CLIMATE CHANGE

Turning Bangladesh into most adaptive country big challenge

Speakers tell environmental conference

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transforming Bangladesh, now the most vulnerable to climate change, into the most adaptive country within the next 10 years is the biggest challenge ahead, speakers at an environmental conference said yesterday.

Terming the Copenhagen climate change summit a collective failure, they said still Bangladesh has opportunities to lead the vulnerable countries and building capacity is a must to do that.

The first plenary session of the 3rd National Environmental Conference of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) was held at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the city.

State Minister for Environment and Forest Hasan Mahmud presented a keynote speech at the conference on 'Climate Change, Copenhagen Conference and Future Tasks for Bangladesh'.

He said the government tried its best and Bangladesh was the most pronounced name in Copenhagen summit.

Though Bangladesh is the most vulnerable country in the world, it is already ahead of many other countries in battling climate change, Hasan added.

"Without taking any help from foreign consultants, the country has made climate change strategy and action plan."

However, the minister sought suggestions from people if they find any mistake the government doing while battling the climate change.

Dr Saleemul Huq, chief of the climate change cell, International Institute of Environment and Development (IIED) based in London, said people of Bangladesh is now well aware of climate change.

"Now what we need to do is to transform the awareness into capability."

The climate expert hoped that in the next one decade, Bangladesh will be the most adaptive country in the world from the most affected country.

Dr Atiq Rahman, executive director of Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies, Dr Asaduzzaman, research director of Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), Dr Abdul Matin, Nazrul Islam, and global coordinator of Bangladesh Environment Network (BEN), also spoke at the session with ASM Shahjahan, vice-president of Bapa, in the chair.

Meanwhile, speakers in another session called on the people's representatives to play their role in sensitising people to the impacts of global climate change.

A social movement should be started involving people on this issue to face the upcoming environmental crisis and save the environment, they added.

The topic of the session was 'Role of People's Representatives in Protection of Bangladesh Environment'.

Noted economist Prof Rehman Sobhan said there should have specific arrangements and plans of using lands and others which are linked to the environment.

He said greed and profit-making tendency plays a role behind all sorts of encroachments.

Prof Sobhan called on the people's representatives to play their role in addressing the environmental crisis.

Senior Joint Secretary General of BNP Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said global warming is pushing the whole world to a threat.

He stressed the need for forging a social movement on this issue regardless of different partisan views and opinions.

Communist Party of Bangladesh General Secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim said a bifocal movement should be conducted inside the country and in overseas countries to face the crisis.

General Secretary of Sector Commanders' Forum Lt Gen (retd) Harun-ur Rashid said the government should take some priority projects to save the environment and its elements.

PHOTO: STAR

Bangladesh Hindu, Buddhist, Christian Oikya Parishad forms a human chain in front of the National Press Club in the city yesterday demanding cancellation of Vested Property Return (Amendment) Act 2009.

DCC makes draft voter list public

Invites people for correction

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission yesterday published draft voter list for Dhaka City Corporation area, inviting people to file complaints against errors if any.

The number of voters in the updated list for the DCC area stood at 37.55 lakh, which is 2.35 lakh more than the list prepared before the ninth parliamentary election.

According to the EC's schedule, people can verify the draft voter list at the district and Thana election offices, ward commissioners' offices and voter registration centres till January 18.

People will have to file application on or before the date for correction or amendment in the list. The revision authorities will decide on the applications by January 26 while decision on them will be incorporated by January 31.

After the process, the final voter list for DCC will be published on February 3. Then the EC will announce schedule for the DCC polls, which will be held at the end of March or early April.

ADAB hails Abed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) yesterday congratulated Fazle Hasan Abed, founder and chairperson of Brac, on his being Knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.

Fazle Hasan Abed has been working on the issue for four decades and the recognition of his deeds is worthy of appreciation, ADAB said in a statement.

Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tahsin, a five-year-old boy, has been suffering from congenital heart disease.

Currently he is undergoing treatment at Christian Medical College Hospital at Vellore in India.

