

Adaptation fund

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for climate change adaptation.

"The total vulnerable population due to climate change is over 1 billion, and among them around 150 million are Bangladeshi," he said.

He said a separate body -- easily accessible to the most vulnerable and Least Developed Countries -- should be responsible for the fund operation, not the World Bank or International Monetary Fund.

A separate fund for technology transfer should be formed, stressed the minister.

He also said Bangladesh would also demand of the developed nations to reduce carbon emission by 45 percent within 2020 to save the world.

Denmark chose Bangladesh for giving its credits against increased carbon emissions. The announcement would come at the Copenhagen Conference, informed the minister terming it significant for Bangladesh. He said the fund would be used for the country's brick kilns' development.

Gunmen fire

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were running away on a motorcycle. Police seized the motorcycle.

The victims were Nilufa Yasmin, 33, her brother-in-law Yakub Ali and Ali Hossain, 25, a salesman of the furniture shop.

Nilufa said she drew Tk 1 lakh from a nearby bank with Yakub and came to the market around 2:30pm. As they reached the market gate the gang made a move to snatch her bag.

Witnesses said the gang fired at the shop as Nilufa and Yakub tried to avoid the snatch and took shelter there after being chased by the criminals.

Police and locals chased the criminals after the gunshots forcing them to flee the scene.

Zillur Rahman, sub-inspector of Mirpur Police Station, told The Daily Star that with the help of the locals they chased the gang and caught them at a nearby area.

The deceased in the Cantonment incident was identified as Swapan alias Kala Swapan, 25, a resident of Bawaliya Badh (Dam) at Pallabi.

Senior vice-chairman

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number of standing committee members to 19 from 15.

Besides, it decided to work into its constitution the post of senior joint-secretary general.

Though Tarique had held the position since 2002 and left it before going abroad for treatment last year, it could not be included in the charter as there was no council in the last 16 years.

In the past, the BNP constitution would allow the national council to elect only the party chief.

In August last year, it had a new provision requiring that the council constitute the executive and standing committees through election.

The provision was included to make the charter conform to the Representation of the People Order, which was a prerequisite for registration with the Election Commission.

Earlier on July 24, ruling Awami League's national council elected only the party president and general secretary, and authorised the two to nominate the other members for the central working committee and presidium.

In exercise of the power given by the councillors, AL President Sheikh Hasina announced the full committee a few days after the council.

Now Khaleda, who was re-elected chairperson unopposed on December 4, will follow suit.

She will choose over 251 office-bearers and members for the executive committee and 19 members for the standing committee.

During the closed-door session, former BNP lawmaker Ilyas Ali proposed that formation of the committees should be left to the chairperson's discretion, meeting sources said.

The councillors backed the proposal, ending speculations over the process of picking new leadership.

At the council, BNP brought a number of amendments to its constitution and ratified the provisional changes made to take part in the ninth parliamentary election.

Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain placed a report. In her concluding note, Khaleda thanked everyone for making the council a success.

KHALEDATO JOURNALISTS Talking to reporters after the closed-door session, Khaleda said she was happy that the council was successful.

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decided to reinvestigate six of the sensational cases.

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For the Feb 25-26 BDR carnage, the mutineers are to face trial on twin-charges for mutiny in general and mass murders and other crimes at the BDR headquarters in particular.

State Minister for Home Affairs Shamsul Huq Tuku, Home Secretary Abdus Sobhan Sikdar and Director General of Rab Hasan Mahmud Khandaker, among others, were present at the review meeting.

On September 11 the same year, Tarique left the country for London along with his wife and daughter. But before leaving the country, he issued a statement saying that he "retired from active politics with effect from September 11".

In his yesterday's video speech, Tarique said he did not do anything that could go against the country's interest.

"I don't know why I was punished without committing any crime. Don't know why a massive propaganda was carried out against me at home and abroad."

"They [the immediate past caretaker government] might have wanted to kill me, but I am still alive due to your love, the prayers of the country's people, and the honest deeds of my

country's people