

Climate change exposes Bangladesh to more tropical diseases

Health professionals tell conference

BSS, Dhaka

Public health professionals from different countries assembled in the city to discuss the magnitude of health problems due to climate change.

More than 200 professionals from France, India, Indonesia, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, Switzerland and host Bangladesh started dialogue yesterday at the two-day conference.

Prof Dr Moazzem Hossain, director of the communicable disease control of Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), said neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) such as filariasis, snake bite, kala-azar, and rabies were discussed on the first day of the conference.

Prime Minister's Adviser on Establishment HT Imam spoke as the chief guest while Prime Minister's Adviser on Health Prof Dr Syed

Modasser Ali inaugurated the event, organised by DGHS Communicable Disease Control Department.

Dr Moazzem said impacts of the climate change on health is evident in sub-tropical Bangladesh as higher temperature, frequent extreme weather events and sea level rise have already battered people's lives in the country.

He said records show that the average summer temperature has risen over the years, exposing the country to tropical diseases such as malaria, filariasis, dengue, helminthiasis, snake bites, rabies and several other neglected diseases.

He said a Dhaka declaration would be adopted from the conference, second of its kind, with specific programmes and suggestions to thwart the health challenges across the world, especially in poor countries.

He also said the neglected tropical diseases

require more attention both from the government and the donor communities as the extent of such diseases has spread to much of the areas of the country.

Conservative studies show that Bangladesh is to lose between 17,000 and 22,000 square kilometers of land due to a sea level rise of 1-1.5 meter by 2050. The health impacts from climate change would be far-reaching in the country, with more people suffering from water-borne and vector-borne diseases.

The successes over the diseases such as malaria, filariasis, diarrhoea, cholera and dengue might be in jeopardy in near future due to climate change, organisers of the conference said, adding that climate change has already posed a serious threat to the progress made in the health-related millennium development goals.

HT Imam said climate change has become a major concern of the country and the present

government has been taking pragmatic steps in line with the changed situation of the globe.

He said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has raised her voice in the last conference of parties (COP-15) in Denmark and has again raised Bangladesh's concern over global warming in the just-concluded UN General Assembly (UNGA).

Syed Modasser Ali said the potential impact of global warming on the transmission of NTDs did not get due attention from researchers over decades, although the evidence shows that epidemic potential for such diseases might increase by 12-27 percent as a direct consequence of higher temperature.

DGHA Director General Prof Dr Shah Munir Hossain chaired the inaugural session, where Prof Kazuhiko Moji presented the keynote paper and chairman of Bangladesh Medical Research Council Prof Mahmud Hasan spoke as the special guest.



Women farmers stage a demonstration in front of the National Press Club in the city yesterday demanding formation of agriculture labour law recognising farmers as agri-labourers.



Rubbles scattered after demolition of illegal structures a week ago create traffic jam on the city protection embankment from Gabtoli to Babu Bazar. But the authorities concerned are indifferent to the problem. The photo was taken from Shwarighat yesterday.

Martyrs' families crave quick war crimes trial

BSS, Dhaka

The families of martyred intellectuals and freedom fighters want quick trial of war criminals for which they have been waiting for the last 39 years in agony seeing the criminals left unpunished and enjoying state support to prosper.

"As the investigation team of International Crimes Tribunal is working, we feel that the nation remembers the atrocities and brutalities perpetrated on martyred intellectuals and freedom fighters," said Shaheen Reza Noor, second son of martyred intellectual journalist Serajuddin Hossain.

He said, "I remember a group of masked Al Badar men who had taken away my father on the night of December 10, 1971. Eight to ten masked men arrived at our rented Shantinagar residence at 3:00am knocked the door harshly. I heard a known voice as saying, 'Shaheen, open the door.' And I opened it," Shaheen told the agency yesterday at his Mohammadpur residence.

"The masked men stormed into the house along with our landlord Shamsul Huda and his brother-in-law journalist Syed Mahmud.... they went into my father's room and took away him and then boarded a jeep within a minute. My father was wearing a blue colored lungi and a white T-shirt," recalled Shaheen.

"We have talked about it much but now we want quick trial of the criminals," he said quoting his mother.

Shaheen was confirmed that the masked men were Al Badars. "I identified one of them as his mask was worn out. He was Khalil. He was jailed for life during the trial under the collaborator act. But I don't know what happened to him when the act was annulled by Ziaur Rahman."

Shaheen said, "We waited till December 16 for my father's return. But, on December 18, Aminul

Huq, a former attorney general, and a close friend of my father, came to our residence with tearful eyes and told us to go to Rayer Bazar. I along with my relatives rushed there and was horrified to see the bodies of intellectuals, mostly partially decomposed, in a ditch."

"We didn't take any body from there as we could not trace out my father. The colors of clothes with the body were not same as my father was wearing while taken away."

A feeling of relief was also visible among the family members of martyred freedom fighter Muhammad Salimullah as the war crimes trial has started.

"The trial has started... every member of our family is eagerly waiting to see the collaborators are punished. You know, now my mother never misses any TV bulletin to know about war tribunal news," said Sadi Mohammad, famous singer of Rabindra sangeet.

Sadi's father Mohammad Salimullah who was an Awami League leader was hacked to death on March 26, 1971 by collaborators. "The incident is still a nightmare to me.... It is still vivid in my mind that a Pakistani soldier was stabbing on my father's back with a dagger before my eyes."

"He stabbed so violently that it took some time to take the dagger out. I tried hard to stop the bleeding with my hand on the wounds, but it did not stop because it (stabbing) was so deep."

