

Climate gnaws at Bangladesh

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agricultural production, water resources, coastal ecosystems and cities across South Asia by the present day increased temperature (0.8 degree Celsius), and a possible two-degree Celsius and a four-degree Celsius increase.

The report projects that the consequences for South Asia will be even worse if the global average temperature increases by four degrees Celsius by 2090.

In that scenario, which is likely unless action is taken now, South Asia will suffer more extreme droughts and floods, rising sea levels, melting glaciers and declines in food production.

Flood affected areas could increase by as much as 29 percent for a 2.5 degrees Celsius temperature rise in Bangladesh, says the report.

The report notes the impacts of progressive global warming would be the hardest on the poor and poor harvest and associated income loss from agriculture will continue the trend of migration from rural to urban areas.

If the sea level rises 65cm in 2080, around 40 percent arable land will be lost in southern Bangladesh, the World Bank has said in a

news release.

It notes about 20 million people in the coastal areas are affected by salinity in drinking water and rising sea levels; and more intense cyclones and storm surges could intensify the contamination of groundwater and surface water, causing more diarrhoea outbreaks.

"In South Asia, it is urgent to do prevention work, some of which is already happening," said Isabel Guerrero, World Bank vice-president for South Asia.

"Bangladesh is at the forefront. We have projects and a large multi-donor fund that works on having early warning systems for floods and embankments when there are floods to protect crops and fields and to prevent destruction of the urban infrastructure ... it is very important that the countries in the region have a voice in the global conversation about climate change."

Many of the worst climate change impacts can be avoided by keeping the warming below the two degrees Celsius but the window for action is narrowing rapidly, the World Bank says.

It has stressed the need for urgent action to build resil-

ience through economic development and addressing risks to agriculture, water resources, coastal infrastructure and health.

"This new report outlines an alarming scenario for the days and years ahead -- what we could face in our lifetime," said World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim.

"The scientists tell us that if the world warms by 2°C -- warming which may be reached in 20 to 30 years -- that will cause widespread food shortages, unprecedented heat waves, and more intense cyclones. In the near-term, climate change, which is already unfolding, could batter the slums even more and greatly harm the lives and the hopes of individuals and families who have had little hand in raising the Earth's temperature."

"These changes forecast for the tropics illustrate the level of hardships that will be inflicted on all regions eventually, if we fail to keep warming under control," Kim said.

"Urgent action is needed to not only reduce greenhouse gas emissions, but also to help countries prepare for a world of dramatic climate and weather extremes," he added.

Schoolgirl kills herself after rape

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A 13-year-old student of class seven committed suicide on Monday night allegedly after she was gang-raped at a student mess in Chawkbazar area of Rangpur city.

Lima Akhtar was the daughter of Sheuly Begum and a student of the Underprivileged Children's Educational Programmes (UCEP) School in Tajhat. Local sources said her mother works as a cook at a student mess in Chawkbazar. As her mother was sick on Monday, Lima was sent there to do the job.

It is alleged that Mushfiqur Rahman, a third-year student of Rangpur Carmichael College, forcibly took Lima to his room at the mess and raped her. Later, Abdur Razzak, a fourth-year student of Begum Rokeya University, also raped her. Both are said to have threatened to kill her if she disclosed the incident.

After returning home, Lima hanged herself from the ceiling of her room.

In a suicide note, sources say, she wrote the names of the two rapists.

Pak army

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the killing of 350-370 Hindus at several Hindu villages in Joypurhat on April 26, 1971.

Molla Shamsul Alam said Alim had come to Kadipur with the Pakistani army on April 26 and pointed out to the army Hindu localities, including Sonapara, Jugipara and Palpara neighbourhoods of Kadipur.

Alim, the alleged chairman of Joypurhat Peace Committee, an auxiliary force of the Pakistani army and a former minister in the late president Ziaur Rahman's cabinet, was indicted on 17 charges, including murder and genocide committed during the Liberation War.

During his 22-minute testimony, Jogen, a resident of Karai Palpara, one of the villages that came under attack in Joypurhat, said he had heard screams from Kadipur on a Monday noon

in the second week of the Bangla month Baishakh [April 22 to 28, 1971].

"I was at home. I heard that the Pakistani army and activists of Abdul Alim's Peace Committee had come to Kadipur," said Jogen, adding that the Hindus of their village started running amok.

When Jogen was leaving home, he saw some men with sticks and flags in their hands chasing many people towards the west, said the witness, adding, "I assumed that those men [attackers] were Alim Saheb's Shanti Committee men."

Seeing this, the witness took shelter in a graveyard and saw Alim's men gathering many people at Dome Pukur beating them up with sticks, said Jogen, who is now 64.

