

CLIMATE TALKS RESUME IN BONN TOMORROW

Bangladesh reels under 'Aila' aftermath

BSS, Dhaka
While Bangladesh struggles for recovering wounds of two cyclonic storms in a span of five weeks, the global climate talks resume in Bonn, Germany tomorrow to reach a consensus take effective measures to combat climate change.

The cyclonic storm 'Aila' that hit the country at tide time on May 25 with 5 to 14 meter high water surge, washed away all their belongings.
Cyclone 'Bijlee' crossed Bangladesh coast only 37 days ago despite left a trail of minor destruction as it weakened while hitting the land during ebbside.
Developing countries including Bangladesh, small island states and low lying coastal islands making their

continuous efforts to make agree the developed countries for action to reduce emission and mobilise fund to adapt with the situation.
But the developed countries, which are blamed for global climate change are undermining the climate talking process seriously, said Greenpeace, an independent global campaigner to protect and conserve the environment.
Greenpeace said, interna-

tional community is hoping for an agreement to avert catastrophic climate change, but the process is being seriously undermined by the developed world in two key areas: targets for emissions cuts and finance for developing world mitigation and adaptation.
In a recent study, scientists found an intense relationship between global climate and cyclone intensity, and frequency. Increase in sea surface temperature from the climate change is leading to modest increase in the duration and intensity of tropical cyclones.
Over the next two weeks meeting in Bonn, the industrialised countries must reach an aggregate target of 40 percent cuts of emission by 2020 as urged by the scientific community along with putting fund on the table for developing countries for adaptation.

Envoy hosts promotion of Australian foods

METRO DESK
Australian High Commissioner Dr Justin Lee hosted 'High Commissioner's Eleven: Tastes of Australia', a promotion of Australian foods imported to Bangladesh, at his residence on Friday.

Distinguished guests from the media, celebrities, industry and government attended the programme.
The eleven 'tastes' of Australia included some of the finest Australian meats, seafood and dairy products available in Bangladesh, says a press release.
Dr Lee said, "Australia has long imported grains and other foodstuffs to Bangladesh. Tonight celebrates the increasing variety of Australian produce now coming to this country, which is unique for its quality and freshness. Food exports are a core component of our bilateral trade worth AS\$130 million in 2008, up 22 percent from the previous year."

Each of the eleven 'tastes' of Australia was prepared by The Westin's Australian executive chef Gerard Wallace and served to the attendees amid a fanfare of Australian music, mimicking domestic one-day cricket matches in Australia where batsmen enter the field to their favourite song.
"In Australia as in Bangladesh eating is a privilege and a joy, a time to share with friends and family. We wanted to make tonight fun, expose guests to what is now available in Bangladesh stores, and celebrate the things we have in common," Dr Lee said.

Australia has a reputation for supplying clean and natural products. Australian products including honey, fruit juices, milk, breakfast cereals and confectionary can be found in most of the superstores in Dhaka and Chittagong, while most five star hotels and a number of well-known restaurants use the finest Australian produce.

The Westin is also hosting 'Modern Australian Food Promotion'. The event, which began yesterday and will continue till June 12 at its Taste restaurant, is featuring Sydney Rock Oysters, Moreton Bay Bugs, Tasmanian Oak Smoked Salmon and much more, including delicious desserts.



The students of Motijheel Ideal School and College write their pledges on a banner on the institution premises in the city yesterday as part of the 'Bodlie Jao, Bodlie Dao' (Change yourself, change others) campaign of the daily Prothom Alo.

4 killed, 16 injured in road accidents

METRO DESK
Four people were killed and 16 others injured in separate road accidents in Brahmanbaria, Moulvibazar, Barisal and Sherpur in last two days.

Our correspondent in Brahmanbaria: Two people were killed and 10 others injured in a road accident on Dhaka-Sylhet highway at Rampur village under Brahmanbaria sadar upazila on Friday night.

The dead were identified as Md Mongal Mia, 15, and Md Rubel Mia, 15.
Police and hospital sources said the accident occurred when a tractor was crossing Rampur crossing point, a bus rammed the tractor from behind and then a microbus knocked the bus from behind. A total of 12 people were injured in the accident. Mongol and Rubel among the injured succumbed to their injuries on the way to hospital.

The other injured were treated at Brahmanbaria sadar hospital.
In Moulvibazar, a private car driver Sabur Mia, 35, was killed on the spot when his Dhaka-bound vehicle hit the railings of a bridge at Kodailup in the town yesterday morning.

Our correspondent in Barisal reports: One hotel boy was killed and another juice vendor injured after a passenger bus crushed them under its wheel in launch Ghat area in the city yesterday morning.
The dead was identified as Masud, 20, a boy of Mukti Hotel.

Witnesses said the accident occurred when helper of the

bus was moving it to another side of the road.

Police seized the bus and sent the body to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

UNB from Sherpur adds: Former BNP lawmaker and whip Jahed Ali Chowdhury and four others were injured in a road accident at Maona in Gazipur yesterday.

Witnesses said the accident

occurred when the jeep of Jahed crashed into a roadside tree at about 11:00am, leaving the five people injured.

Jahed Ali was going to Sherpur from Dhaka to attend a programme organised by district BNP on the occasion of Ziaur Rahman's death anniversary.

The injured were admitted at a clinic at Maona.

