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Poor must get full cost of adaptation

Hasina demands at climate summit; urges rich nations to rise above petty interests

UNB, Copenhagen

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said Bangladesh and other most vulnerable countries (MVCs) must be provided with compensatory grant and easily accessible adequate fund to meet the full cost of adaptation to climate change.

Addressing the UN Climate Change Conference yesterday afternoon (local time), the PM also urged the world nations to rise above perceived and petty national interests in the greater interest of



the existence of this mother planet.

She said representatives from Bangladesh and other countries have come to this beautiful city of Copenhagen with hopes of justice, equity, and for a fresh start to ensure the common safety of mankind.

"We've come to see a world united for once, with a single vision of saving our frail mother planet indeed, our futures are intertwined, and depend on the choices we make here," Hasina said.

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No headway in carbon cut

Climate summit chief resigns amid protests

PINAKI ROY from Copenhagen

Negotiators from both coalitions of developed and developing countries stuck to their stances and bracketed some texts on curbing emission of carbon dioxide, saying there was no progress on that point at the ongoing summit on climate change.

"Bracketing texts means there will be no further discussion on that issue until the brackets are withdrawn," said one of the negotiators from Bangladesh who attended a meeting between the G77 and China.

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A man throws a dart at Jamaat leader Delwar Hossain Saydee's face printed on the bullseye of a dartboard. Cultural organisation Slogan '71 arranged the daylong symbolic event on the DU campus yesterday, the Victory Day, in a campaign for trial of war criminals. PHOTO: SHAFIQU ALAM

Victory Day celebrated

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The nation yesterday celebrated 38 years of victory in the Liberation War, 1971, saluting the gallant sons and daughters of the soil who made supreme sacrifices for self-determination and a secular democratic state.

Enthusiastic with the spirit of independence, people of all walks across the country gathered at the memorials of the martyrs.

They paid tributes to the war heroes amid calls for the young generation to bring positive changes to the nation. They also demanded a quick start of the trial of war criminals.

Bangladesh missions abroad and expatriates celebrated the Victory Day paying

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BANGABANDHU CASE VERDICT Convicts may get copy today

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The death row convicts in Bangabandhu murder case are likely to get copy of the Supreme Court verdict today, 27 days after it was delivered.

The full text of the historic judgement is to be released today, sources said.

The condemned killers will get 30 days to file review petitions upon receiving the copy.

A five-member bench of the apex court that heard appeals against the High Court (HC) verdict in the case has completed writing the judgement, sources added.

On November 19, the SC bench headed by Justice Md Tafazzul Islam dismissed the appeal petitions of five convicts against the third judgment of the High Court that handed them and seven others death penalty.

These five— Syed Farooq Rahman, Sultan Shahriar Rashid Khan, Bazul Huda, AKM Mohiuddin Ahmed and Muhiuddin

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Forest dept rejoinder, our reply

The Divisional Forest Officer Md Delwar Hossain of Sylhet Division contested a news item published in The Daily Star on December 3, 2009 under the headline "Rain-forest protectors under threat" and termed the news item "partial and incorrect".

Kalenga is one of the largest rainforests managed and controlled by the Forest Department for about 100 years with very limited staff members, he said. From the British period ethnic and tribal villages inside the forest are helping the forest department in the protection and conservation of the forest

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Woman beaten by fraud manpower agent dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A middle-aged woman severely beaten up by a manpower agent and his henchmen succumbed to her injuries at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday after fighting for her life for 19 days.

The deceased was Shahana Begum, 48, wife of Abdul Bares of Hizla Kanargaon in Keraniganj and mother of Mohammad Selim.

Manpower agent Iqbal of neighbouring village Bhawal Manoharia and his gnag ruthlessly beat Shahana Begum at her house on November 27 as her son Selim tried to recover Tk 6.5 lakh from the agent after he (Iqbal) failed to send him to Italy.

Freedom fighter Rezaul Karim, brother of the deceased, said, "Around eight cadres led by Iqbal reached Selim's house in a microbus and started beating him. They later turned to his mother as she tried to resist their attempt to kidnap Selim."

The attackers escaped the scene when locals thronged there responding to the victims' scream.

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YOUTH FORCE OF PALASH DANGA

Indomitable spirit of 1971 still vivid

HELEML ALAM, back from Sirajganj

Against the Pakistani force's modern weapons and ammunition, the freedom-loving youths of Palash Danga Jubo Shibir in Sirajganj had almost nothing except the unrelenting urge to liberate the motherland from occupying forces, autocracy and repression.

They, however, had the advantage of local knowledge and tactics they could use. They used to take shelter on boats in wetlands and rivers.

Their struggle for an independent land, though little documented in history, paid off. The heroism of the laymen-turned guerrillas of Jubo Shibir in Sirajganj can still be an inspiration to the people who have not seen the

Liberation War with their own eyes.

Palash Danga Jubo Shibir was formed by some student leaders who did not go to India for training to fight against the Pakistani forces. They had only one two-inch mortar but the shells never missed the targets.

The guerrilla force, which started exercise in February, 1971 with sticks, fought around 100 battles in around 1,200 square miles including Sirajganj, parts of Tangail, Vangura, Chatmohor, Santhia, Bera, Bunari Nagar and Faridpur in Pabna, remote areas of Gurudaspur in Natore and Sherpur and Dhunat in Bogra. During the battles none of the Jubo Shibir members were killed. Only a few got injured.

Almost four decades have passed but the

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