"After some time, I heard the sound of several gunshots from the Dome

Pukur. I could see the Dome Pukur from my position," said Jogen, adding that looting and torching of houses was also rampant.

Half an hour after the sunset, Jogen came out from hiding and went to Dome Pukur.

"There I saw piles of dead bodies," said Jogen, adding that he could recognise the bodies of Krishna, Shibben and Tarmuja. At this point of his testimony, Jogen broke down in tears.

He said after that incident he had left the country for India. He added he had learned after returning home that 370 people were killed on that fateful day.

The two-member tribunal led by Justice Obaidul Hassan [the third member was absent] recorded Jogen's testimony and adjourned the proceedings until today when he will face cross-examination.

Govt foot-dragging

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dismay earlier for the delay in submitting the report and had given time to the government. But yesterday they pushed the law officer to submit it within hours as the copy of the probe report was available at the attorney general's office.

Deputy Attorney General Bishowjit Roy submitted the probe report to the court before lunch yesterday.

On earlier dates, he gave excuses to the court, saying that the attorney general's office had not received the copy of the report from the home ministry.

The home ministry is just a 20-minute walk away from the court.

The High Court on May 19 asked the government to submit the probe report by May 30, and later extended time until June 9 and once again until yesterday.

"I see the progress of the case is slow," said Jyotirmoy Barua, a counsel for the three petitioners who jointly filed the case (a writ petition) in April to ensure justice for criminal liabilities of Tazreen Fashion's owner Delowar Hossain.

Jyotirmoy said, "Justice for the victims will be delayed."

When the deputy attorney general yesterday morning wanted to submit an affidavit promising that he would present the report, the presiding judge expressed disappointment and asked him to submit it within hours.

The judges, deputy attorney general and counsel for Tazreen Fashion's owner Delowar Hossain yesterday talked about the secrecy of the report.

But the findings of the home probe were rather public.

The head of the four member probe body himself had told the press about the findings and recommendations when

he submitted the report to the home ministry on December 17 last year.

The four-member probe body had found evidence of "unpardonable neglect" on the part of owner Delowar Hossain, who was on his feet in the courtroom for about an hour yesterday as the judges had earlier directed him to appear in person.

Tazreen's tragic fire on November 24 last year killed 112 factory workers and injured many others.

Many say that the workers of the factory could not save their lives as mid-level management officials locked the collapsible gates of some factory floors.

Some victims of the Tazreen fire incident yesterday came to the court. Two of them lost their wives, one his sister and one his daughter.

None of them had the opportunity to lay the bodies of their loved ones to rest as the bodies could not be identified even after DNA tests were done.

Still 12 bodies have remained unidentified. They have been buried in Jurain graveyard.

Unless the bodies are identified, the victims' families will get no compensation.

The families want justice. They believe it was not merely an accident as the factory authorities had prevented workers from getting out of the building by locking the doors.

Motiqul Islam Motin, one of the four, who went to the court to observe yesterday's proceedings, has filed a murder case against Tazreen Fashion's owner Delowar. He has been receiving threats from unknown people over his mobile phone for filing the case.

Delowar and his counsel Fida M Kamal yesterday refused to speak to the press.

A labour rights activist

5 Savar cops

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The five are now in jail. They were arrested in a case filed by the victim's brother Amin Sarkar on the day he died.

A civil team of Savar police picked up Shamim from Hemayetpur around 10:30pm on June 05. The policemen then tortured him at Jhauchar police outpost, demanding ransom.

However, a written order had been sent to all police stations in Dhaka district three days earlier, asking those to stop all activities of police civil teams, except for that of Detective Branch, said Additional DIO Mizanur Rahman.

"Had the officer-in-charge of Savar Police Station followed the instruction, this incident would not have taken place," he said.

Departmental actions were recommended against the OC, Asaduzzaman, and Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) of Savar circle Moshiuddin for the discipline at the outpost, Mizanur said.

The report also recommended departmental actions against in-charge of the Jhauchar post Assistant Sub-inspector Shahidul Islam, who had been absent from duty on the day of the incident, and Savar Police Station civil team's chief Sub-inspector Sajjad Romon, who had failed to inform his seniors of Shamim's detention though he had witnessed it.

Shahidul had also breached departmental rules by removing sentries from the outpost about a month before the incident, Mizanur said.

"If the investigation officer finds Sajjad's involvement in the abduction, legal action will be taken against him," he added.

Eleven policemen, including ASI Shahidul, were transferred from the outpost a day after the incident.

Mizanur said that on the basis of complaints from local people against the misdeeds at the outpost, the committee had suggested that the ASP of the Savar circle inspect the area at least twice every month and hold meetings to hear from the residents about their problems.

