

## GLOBAL WARMING Targets getting out of reach: UN

AFP, Paris

The gap has widened between countries' pledges for reducing climate-altering greenhouse gas emissions by 2020 and what is needed to keep planet warming in check, the UN warned on Wednesday.

Based on current pledges, global average temperatures could rise by three to five degrees Celsius (5.4 to 9.0 degrees Fahrenheit) this century -- way above the two degrees Celsius being targeted, said a UN Environment Programme (UNEP) report.

Urgent and decisive action could still see the world get back on track, but this would mean cutting greenhouse gas emissions by 14 percent to about 44 billion tonnes in 2020 from an estimated 50.1 billion tonnes per year now.

"The opportunity for meeting the 44 Gt (gigatonne) target is narrowing annually," said UNEP executive director Achim Steiner -- adding the message was "one of great alarm and concern about where we are".

Even if all countries adhered to the most ambitious level of their commitments, under the strictest rules, the gap between what has been pledged and what is needed will amount to at least 8.0 billion tonnes by 2020.

# Britain recognises Syria opposition

## Army repels rebel attack on key base

AFP, Damascus

Britain formally recognised a newly-formed opposition bloc as the sole representative of the Syrian people on Tuesday, as UN head Ban Ki-moon said he feared Syria could become a "regional battleground."

Meanwhile, Syrian army yesterday repelled a rebel attack on a military base at Sheikh Suleiman, 25 kilometres northwest of the city of Aleppo, and killed at least 25 insurgents, a watchdog said.

Rebels seized the strategically located Base 46 late last week. Base 46 was one of the army's last remaining bases in the area bordering Turkey, which supports the revolt against Assad.

At least 39,000 people have been killed across Syria since the outbreak of the revolt, according to the watchdog.

In announcing Britain's recognition of the National Coalition formed in Doha on November 11, Foreign Secretary William Hague



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told parliament he took the decision after leaders of the bloc he met in London assured him that they have backing inside Syria and would respect human rights.

Hague said he has asked the group to appoint a political representative to Britain and he announced an increase in aid and support for the coalition as it battles Assad's regime.

Last week, France became the first Western country to recognise the coalition and on Monday the European Union said it "considers them legitimate representatives of the aspirations of the Syrian people."

Meanwhile, UN Secretary General Ban, on a visit to Cairo, cautioned Tuesday that on the ground there was potential for the conflict to spin out of control.

Ban also urged donor countries "to generously contribute" to humanitarian programmes inside Syria and help Syrian neighbours which have taken in tens of thousands of refugees.

## Kasab's last wish

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

"Tell my Ammi", this was the message conveyed by LeT terrorist Ajmal Kasab, who was hanged yesterday for his involvement in Mumbai terror attack, when he was told about his November 21 execution, official sources said.

Nooree Lai, mother of Kasab, was apparently the closest person to him as he only uttered her name when asked about his last wish, the sources said.

After completion of the formalities, Home Secretary R K Singh wrote to Foreign Secretary Rajan Mathai to inform Kasab's mother and other family members who are in Pakistan.

Accordingly, the authorities, through the Indian High Commission in Islamabad, had sent a letter to his mother through courier yesterday, fulfilling his last desire.

The 25-year-old LeT terrorist was hanged at 7.30 this morning in Yerwada Jail in Pune. He was informed on November 12 about his hanging, sources said.



PHOTO: AFP

An Indian sand artist gives final a touch up on his sand sculpture of Pakistan-born Mohammed Kasab, who was the sole surviving gunman of the 2008 Mumbai attacks, following news of his execution in Orissa yesterday. Kasab was executed to the relief of survivors and victims' families, nearly four years after 166 people died in the three-day rampage.

# Secrecy shrouded execution

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Mohammad Ajmal Kasab, the lone survivor of the Pakistan-based terrorist squad responsible for a rampage through Mumbai that killed 166 people, was executed in deep secrecy at Pune's Yerwada jail sparking celebrations days before the fourth anniversary of the assault on Mumbai.

Kasab was hanged yesterday morning amid great secrecy. The hanging was kept so secret that home minister Sushil Kumar Shinde said that even Prime Manmohan Singh and UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi didn't know about it, according to TV reports.

Relatives of victims and survivors of the Mumbai terror attack of November, 2008 felt that justice has been done with the hanging of Ajmal Kasab.

K Unnikrishnan, father of National Security Guard commando K Unnikrishnan who was killed in the Taj Hotel strike, said, "the way in which the execution has been done, it is a model way," reports our New Delhi correspondent.

Smita Salaskar, wife of slain police officer Viay Salaskar who fell victim to the bullets of terrorists during the carnage, said "though the execution was delayed, Kasab was finally hanged. With this hanging, homage has been paid to my husband."

There was celebration on the streets of Mumbai and other cities as news of the execution spread, but militant groups in Pakistan reacted angrily.

A senior commander of Pakistan's Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militant group, which India blames for the assault on Mumbai, called Kasab a hero and said he would inspire more attacks.

