



Participants at "Pre-COP Roundtable Discussion: Loss and Damage due to Climate Change" jointly organised by the Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies, and Christian Aid, UK at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday.

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CLIMATE FINANCING TIB urges govt to raise voice at COP 20

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) has urged the government to raise a strong voice in the upcoming international climate conference to ensure more transparency and accountability in climate financing.

The 20th Conference of the Parties (COP 20) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) will take place from today till the 12th of this month in Lima, the capital of Peru, with participation of government representatives, experts and civil society members of 195 countries.

Some guidelines should be formulated in the conference so that the developed countries donate "new" and "additional" money to different climate adaptation funds for most vulnerable countries to climate change like Bangladesh, demanded TIB.

The organisation placed the demands at a human chain at TSC of Dhaka University yesterday.

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CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS ON BANGLADESH COP 20 should be informed of situation

Discussion of BCAS, Christian Aid, UK told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Climate negotiators should inform the 20th Conference of the Parties (COP 20) about the terrible consequence in which victims of climate change find themselves after a natural disaster strikes Bangladesh as adaptation measures cannot mitigate all effects, speakers said at a discussion yesterday.

The Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS), and Christian Aid, UK, jointly organised the discussion titled "Pre-COP Roundtable Discussion on Loss and Damage due to Climate Change" in the capital's The DailyStar Centre.

There should be a proper estimate of people and damages that they suffered due to climate change induced natural disasters, whether it was big or small, for demanding financial support from the United Nations and compensations from the developed countries, speakers said.

Dr Atiq Rahman, BCAS's executive director, said all should help the

government to fulfill all the requirements to get climate funds.

Dwijen Mallick, a fellow of BCAS, shared a case study on "Loss and Damage in Coastal Bangladesh" which highlighted socio-economic conditions, of some communities in Chokbora, Gabura in Satkhira, Jaliakhali Dacop in Khulna, and Rajeshawar in Bagerhat, which severely worsened after two cyclones.

Golam Rabbani of BCAS delivered a presentation on the term "loss and damage", in perspective of climate change, which had been defined differently in different sessions of the conference.

Farah Kabir, country director of ActionAid, Bangladesh, Abdul Qayyum, additional secretary to the food and disaster ministry, Dr Mizan R Khan, professor of North South University, Shakeb Nabi, country director of Christian Aid, and Hafizul Islam Khan, Centre for Climate Justice, and Rezaul Karim of Equity BD, were also present.

Body formed to probe journalist Zaglul's death

Burial today, condolences pour in

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A five-member probe body was formed yesterday to investigate the road accident that killed renowned journalist Zaglul Ahmed Chowdhury.

The committee led by Moshir Rahman, director of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA), will submit a probe report within three working days, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader told a programme in the capital.

Other members of the body are Shyamal Dutta, editor of Bhorer Kagoj, Imtiaz Ahmed, deputy commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police Traffic (west), Nahmadul Hasan, urban planner of Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority, and Abdur Razzak, superintendent engineer of Dhaka North City Corporation.

Zaglul was critically injured as a bus recklessly pulled away while he was getting off the vehicle near Sonargaon intersection on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue in the capital on



Saturday night. He was declared dead at Comfort Nursing Home Private Ltd.

Marif Mahmood, nephew of Zaglul, told The Daily Star that his uncle's first namaz-e-janaza will be held at Banani central mosque after Zohr prayers today.

Zaglul's daughter Antora Ahmed Chowdhury, who lives in the US, will arrive in Dhaka tomorrow morning.

He will be buried beside his mother's grave at Azimpur after Asr prayers today after his second namaz-e-janaza at Jatiya Press Club

The body of Zaglul, a former chief editor and managing director of the state-run Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS), has been

kept at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University mortuary. He was last serving as the consulting editor of the Financial Express.

Jatiya Press Club yesterday in a statement condoled the death of Zaglul while Dhaka

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Preserve Jagadish Chandra Basu's house: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to take steps within seven days to preserve the 300-year-old house of scientist Sir Jagadish Chandra Basu in Munshiganj.

Following a writ petition filed on November 26 by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh, the court also issued a rule upon the government to explain why it should not be directed to preserve the house in Srinagar upazila as an archaeological site.

According to the antiquities act, any site or place should be protected as an archaeological site if it is over a hundred years old. Director general of the Department of Archeology, deputy commissioner of Munshiganj and officer-in-charge of Srinagar Police Station have been made respondents to the order and rule, said the petitioner's counsel Manzill Murshid.

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SUJAN'S DEATH IN CUSTODY Wife rejects judicial probe report

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Momtaz Sultana Lucy, the wife of slain garment waste trader Mahbubur Rahman Sujan, has rejected the judicial probe into her husband's death conducted by Metropolitan Magistrate SM Ashiqur Rahman as the name of Mirpur Police Station's officer-in-charge was not included in the report.

Lucy's lawyer yesterday submitted a petition before a Dhaka court seeking adjournment of taking cognisance of the charges against four cops, including the then sub-inspector Jahidur Rahman, and a civilian for killing her husband.

The other cops are assistant sub-inspector Raj Kumar and constables -- Asad and Rashedul -- of the police station, while the civilian is Mithun.

The lawyer said his client would also file a no-confidence petition against the report submitted to the court on November 11.

The next hearing of the case is January 15. Sujan, who was detained, according to police, on the charge of possessing arms, was allegedly tortured to death by some Mirpur police on July 13.

Fakhrul Islam's

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case and they were present in the court yesterday.

The draft verdict of the case against BNP leader Salaudhin had been leaked a day before the International Crimes Tribunal-1 delivered its judgment on October 1 last year, raising questions of security of the highly protected tribunals.

On August 28 this year, detectives pressed charges against seven people for leaking the draft verdict.

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