

Low production results in the import of bulk amount of powdered milk. Bangladesh spent about Tk 1,500 crore to import 42,583.46 tonnes SEE PAGE 15 COL 4

18 killed in Pak twin blasts

Troops kill 10 Taliban in Swat valley

AFP, AP, Peshawar/ Islamabad

At least 12 people were killed and dozens more were wounded when a bomb ripped through a crowded marketplace in the northwestern Pakistan city of Peshawar yesterday while another suicide bombing at a security checkpoint killed six others in northwest.

"Twelve people were killed and up to 70 injured in the bomb blast that took place in a main market in Peshawar city," local police official Shahnawaz Khan told AFP.

According to a security official, the explosion was close to a Shiite mosque located in the city's main Qisakhawani bazaar, but it was not clear if it was the target. The market was packed with shoppers preparing for the Eid celebrations.

The blast ripped through a hotel and several adjoining buildings, causing mayhem among a crowd of shoppers in the busy SEE PAGE 15 COL 7

Israel willing to go it alone on Iran attack

THE TELEGRAPH ONLINE, Jerusalem

Defence sources told the Jerusalem Post they were considering going it alone in a strike on Iran. Conventional military

thinking states that Israel would need America's backing if only to allow Israeli warplanes to reach Iran by overflying Iraq, where the airspace is controlled by the United States Air Force.

But the paper said Israeli planners had come up with ideas that did not require support from the United

This comes after Ehud Olmert, the outgoing Israeli SEE PAGE 15 COL 1