"I dragged my father into the street, but a mob surrounded us. Seeing the mob, which had already killed 25 Bangalees in the area, my father said, 'My son, runsave your life.' Those were the last words from my father. I started running for life, but looked back and saw the mob falling on him. My father's body was left on the street for a long time until the local mosque's Imam, risking his life buried him at Mohammadpur Graveyard."

WAR CRIMES TRIAL Jamaat leaders file petitions with HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Five detained leaders of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami yesterday filed five separate petitions with the High Court (HC) for quashing the proceedings of International Crimes Tribunal against them in connection with crimes against humanity in 1971.

Detained Jamaat Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami, it's Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojahid, Nayeb-e-Amir Delwar Hossain Sayedee, Assistant Secretary General Muhammad Kamaruzzaman and leader Abdul Kader Mollah filed the petitions through their lawyers.

The counsel for the petitioners said his clients have challenged the proceedings of International Crimes Tribunal against them without framing formal charges, adding that the tribunal cannot issue arrest warrant at this stage.

The HC is likely to hear the petitions today. The International Crimes Tribunal on September 21 rejected six petitions filed by four detained Jamaat leaders, except Sayedee, for their release, withdrawal of arrest warrants against them and staying trial proceeding for war crimes.

Lions clubs to observe service week

METRO DESK

Lions Clubs International will observe a weeklong service activities from October 1 to 8, says a press release.

Service activities included grand rally, blood donation programme, children art competition, essay writing, tree plantation, foods, cloths and medicine distribution programme among the orphans.

DHAKA TODAY

Meeting
Ministry of Education will organise a meeting on the occasion of International Literacy Day. Venue: International Mother Language Institute, Kakrail, Time: 3:30pm.

Workshop
Local Government Division, UNDP and UNCDF will jointly organise a national workshop. Venue: Bangabandhu International Conference Centre, Time: 9:30am.

Launching ceremony
Small and Medium Enterprise Foundation will hold a launching ceremony of digital office. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel, Time: 11:00am.

Workshop
Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers & Exporters Association will arrange a workshop. Venue: BGMEA auditorium, Time: 12:00pm.

Launching ceremony
Unnayan Shamannay will hold a launching ceremony of yearly social watch report. Venue: 2/E/1-B, Shahbag, Time: 3:00pm.

Roundtable
Prothom Alo will organise a roundtable. Venue: Prothom Alo office, Time: 3:00pm.

Publication ceremony
A book of Faridur Reza Saagar will be launched. Venue: Dhaka club, Time: 12:00pm.

Nasaka abducts four Bangladeshi fishermen

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Myanmar border security force Nasaka abducted four Bangladeshi fishermen and their fishing boat from the Naf River at Teknaf of Cox's Bazar yesterday.

The fishermen are Noor Hossain, 26, of Boroitoli, and Anwar Hossain, 25, Ali Johor, 35, and Nur Mia, 24, of Naitangpara.

BDR sources said the four fishermen went fishing on a boat in the Naf River around 6:00am.

At around 7:00am, Nasaka captured the four fishermen at gunpoint and took them to nearby Maungdaw of Myanmar, they added.

Lieutenant Colonel Muzammel Hossain, commander of Teknaf 42 Rifles Battalion, said a written complaint was received from kidnapped Noor Hossain's family at sadar BDR camp in this connection.

Earlier, on September 27, Nasaka took away two fishing boats near from Saint Martin coast throwing 15 fishermen in the Naf River.

BDR sent a letter to Nasaka protesting the incident and demanded immediate handover of the fishermen and the boat.

Kushtia DC exempted from contempt charge

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A day after the punishment of standing in the dock of a High Court bench for hours, the deputy commissioner (DC) of Kushtia was exempted from contempt of court charge against him by the bench.

The court exonerated DC Abdul Mannan after he submitted a petition offering unconditional apology for not complying with its order.

The bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Sheikh Md Zakir Hossain directed the DC to execute its order within seven days.

The court had directed him (DC) to accept money from one Anwarul Haque Masum, a contractor, and give him lease of the lease of sand extraction from river Gorain in Kushtia.

Barrister M Amir-ul Islam and Advocate AHM Khalequzzaman appeared for the DC, while Deputy Attorney General Nazrul Islam Talukder stood for the government.

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জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ডের উদ্যোগে করদাতা উদ্বুদ্ধকরণ কর্মসূচির অংশ হিসেবে আগামী ২৬ সেপ্টেম্বর, ২০১০ তারিখ থেকে ৩০ সেপ্টেম্বর, ২০১০ তারিখ ঢাকা ও চট্টগ্রামে আয়কর মেলা-২০১০ আয়োজন করা হচ্ছে। ঢাকা ও চট্টগ্রাম শহরের অধিক্ষেত্রাধীন ব্যক্তি/কোম্পানি পর্যায়ের করদাতাগণ এ মেলায় তাদের আয়কর রিটার্ন জমা প্রদান করতে পারবেন।

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জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ডের পক্ষ থেকে সম্মানিত করদাতাদের ঢাকা ও চট্টগ্রামে অনুষ্ঠেয় আয়কর মেলায় সাদর আমন্ত্রণ জানানো যাচ্ছে। মেলায় আপনার স্বতঃস্ফূর্ত অংশগ্রহণ করদাতা উদ্বুদ্ধকরণে জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ডের এ কার্যক্রমের সফলতা নিশ্চিত করবে।

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