Doctors have suggested that he should undergo advanced treatment, which needs Tk 5 lakh.

But it is impossible for his mother, who is a widow, to bear the expenses of his treatment. So, she has appealed to the affluent to extend their helping hand for her son's treatment.

Contributions can be sent to Roksana Begum, Account No. 10581, Islami Bank Ltd, Purana Paltan branch, Dhaka.

ACC catches 6 with bribe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) in December alone caught six employees in utility services red-handed while taking bribe in a drive against corruption aimed at reducing sufferings of general people in the area.

The ACC in a press release has instructed officials concerned to remain vigilant about the people working in the sector who take bribe for their services to people.

The ACC also requested people to assist the anti-graft body in the drive and to do so it asked people to contact nearby ACC office before giving bribe to anyone.

On December 20, the ACC caught two Wasa employees, Mizanur Rahman, Wasa inspector of revenue zone-1, and assistant pump operator Bashir Ahmed Talukder while taking bribe from a client at Dakkhin Basabo in the capital.

They were taking Tk 18,000 bribe from Zahirul Haque promising to reduce the excess water bill they had prepared earlier for Zahirul.

Earlier on December 14, the ACC caught Saber Ahmed, assistant land officer, and peon Fazal Miah from Nababganj in Dhaka while they were taking Tk 5,000 as bribe.

The ACC also caught Kazi Moyeen Uddin, acting assistant settlement officer, and chainman Probodh Ranjan Das on December 8 from Companyganj in Sylhet in the act of taking Tk 5000 as bribe.

WEATHER

Cold wave may continue

UNB, *Dhaka*

Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country in the next 12 hours as of 6:00pm today.

Mild cold wave, now sweeping over Rajshahi division and the regions of Jessore, Kushtia, Tangail, Sitakundu and Srimongal, may continue, Met Office said.

Moderate to thick fog may occur over the country, it said, adding night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:25pm today and rises at 06:42am tomorrow.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 28.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Cox's Bazar and the lowest of 8.0 degrees at Srimongal.

The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	20.3	11.2	95	78
Chittagong	25.6	13.6	82	85
Rajshahi	20.8	10.5	94	73
Khulna	23.0	12.1	82	78
Barisal	25.2	10.4	89	85
Sylhet	27.3	11.3	78	68
Cox's Bazar	28.5	15.4	84	73

NEW COMMITTEE

JCD faction continues protest

DU CORRESPONDENT

A faction of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leaders continued their protest against its new President Sultan Salauddin Tuku and BNP's former students' affairs secretary Fazlul Haque Milon on Dhaka University campus yesterday.

The protesters, reportedly supporters of JCD General Secretary Amirul Islam Alim, also burnt effigies of Tuku and Milon accusing them of forming the new committee by copying the signature of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia.

The 171-member central committee of the organisation was declared on Thursday night.

A good number of posts in the new committee have been distributed in exchange of money to leaders who are married and involved in services and business and are no more students, alleged the aggrieved leaders.

They also vowed to prevent Tuku and his followers from entering Dhaka University campus and demanded expulsion of Tuku and punishment to Milon.

A number of dedicated leaders of the organisation have been deprived of posts in the committee following conspiracy by Tuku and Milon, they added.

Earlier on Saturday, supporters of Alim beat up three JCD leaders, who are loyal to Tuku, and chased Alim's men out of the campus.

62nd anniversary of BCL today

DU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), the student wing of ruling Awami League, will celebrate its 62nd founding anniversary today.

On this day in 1948, the BCL was formed under the leadership of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, then a young and promising student leader and a student at the law department of Dhaka University.

Since the inception, BCL contributed a great to the Language Movement in 1952, Mass Upsurge in 1969, War of Liberation in 1971, Anti-Autocrat Movement in 1990 and other movements in the country.

To mark the day, BCL has chalked out different programmes across the country. The programmes will begin by cutting a cake on Dhaka University's Curzon Hall premises at 12:01am.

Leaders will place wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Dhanmondi at 9:00am.

