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UN charts new climate course

Nations approve a late deal for 2015 global pact, agree on fund for climate aid to poor countries; critics say gains modest

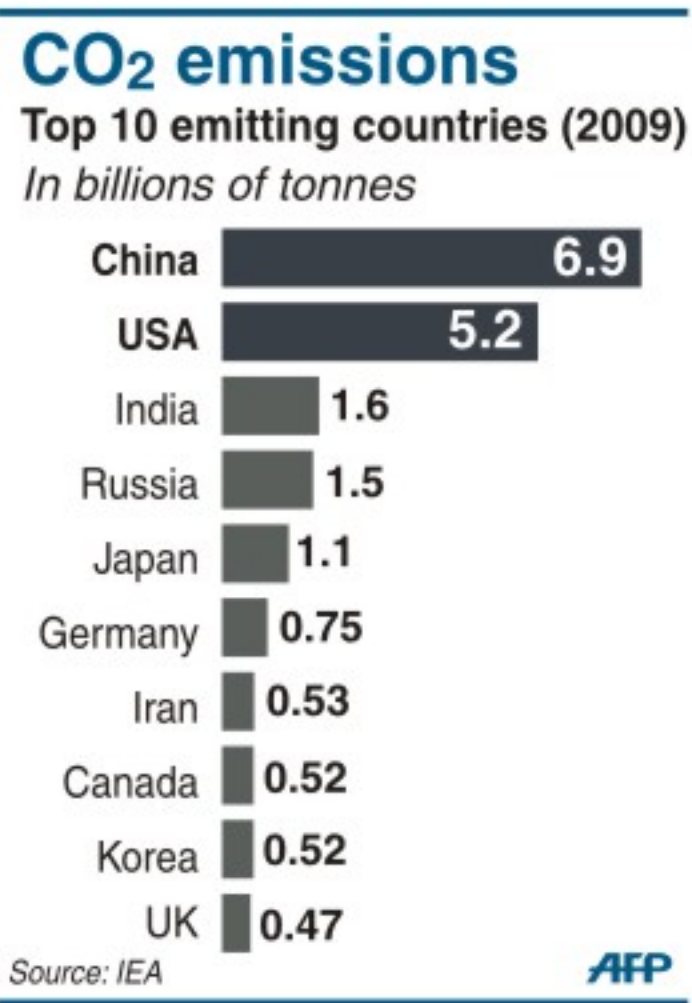
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A marathon UN climate conference yesterday approved a roadmap towards an accord that for the first time will bring all major greenhouse-gas emitters under a single legal roof.

The European Union will place its current emission-cutting pledges inside the legally-binding Kyoto Protocol, a key demand of developing countries.

Talks on a new legal deal covering all countries will begin next year and end by 2015, coming into effect by 2020.

The agreement on the roadmap was reached after nearly 14 days of talks under



the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Critics said the action plan was not aggressive enough to slow the pace of global warming.

The forum also launched a "Green Climate Fund" to help channel up to 100 billion dollars a year in aid to poor, vulnerable countries by 2020, an initiative born under the 2009 Copenhagen Summit.

There has also been significant progress on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD), adds BBC.

"I believe that what we have achieved

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People, mostly youths, play badminton on Shyamoli Shishu Park ground in the evening, lighting up at least 12 badminton courts. Most of the lights are, however, connected to power lines illegally; thus the taxpayers are actually paying for their sporting activities.

