



Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation, inaugurates a photo exhibition titled 'Bangladesh: The Ground Zero for Climate Change' in Copenhagen on December 9.

PHOTO EXHIBITION ON CLIMATE CHANGE Effective utilisation of climate funds stressed

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Bangladesh has got wider global attention but needs to work out ways to ensure effective utilisation of climate change funds.

Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation, said this while inaugurating a photo exhibition titled 'Bangladesh: The Ground Zero for Climate Change' in Copenhagen on December 9. The exhibition will continue up to December 18.

The photo exhibition is part of Klimaforum, the people's climate summit. The weekly Shaptahik, CSRL and EquityBD jointly organised the exhibition, says a press release.

Ahmed Swapan of VOICE, Ferdous-ur-

Rahman of Prodipon, Rezaul Karim Chowdhury of EquityBD/COAST and Golam Mortoza of the Shaptahik attended the inaugural ceremony.

Shaheen Anam said the policymakers will have to sincerely try to address local issues related to the protection of the environment. 'We have to take concrete action to protect our rivers and forests.'

Speaking on the occasion, Golam Mortoza called on the international community to provide adequate compensation for climate change.

Rezaul Karim Chowdhury said the climate change is the issue of life and death for coastal people in Bangladesh.

GAYOON CALLS ON HASINA Consequences of climate change discussed

BSS, Dhaka

The visiting former president of the Maldives Maumoon Abdul Gayoom and Speaker of Maldives Parliament Abdullah Shahid paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the latter's official residence Jamuna in the city yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed various bilateral issues including the severe consequences of climate change in which both the countries are becoming worst affected.

The leaders of the island country Maldives lauded Hasina for her prudent and farsighted leadership in different international forums to face the grim challenges of climate change caused by global warming.

They said Hasina has firmly raised the issue of climate consequences to the different international forums and its severity on Bangladesh and the Maldives.

Her firm (Hasina's) leadership and legitimate demand will

help expedite mobilising international fund to face the challenges of global warming by the Least Developed Countries (LDCs), they said.

Briefing newsmen after the meeting, Prime Minister's Deputy Press Secretary Mahbubul Haque Shakil told newsmen that they also congratulated Hasina for her assumption of office as the prime minister following landslide victory in the last general election.

In reply, Hasina said Bangladesh and the South Asian countries are becoming the worst victims of climate change although they have negligible contribution to the environmental degradation.

She said excellent bilateral relations exist between the two south Asian countries and expressed the hope that the relations would be further strengthened in the days to come.

The PM said Bangladesh always valued its relations with the Maldives.

Hasina visionary leader of LDCs
Says Nobel laureate Yuan T Lee

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Nobel laureate scientist of Taiwan Prof Yuan Tseh Lee met Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday and highly praised her leadership during the discussion with her.

Yuan Tseh Lee, Professor Emeritus of Academia Sinica of the Institute of Atomic and Molecular Sciences at Genomic Research Centre in Taipei, Taiwan, was awarded Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1986.

During his meeting with the PM, he lauded Hasina as a "visionary leader" of Bangladesh and Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

He said the role being played by Hasina in the international conferences regarding fund arrangement for the welfare of the climate-victim countries is "really appreciable".

Lee, who attended the 45th convocation of Dhaka University on Saturday as convocation speaker also hailed government's various steps taken to ensure quality education for all in the country.

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JS library to collect books

BSS, Dhaka

The Jatiya Sangsad Library Committee yesterday reviewed the report of the parliamentary sub-committee which focused on collecting new books for the library.

Deputy Speaker Shawkat Ali chaired the meeting.

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