Organisation leaders and activists will bring out a colourful procession on Dhaka University campus at 10:00am.

Meanwhile, another student organisation, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) the JSD-BCL will also observe the day as its 62nd founding anniversary amid various programmes.

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- Action research -এর মাধ্যমে পিছিয়ে পড়া শিক্ষার্থীদের পাঠের প্রতি আগ্রহী করে তোলা ।
- শিশু মনস্তত্ত্ব ও শিক্ষা মনোবিজ্ঞানের ভিত্তিতে শ্রেণী পাঠদান ।
- নৈতিক আদর্শ ও মূল্যবোধ ভিত্তিক হবেন শিক্ষকে বিশেষ গুরুত্ব দেয়া
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- শিক্ষা সফর, বনভোজন, চিত্রাঙ্কন ও ক্রীড়া প্রতিযোগিতাসহ শিক্ষার্থীর সুপ্ত প্রতিভা বিকাশের লক্ষ্যে নানা বিধ উদ্ভাবনী কর্মসূচি গ্রহণ
- কম্পিউটার ল্যাব ও আধুনিক বিজ্ঞানাগারের সুযোগ ।
- অভিজ্ঞ শিক্ষক ও কমিউনিটি পর্যায়ে সার্বক্ষণিক যোগাযোগ ও জবাবদিহিতা ।
- পরিবহন সুবিধা (ঢাকার যে কোন প্রান্ত থেকে) ।
- দরিদ্র ও মেধাবীদের জন্য বিশেষ সুবিধা ।
- নিয়মিত স্বাস্থ্য পরীক্ষা ।
- ছাত্র-ছাত্রীদের অংশ গ্রহণে নিয়মিত দেয়াল পত্রিকা প্রকাশ ।
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TODAY

Seminar

A seminar on 'Contribution of the real estate sector towards national economy' will be held on the sidelines of the REHAB Week 2009. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 11:00am.

Art exhibition

Shilpangan in association with Chandrabati Academy presents a 17-day solo art exhibition of artist Biren Shome titled 'Language Movement Raving into Liberation War'. Venue: Shilpangan. Time: 5:00pm.

Drama

Sonata, a one-act play, originally written in Marathi by Mahesh Elkunchwar and later adapted as a bilingual play by Leesa Gazi, will be staged. Venue: British Council auditorium. Time: 7:00pm.

Journo Ashok Sen no more

A CORRESPONDENT, *Jessore*

Ashok Sen, a staff reporter of the daily Prothom Alo, passed away due to a prolonged illness in Jessore yesterday at the age of 58.

He left behind his wife, a son and a host of well-wishers.

He started his career as a sub-editor for the Dainik Kalyan in 1985.

He will be cremated today.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 9th death anniversary of Mahiuddin Ahmed, a freedom fighter, language movement veteran and former president of Chhatra Union, says a press release.

He was detained in jail for over two months during the language movement. He was a student of class nine at that time.

He also played an active role in different democratic and progressive movements.

His family will hold a milad mahfil and doa on the occasion of his death anniversary.

Mehta Begum

METRO DESK

Today is the fifth death anniversary of Mehta Begum, wife of AKM Siddiqur Rahman, a retired superintendent engineer of PHE, says a press release.

Milad mahfil and Qurankhwani will be held at her only son Shafiqur Rahman's home at Adabar in Shaymoli after Zohr prayers today.

Mohammad Nuruzzaman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mohammad Nuruzzaman, a retired additional commissioner of Dhaka division, passed away due to old-age complications at his residence in the city on Friday at the age of 89.

Nuruzzaman, a close associate of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, left behind his wife, two sons, one daughter, grandchildren and many well wishers.

His Qulkhwani will be held at his Dhanmondi residence tomorrow.

Major (retd) SAS Sahel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Major (retd) SAS Sahel, executive member of Kendua Upazila Samity, passed away due to a cardiac arrest at a city hospital yesterday at the age of 43, says a press release.

Sahel left behind a son, a daughter, six brothers and four sisters.

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