



US Ambassador James F Moriarty calls on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office in the city yesterday.

MORIARTY CALLS ON HASINA Release of global climate fund discussed

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US Ambassador James F Moriarty yesterday called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and discussed various issues, including the urgent need for releasing global fund on climate change and foreign direct investment in Bangladesh.

PM's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad told

reporters that issues like democracy, human rights, law and order, countering terrorism, education and health also came up for discussion at the Prime Minister's Office.

The prime minister reiterated Dhaka's stance not to allow the use of Bangladesh soil for any kind of terrorist act.

Moriarty praised the economic progress of Bangladesh.

Govt wants united voice on climate change vulnerability

Says Minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government wants to raise a united voice on climate change vulnerability, as it is a matter of concern for all, said State Minister for Environment and Forest Hasan Mahmud yesterday.

"The government wants to raise a united voice from Bangladesh for its climate change vulnerability and that is why the chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on the environment and forest ministry is taken from the opposition BNP," he said at a seminar in the city.

Palli Karma Shahayak Foundation (PKSF) organised the seminar on 'Environmental degradation in Bangladesh and the consequences of climate change: reality and duties' at the Bangabandhu International Convention Centre marking its 20th anniversary.

Referring steps to combat the climate change risks in Bangladesh, the minister said the government wants to take a long-term plan to cope with the worst effects of climate change.

He said the government has built a climate change resilience fund and started disbursing it for researches, ensuring accountability and transparency of the utilisation of the funds.

Bangladesh has set up an example at the international level in disaster management and addressing the climate change issue, the minister said.

Presenting the keynote paper, environmental scientist Dr Ansarul Karim said as consequence of climate change, Bangladesh is already experiencing an increased frequency of cyclones, increased salinity and rise in temperature.

There are several plans to fight the climate change risks, he said adding, "But only making good plans will not be enough to face the consequence. We have to implement the plans in an integrated way," he said.

Presiding over the seminar, PKSF Chairman Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad said climate change is a man-made phenomenon. "We are the most vulnerable to climate change consequences but we are not responsible for it," he said.

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A college student was killed and another injured when their motorcycle hit a road divider in the city's Tejgaon area early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Rajib Kor, a third year student of Bangladesh College of Leather Technology (BCTL) in Hazaribagh.

Injured Nahid Hasan, 23, also a student of the college, was undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

Rajib lost control over the speedy motorbike and hit the road divider near Bijoy Sarani-Tejgaon Link Road at about 2:30 a.m., said Mahbubur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Tejgaon Police Station.

Local people took them to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where the doctors declared Rajib dead. The doctor handed over the body to his relatives without performing autopsy, the OC said.

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