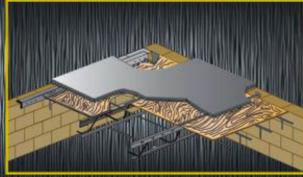


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DEVELOPING NATIONS

UN okays first climate aid

Bangladesh, other countries to get \$168m

AFP, Paris

The UN's Green Climate Fund announced yesterday that it approved finance for its first projects to help developing countries fight global warming, three weeks before a crucial world summit to ink a climate rescue pact.

Finance is a divisive issue as rich and developing nations negotiate a global agreement on curbing greenhouse gas emissions, and conference host France has said firm money commitments will be key to getting an agreement in December.

The GCF said in a statement its board had approved \$168 million (155 million euros) for eight projects in countries including Peru, Malawi, Senegal, Bangladesh, Fiji and the Maldives.

"The fund is now truly up and running, and I am confident the board will go on to... fund much bigger projects in the near future," the board's co-chairman Henrik Harboe said.

Developing nations are looking to rich countries to show how they intend to meet a promise made in 2009 to mobilise \$100 billion (92 billion euros) per year in climate finance from 2020.

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Prothom Alo Editor Matiur Rahman, at the dais, introduces the girls, and their trainers, from remote Kalsindur village to the audience during the paper's 17th anniversary celebrations at Hotel Sonargaon yesterday. Ten girls from the village in Mymensingh made it to the Bangladesh team of 18 that played in the regional championship of AFC under-14 football tournament in Nepal last year.

PHOTO: COURTESY

ASHULIA ATTACK

Police more alert now: home boss

No headway in probe

STAR REPORT

The country's police forces have not lost their morale following the latest attack in Ashulia. They have rather become more alert to the possibility of any crime, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal said yesterday.

He made the remarks two days after unknown assailants hacked a constable to death and injured another in Ashulia on the city outskirts.

Without identifying any group, he said those who want to foil the execution of the war crimes verdict are behind the attack.

He also said, "Those who were against the Liberation War in 1971, wanted to kill Prime Minister Sheikh

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Time to leave

First batch of former Indian enclave dwellers leave on November 9

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

It's time for them to leave. For ever.

Akhil Chandra Barman, 44, has already sold two bighas of cropland, a bamboo garden and his house.

He, his wife and children are leaving for India on Monday. They have already got travel passes from Indian authorities.

"Everyone in my family is waiting to settle in India," he said. Like Akhil, others in Banskata village of Patgram upazila are also arranging for selling their properties. Many, however, are complaining about poor prices.

Yadav Chandra Roy, 29, another travel pass holder in the same village, also sold his homestead, 20 decimal of land with six trees for Tk 1,85,000.

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GOING TO INDIA
989 people from 111 erstwhile Indian enclaves in 3 dists

LALMONIRHAT
Total 197
34 to leave on Nov 9
99 on Nov 12
64 on Nov 26

KURIGRAM
Total 305
281 to leave on Nov 19
24 yet to get travel pass from India

PANCHAGARH
Total 487
First group to leave on Nov 9

WAR CRIMES TRIAL

Sector commanders bin Amnesty views

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Sector Commanders Forum (SCF) has hit out at Amnesty International for its controversial statement on the war crimes trials, saying the rights watchdog does not care about the martyrs of 1971 Liberation War and it rather upholds the view of the defence.

On October 27, Amnesty in a press release alleged that two Bangladeshi opposition leaders "face imminent execution after serious flaws in their trials and appeals."

"Serious crimes were also committed by the pro-independence forces, but no one has been investigated or brought to justice for them," added the release.

In a letter sent to AI Secretary General Salil Shetty via

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Man slashes wife's eyes in Gazipur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sheuli Akter is a victim of her husband's brutality.

Her spouse Jewel made her suffer beyond belief as he slashed both her eyes with a knife.

But he was not done yet. He locked Sheuli in a room of their rented house, apparently to make sure that her sufferings last longer.

The vicious attack took place at Jamaibazar in Tongi of Gazipur on Thursday.

Sheuli, now in her thirties, was receiving treatment yesterday in the capital's National Institute of Ophthalmology and Hospital (NIOH).

Jewel went into hiding after the incident, reported our Gazipur correspondent quoting Tongi police.

Talking to The Daily Star, the victim said she had married Jewel about five years ago after the

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Scientists decode panda 'language'



BBC ONLINE

Scientists in China have worked out the meaning of 13 different giant panda vocalisations, it's reported.

During a five-year study at a conservation centre in the south-western Sichuan province, researchers found that male pandas baa like a sheep when courting a mate, and females respond with a bird-like chirp or twitter if they're keen, the Xinhua news agency reports.

"Trust me - our researchers were so confused when we began the project, they wondered if they were studying a panda, a bird, a dog, or a sheep," says Zhang Hemin, head of the China Conservation and Research Centre for the Giant Panda, which ran the study.

Panda cubs make a "wow-wow" sound to indicate they're unhappy, and say "gee-gee" to alert

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A travel pass holder of former Indian enclave Banskata under Patgram upazila in Lalmonirhat receiving money for the immovable assets he has sold. The first batch of enclave dwellers will leave on Monday. The photo was taken recently.



PHOTO: STAR

It's part of conspiracy

Prof Huq about his son's killing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prof Abul Quasem Fazlul Huq, father of slain publisher Faisal Arefin Dipan, yesterday said the killing of free thinkers "is part of a deep conspiracy".

"A big conspiracy is being hatched by some quarter," he said at a *do-mehfil* for Dipan at his flat on the Dhaka University campus.

He, however, did not specify what the conspiracy was aimed at and who exactly could be involved in it.

"It's not just happening in Bangladesh. Perhaps, many elements of the

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SINAI PLANE CRASH

Bomb theory gains ground

Russia halts Egypt flights; British investigators suspect bomb was in hold

AGENCIES

Russia yesterday ordered a halt to flights to Egypt as concerns grew that a bomb downed a Russian plane after take-off from its Sharm el-Sheikh resort, while British carriers started to evacuate holidaymakers.

President Vladimir Putin made the announcement after UK investigators said they believed a bomb was put in the plane's hold prior to take-off, killing all 224 people on board.

The UK has suspended flights to Sharm el-Sheikh and is bringing Britons home.

Militants linked to the Islamic State group (IS) say they downed the plane.

The Metrojet Airbus A321 was flying from Sharm el-Sheikh to St Petersburg when it came down in Sinai on Saturday. Most of the victims were Russian.

Militants from the Sinai Province group, linked to IS, have not said how they destroyed the plane. IS has called for a war against both Russia and the US over their air strikes in Syria.

UK officials said they had received intelligence based on intercepted communications between militants in the Sinai

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