Another probe committee headed by Additional SP Faruque Hossain of Dhaka submitted a report to the SP on Tuesday.

The Daily Star contacted Faruque but he refused to give details of their findings.

Consensus lasts for 45mins

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using indecent words.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina herself joined the over an hour-long discussion and called upon all not to lie or make any false statement in parliament.

Before her half an hour speech, BNP MP Ashifa Ashrafi Papiya spoke on a personal explanation motion followed by AL MP Suranjit Sengupta and BNP lawmaker Moudud Ahmed.

Moudud's speech requesting Hasina to give Suranjit a portfolio and Tofail Ahmed a position in the cabinet prompted the PM to take part in the discussion.

Saying that the opposition was distorting one of her recent remarks about not holding the next general election, Sheikh Hasina said: "What I actually said was that there would be no election if any 1/11 type government comes to power again."

"Many noted jurists in 2007 had opined that the then caretaker government could be in power till the day of final judgment. As you [opposition] are always speaking for a restoration of the caretaker government system, I warned you that if a caretaker government comes to power this time, you will not be able to remove that government."

Replying to BNP lawmaker Papiya's allegation that Hasina's daughter-in-law is Jewish, the prime minister said: "Sajeed Wazed Joy's [her son] wife is not a Jew, she is a Christian."

Papiya made the claim in parliament on Sunday.

But Hasina said the opposition MPs were confusing people through giving false

information.

On the opposition's claim about the deaths of Hefajat men in police action, Hasina said: "A BNP lawmaker alleged that law enforcers fired over 1.2 lakh bullets on Hefajat men at Shapla Chattar on May 5. The MP also said over 2,000 Hefajat men were killed and trucks came from India to remove the bodies, which is nothing but propaganda."

Hasina said law enforcers rather helped the demonstrating madrasa students to reach home.

She added that the surrounding buildings in Motijheel would bear marks of bullets had the law enforcers fired 1.2 lakh shots.

Papiya in her explanation criticised an AL MP who described Papiya in a recent House session as a "bird that wakes up at night" and alleged that she was involved in Hawa Bhaban corruption.

"How does he [AL MP Abdur Rahman] know I am a bird that wakes up at night? Did I spend night with him? Or does he work as a night guard in my house?" she said.

She added it was the responsibility of all the lawmakers to ensure that the House runs effectively. "Don't throw an arrow targeting our chests. Allow us to sing of truth and beauty."

Responding to Bangladesh Jatiya Party lawmaker Andaleeb Rahman Partho's comment on Sunday, Suranjit Sengupta told the House yesterday that he did not make any derogatory com-

ment on Hefajat-e Islam chief Allama Shah Shafi or any other Islamic clerics.

"He [Suranjit] should have resigned from the ministerial post after his assistant personal secretary was held with bribe money," Partho had told the house on Sunday.

On this, Suranjit said he had resigned after his APS Omar Faruk was held with Tk 75 lakh.

Suranjit also called upon all to make constructive criticisms based on facts.

Later, Moudud in his turn said he had spoken the other day about the government's failure to sign the Teesta water sharing deal with India.

"As the opposition we will make constructive criticisms. But in reply, senior AL MP Amir Hossain Amu attacked me personally and even termed me as intellectually corrupt," Moudud said, adding that he thanked the government for signing the Ganges water sharing deal.

He, too, urged all not to make any indecent comment or label false allegations against anyone in parliament.

On a point of order, AL MP Tofail Ahmed thanked Moudud for making constructive criticisms.

"We all should come to an agreement on national issues like the Teesta water sharing deal and the unsettled land boundary issue with India."

"None of us should cross the limit and we all should speak based on facts while criticising others," Tofail added.

Fakhrul

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chief guest at a discussion meeting at the Jatiya Press Club.

He alleged that this government has amended the constitution, creating a provision that an incumbent government could continue in office if general elections are not held.

On Sunday, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in parliament warned the opposition that an unconstitutional government would not be good for anyone. There might not even be any polls if a caretaker government came.


Fakhrul said that through such remarks, the prime minister revealed the true colours of her party Awami League and the government.

The BNP leader asked the government to restore the caretaker government system in the constitution soon for holding the parliamentary election.

He lambasted the ruling party leaders for claiming that the recent polls to four city corporations prove that it is possible to hold free and fair national election under this government. They must not think the opposition would participate in an election under the partisan government, he added.

BNP's top men

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"I think the prime minister wanted to hide the misdeeds of some Awami League men involved in Hall-Mark, Destiny and other scams. They [AL men] looted huge amounts of money in the name of taking loans from banks," pointed out the BNP leader.



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project, Bangladesh (Component A)

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