Jubo League to accord mass reception to Hasina

UNB, Dhaka

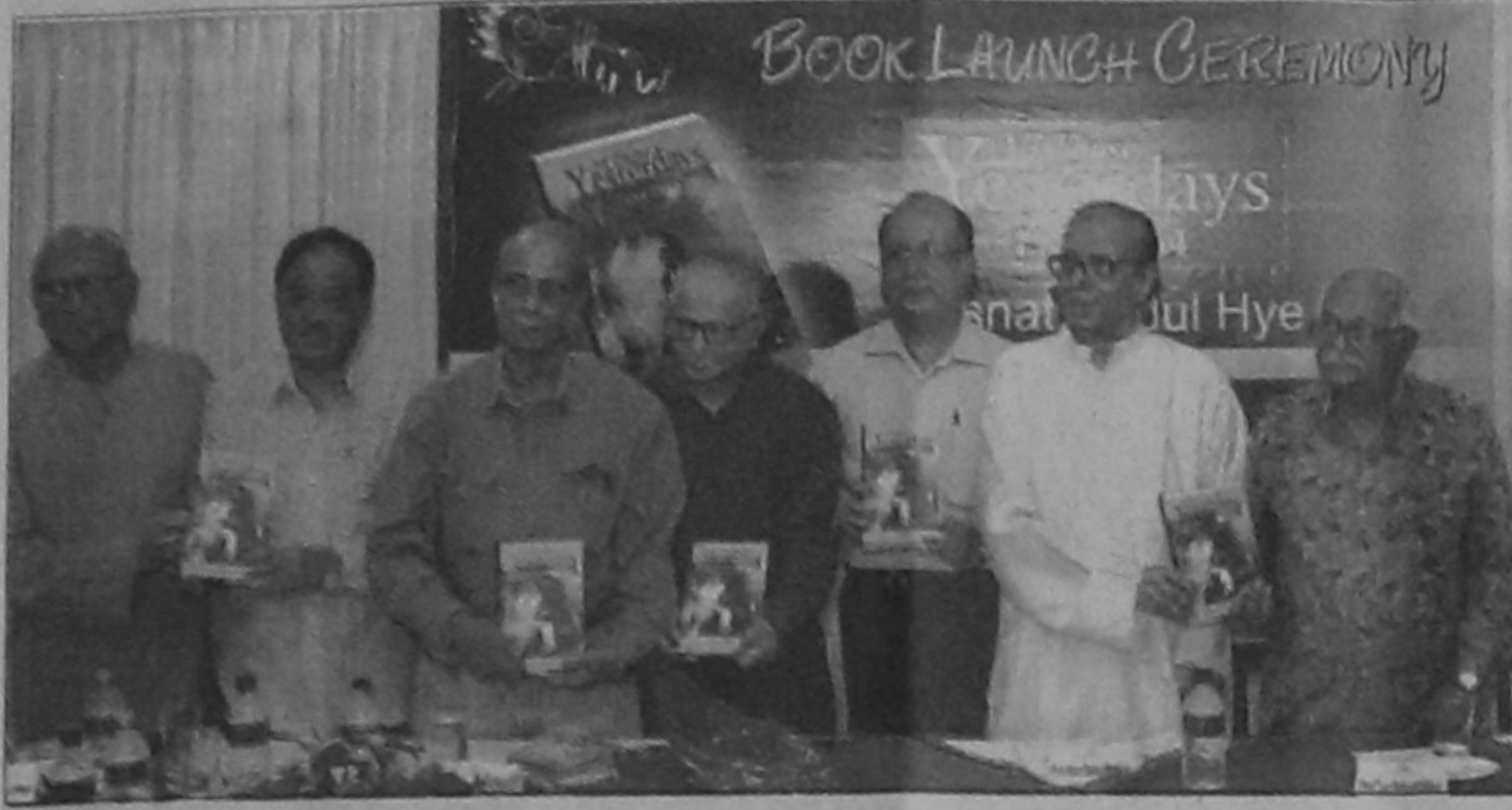
Awami Jubo League yesterday decided to accord a mass reception to "daughter of Peace" Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her peaceful resolution of the BDR mutiny and thereby salvaging the country from imminent civil war.

It was decided at a presidential meeting with its chairman Jahangir Kabir Nanak in the chair.
The mass reception will also be given to Nanak and Jubo League General Secretary Mirza Azam for playing a "courageous role" in the peace process.

Held at the Jubo League central office at Bangabandhu Avenue, the meeting expressed strong resentment over what the JL leaders said opposition leader Khaleda Zia's bid to create "unstable situation" and "continued conspiracy" exploiting the issue of the BDR mutiny.

The meeting expressed deep concern over reports about conspiracy by mafia don Daud Ibrahim to set up a "base of international terrorism" in Bangladesh and urged the government to eliminate at any cost the quarters involved in it.

The meeting decided to send a relief team to the cyclone Aila-hit areas.



Guests hold copies of 'All those yesterdays (1954-1964): Youth in Pakistan, America, Europe' by noted litterateur Hasnat Abdul Hye at a publication ceremony at Dhaka Club yesterday. From left are Ataur Rahman, Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelley, playwright Syed Shamsul Haq, Hasnat Abdul Hye, Sadat Hossain Selim, Prof Khan Sarwar Murshid and Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui.

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