Kasab was buried inside the prison where he was hanged, officials said. He was quiet and seemed nervous before the execution, a prison guard told the NDTV network. He prayed and asked if his family had been informed, which they had.

Indian government said it would hand over the body to Pakistan if asked.

MUMBAI CARNAGE



# Local politics face

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Presenting the summary of the report, IGS Research Coordinator M Shahidul Islam said democratic deficit caused by political bankruptcy and weak bargaining power forced the country to engage in lose-win games while dealing with external parties.

The report recommended reforming and institutionalisation of political parties, making parliament effective and

building of national consensus for democratisation and good governance.

In response to the report, Akbar Ali Khan, former adviser to a caretaker government, said time had not come yet to bid good-bye to international donors.

He said interest of vested quarters was a major barrier to establishing good governance in Bangladesh.

"Because of politicisation in every

sphere of administration, it has become difficult for the administration to work with skills and impartiality," said Khan, also a professor of Brac Business School.

On corruption, he said the institutions burdened with little corruption can be changed through reform and training. But those which were hugely corrupted would have to be restructured or needed new officials at the top.

Akbar Ali Khan termed the Anti-Corruption

Commission a hugely corrupted government body.

Another former adviser to caretaker government Hossain Zillur Rahman said people of low quality were getting appointed under political consideration which impeded the establishment of good governance in Bangladesh.

While monitoring good governance, members of civil society focused only on the success of documentation, rather than

success in real terms, he said, giving an instance that the record of human rights violation was alarmingly high despite having the National Human Rights Commission.

Brac University Vice-Chancellor Prof Ainun Nishat, IGS Director Rizwan Khair, its institutional adviser Manzoor Hasan, among others, spoke at the function also attended by academicians, social workers and rights activists.

# Quader Mollah is a good man

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On that day, Mollah told Shushil that Dhala Mia Pir, who was acquitted to the Jamaat leader, asked him to live in his house and run a business with his elder son at local Chouddarashi Bazar, said the witness.

"He [Mollah] seldom came to the village and used to live at the house of Pir Shaheb. When we went to market, we used to see him running his business at Pir Shaheb' shop," Shushil added.

"Quader was running his business and one day the Liberation War ended. Nine or ten months after independence, Quader again went to Dhaka for higher education," said Shushil.

According to the charges framed against the accused, the Jamaat leader

"actively took part" in the killing of at least 381 unarmed people in Dhaka's Mirpur and Keraniganj areas in six separate incidents in between March 26 and November 25 in 1971.

At least three prosecution witnesses -- Shafiuddin Mollah, Amir Hossain Mollah and Abdul Majid Palowan -- have testified that they saw Quader Mollah with rifle in his hand directly taking part in the killings of Bangalees.

The three-member tribunal headed by Justice ATM Fazle Kabir with members Justice Obaidul Hassan and Judge M Shahinur Islam recorded Shushil's testimony as well as his cross-examination before adjourning the proceeding until November 26.

After Shushil's testimony, Prosecutor Mohammad Ali completed his cross-examination.

Replying to a question, Shushil said he did not get any paper from the tribunal to give his testimony.

"Son of Quader Mollah brought me to the tribunal [for giving testimony]," added Shushil.

"Local BNP and Jamaat leaders and Quader Mollah's brother Mainuddin compelled you to give the false testimony threatening you with possible change in country's political scenario and enticing you by money," suggested Mohammad Ali.

"It is not true," replied Shushil.

Earlier on May 28, the tribunal framed six charges against Mollah for his alleged involvement in

murders and mass killings during the war.

Meanwhile, the defence of war crimes accused Delawar Hossain Sayedee yesterday continued placing argument at the International Crimes Tribunal-1.

The tribunal on October 3, 2011 framed 20 specific charges against the Jamaat leader for allegedly committing genocide and crimes against humanity in 1971.

According to the 18th charge, one Bhagirathi during the Liberation War used to work in a camp of the Pakistan army. One day, after a fight with the freedom fighters, Bhagirathi at the instigation of Sayedee was charged with passing information to the freedom fighters and was killed.

The prosecution listed Bhagirathi's son Ganesh Chandra Saha as their witness but failed to produce him. The defence however brought him at the tribunal as their witness later.

In his argument, defence counsel Mizanul Islam said as Ganesh gave deposition as a defence witness, his statement to the investigation officer which was accepted as evidence under section 19 (2) of the International Crimes [Tribunal] Act, 1973 could not be valid.

He also said according to the prosecution Bhagirathi was dragged out from a military jeep in Pirojpur before she was killed. There should be hundreds of witnesses to the incident. But the prosecution have failed to produce one of them, Mizanul added.

The defence counsel also argued on some discrepancies between Ganesh's statement before the investigation officer and deposition before the tribunal.

Later in the afternoon, the defence produced documents in the war crimes case against Jamaat's former ameer Ghulam Azam.

The defence yesterday exhibited 36 documents out of about 235. Proceedings of both cases were adjourned until today.

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