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UN climate talks clinch crucial deal

Warring countries agree on principles for Paris summit

AFP, Warsaw

UN negotiators yesterday agreed in overtime talks on cornerstone issues of an ambitious, global climate pact to be signed in 2015 to stave off dangerous Earth warming.

A day after negotiations threatened to collapse, delegates adopted a modified text in Warsaw that both developed and developing countries said they could live with.

"Just in the nick of time, the negotiators in Warsaw delivered enough to keep the process moving," said climate analyst Jennifer Morgan of the World Resources Institute.

Rich and poor nations have been at loggerheads ever

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A parent along with her school-going children yesterday tries to cross New Eskaton Road, left in an awful mess due to construction of a flyover.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Compensation not enough

Labour rights body demands Tk 28 lakh for each dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

For those who died in the fire at Tazreen Fashions a year ago, each victim family should get an average of Tk 28 lakh as compensation, demanded a labour rights platform Sramik Nirapatta Forum yesterday.

"The compensation should take into

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Drug addiction alarming

Addicts contribute to rise of crimes, speakers tell Star-American Alumni Association seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

About half of the five million drug addicts in the country are involved in crimes, said leading anti drug-abuse campaigner Prof Arup Ratan Choudhury yesterday.

Bangladesh stands eighth among the world's top 10 countries of drug abuse, he said at a discussion, adding that 98 percent of the addicts are smokers.

American Alumni Association (AAA) jointly with The Daily Star

organised the discussion on narcotics in youths at The Daily Star Centre.

Curiosity, peer pressure, parental indifference, easy availability, absence of social and moral values, unemployment, frustration and craving for artificial euphoria are the reasons that gradually lead youths and adolescents to addiction to smoking and drugs, said the professor, founder president of anti-smoking campaign Manas.

Even though the government estimates the number of drug addicts to be

50 lakh, non-government organisations claim the figure to be 70 lakh, he said.

Addiction with its all-pervading impact on human body makes addicts emotionally and physically dependent and they become violent just to get the drugs, he said.

Smoking is the gateway to drug addiction and nicotine in tobacco is equally harmful as drugs like marijuana, heroin, Phensidyle and yaba, he said.

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Shibir men on rampage

Clash with cops, damage cars

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir clashed with cops, vandalised vehicles and blasted crude bombs at the capital's Merul Badda yesterday.

About 100 Shibir men brought out a procession in the area around 8:15am as part of

the Jamaat-e-Islami's countrywide demonstrations protesting oppression on religious minorities throughout the country.

As the law enforcers obstructed them, unruly protesters went berserk, vandalised several vehicles and blasted two cocktails, said Badda police.

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THANK YOU

On receiving the National Export Trophy (GOLD) in Jute Goods Manufacturing Sector for the Year 2010-11

Najmul Huq, Managing Director of Janata Jute Mills Ltd receiving the National Export Trophy from Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of the Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh on November 20, 2013.

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It's a murder

Says Latvia president about supermarket collapse

BBC ONLINE

The Latvian president has described the collapse of a supermarket in the capital Riga as "murder".

Andris Berzins said many defenceless people had been killed and that should be the basis for the investigation into the disaster.

The current death toll is 52 but some 10 families have told police they have missing relatives.

Officials say soil from a garden being built on the roof of the shop may have caused the collapse.

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Man burnt alive over land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

A man was burned alive and his wife critically injured in an arson attack allegedly by his rivals over a land dispute in the district's Lalpur upazila early yesterday.

The dead was Habibur Mandal, 55, of Fugipur Charpara village. His wife,

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with chairman of the US foreign affairs committee Ed Royce that the Awami League-led government was not doing enough to protect minorities?

Yes (79%)
No (21%)

TOTAL VOTES: 293

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think international pressure will have any impact on the rigid stance of the two major political parties?

PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT www.thedailystar.net

PRAYER TIMING November 24

Azan Jamaat
Fajr 5:05 5:40
Zohr 12:45 1:15
Asr 3:45 4:00
Maghrib 5:21 5:24
Esha 7:00 7:30

Source: Islamic Foundation

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