CLIMATE CHANGE

Copensation for affected states demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Environmental activists denounced the uncertainty in making a just climate deal at the ongoing Copenhagen summit.

They demanded mandatory reduction of green house mate change. gas emissions for both the rich and the poor nation and direct financial assistance for vul-Bangladesh, says a press protocol, they said.

Shahbagh in the city in solidarity with the worldwide anti-climate change demonstration. Bangladesh Paribesh

poor countries, small island countries and emerging economies, including India, China, South Africa and Brazil.

the industrialised nations, sations took part at the rally.

including United Sates, Canada, European Union and Australia, are the major green house gas emitters, underdeveloped countries like Bangladesh and small island countries have to bear the worst consequences of cli-

But the industrialised countries do not appear to meet the 5 percent carbon cut nerable countries like by 2012 as bound by Kyoto

They demanded direct They said these at rally at financial aid for affected countries instead of carbon trading and technology to cope up.

Bangladesh has to insti-Andolon (Bapa) organised the tute a transparent mechanism to utilise any foreign Bapa President Prof aid along with its internal Muzaffer Ahmad regretted the initiatives to protect the divide among the rich and the rivers and soil from pollution and depletion of forests to adapt and combat climate consequences, they said.

Representatives from Speakers said that though different civil society organi-



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Artistes of Geetanjali, a cultural organisation, sing at a programme marking the Victory Day at Shilpakala Academy in the city yesterday. Nahar Jamil, Salma Akbar, Sajed Akbar, Promod Dutt, Sufia Zakaria, Subah Akbar and Ahmed Ziaur Rahman performed in the musical event.

'Frame decentralisation policy to establish autonomous local govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Governance Advocacy Forum, a platform for 35 NGOs, yesterday demanded that the government number of components." formulate a comprehensive national decentralisation policy with a view to establishing an autonomous local government system, a press release said.

press conference marking the inauguration of a 'Campaign for democratic decentralisation and autonomous local government' at Dhaka Reporters' Unity auditorium in the city.

forum leaders said: "The government has formulated a number of laws on the local

laws have some positive aspects, MPs and bureaucrats have been given control of a

"In order to establish an effective decentralisation, the government needs to hand over the total authority to the local government bodies and ensure The demand was placed at a transparency as well as accountability of these bodies, read the statement.

Justice Ghulam Rabbani, Akmat Ali Mia of Governance Coalition and Mohsin Ali, executive director of Wave In a written statement, the Foundation, spoke at the event says a press release.

The forum also placed a 13point demand, including for-

government. Although these mation of a national decentral ised policy involving areas of administration, finance, politics and economy, participation of local government bodies in decision-making and implementation, relieving MPs of their responsibilities as advisers to the Upazila Parishad, allotment of a certain portion of the national revenue for the local government bodies and direct election of women representatives at all levels of the local

government.

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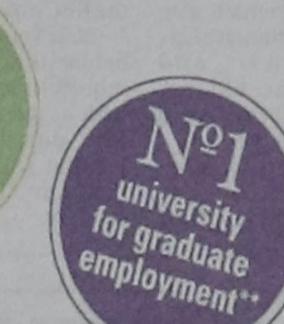
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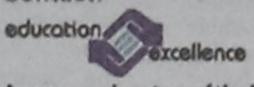
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2 walkie-talkie sets recovered, one arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-3) recovered two walkie-talkie sets with DMP frequency and some other electronic goods from a house at Kamrangirchar in the city yesterday.

Police Mohammad Raquib Hasan, 30, a tenant of the first floor of a twostorey building owned by Hazi Shaheeb in Thuta Mosque area.

Rab sources said they arrested Raquib from his house and according to his statement recovered the walkie-talkie sets with the frequency used by the Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP), one VHF set, 10 mobile sets and 23 Yaba tablets.

With the help of walkietalkies and the VHF set he used to track the police conversation and movement while committing crimes, Rab sources said, adding that Hasan was also involved in illicit drug trad-

While contacted Lt Col Mamun Mahmud Firoz Chowdhury of Rab--3 told The Daily Star that Hasan and his seven cohorts used to sell Yaba and make his illicit business safe using the VHF walkie-talkie sets.

He said the walkie-talkie g sets did not belong to police but capable of using the frequency used by the DMP.

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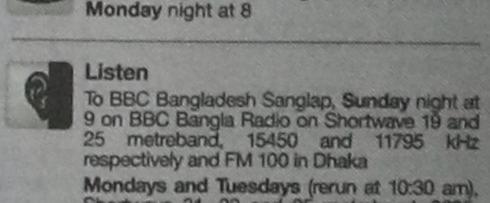
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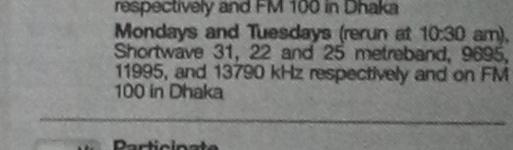
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