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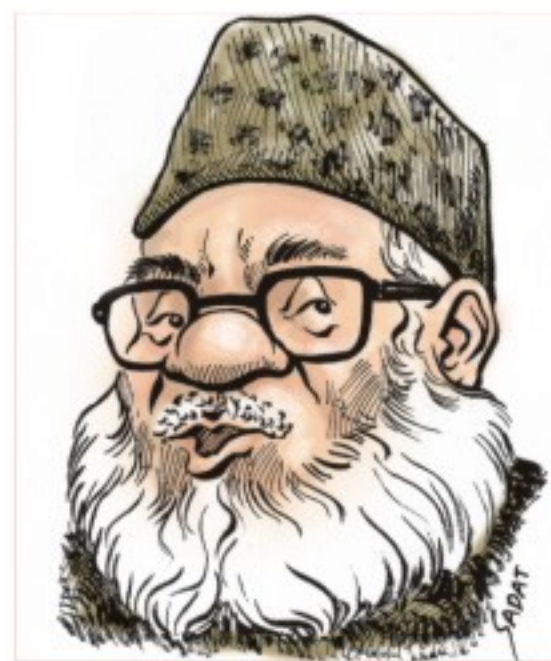
The seventeenth Conference of Parties (COP17) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Durban, South Africa ended two days late yesterday with an agreement by all countries on the next steps for agreeing on a legally binding outcome by 2015.

The European Union agreed to continue with the Kyoto Protocol in exchange for the other countries completing negotiations towards a legally binding outcome

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War crimes charges pressed against 3

Nizami accused of 20 crimes, Mojaheed 12, Kamaruzzaman 12; Sayedee's trial adjourned



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution yesterday submitted formal war crimes charges against Jamaat-e-Islami leaders Motiur Rahman Nizami, Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed and Muhammad Kamaruzzaman to the International Crimes Tribunal.

Charges against Jamaat Ameer Nizami

include genocide, rape, torture, abduction and confinement of Bangalee people in Pabna and other regions, and abetment of and attempt or conspiracy to perform such acts during the country's 1971 Liberation War, said prosecutor Zead Al Malum.

Mojaheed, secretary general of the party, has been charged with similar

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Refrain from unwarranted remarks
Tribunal asks all, responding to Jamaat appeal

UNB, Dhaka

Apparently irked, the International Crimes Tribunal yesterday called upon all, including ministers, politicians, lawyers and TV talk show panel members, to refrain from making any unwarranted remark on the tribunal that deals with crimes against humanity perpetrated during the 1971 Liberation War.

The tribunal's appeal came when Abdur Razzaq, chief counsel for detained Jamaat-e-Islami suspects, drew attention to the tribunal on a daily newspaper report published

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MISCONDUCT WITH JUDGE Biman boss, three others say sorry

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four Biman officials including the airline's managing director yesterday unconditionally apologised to the High Court for misbehaving with one of its judges on a plane at Shahjalal International Airport on October 28 this year.

During a hearing of a contempt of court rule, the court directed pilot of the flight Captain Enamul Haque, his co-pilot Captain Abed, and air hostess Shabnam to appear before it on January 8 to explain their misconduct with the judge.

It, however, exempted Air Commodore (ret'd) Mohammad Zakiul Islam, managing director of Biman Bangladesh Airlines, from personal appearance.

Enamul, Abed and Shabnam were kept standing in the dock yesterday in front of an HC bench, with their hands

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SEPT 19 VIOLENCE 7 Jamaat leaders sent to jail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Two Dhaka courts yesterday sent seven Jamaat-e-Islami leaders and activists to jail, hours after their surrender, in connection with two cases filed for damaging vehicles, assaulting police and obstructing them from discharging their duties on September 19.

Metropolitan Magistrate Keshob Roy Chowdhury sent them to jail rejecting their bail prayers in a case filed with

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All cases against Tarique false

Claims Khaleda, tells BBC gov't handing over everything to India

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday said all the cases filed against her son Tarique Rahman are false, and none will be able to prove a single complaint against him.

"Moinuddin-Fakhruddin government tortured him [Tarique] brutally. But he [reportedly undergoing treatment in UK] will return home after getting well," she said in an interview with BBC telecast yesterday.

Khaleda said Tarique's (senior vice-chairman of BNP) political career would not be affected as people are aware of his problems, and that he will come back to them.

Asked if BNP has any fresh thought as a political party, the chairperson said they initiated it long ago. "Tarique Rahman has done this."

During the military-backed caretaker government rule of Fakhruddin, Tarique was arrested on charges of corruption and released on bail. He then left for UK and is under treatment there. In his absence, he was elected senior vice chairman of BNP at the party council in December 2009.

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