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Climate change still a major hurdle

Says UN global report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Climate change remains one of the major threats to achieving Sustainable Development Goals that seek inclusive development, says a global UN report.

It indicates that poverty and inequality would only increase in the absence of a continuum of policies designed to reduce people's exposure and vulnerability to climate change.

"The condition of low-income people,

who already face inequality, will worsen with the impacts of climate change... This is a double burden for them," said Nazrul Islam, senior economic affairs officer of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA).

He presented the report titled "The World Economic and Social Survey 2016: Climate Change Resilience -- an Opportunity for Reducing Inequalities" at the UN Information Centre in Dhaka yesterday.

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Tigers' chance to get even

AL-AMIN from Tauranga

A year ago when the first T20I was played at the Bay Oval, Sri Lanka ran New Zealand close before losing by three runs. This footnote will be extremely handy for Bangladesh as they search for their first-ever victory in this part of the world against a similar home side today.

But to attain that target the Tigers desperately need their misfiring top-order to come to the party, starting with opener Tamim Iqbal doing the talking with the bat after a somewhat

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A number of Shamuk Bhanga on a tree at Akhanvatapara village in Faridpur Sadar upazila. The photo was taken on December 25.

PHOTO: SUZIT KUMAR DAS



Villagers make safe haven for birds

SUZIT KUMAR DAS, Faridpur

Thousands of Shamuk Bhanga birds showed up at a village in Faridpur and the locals made it a safe haven for them.

The chirping of the birds can be heard throughout the day at Akhanvatapara village in Sadar upazila. The village, some 5km from Faridpur town, now attracts a large number of visitors, including bird lovers.

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Policemen try to stop pro-ruling party Bangladesh Chhatra League men when they attacked a BNP rally organised in front of Barisal city BNP office yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

'Rohingyas' attack forest officials

10 wounded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

At least 10 forest officials were injured as they were attacked allegedly by inhabitants of unregistered Rohingya slum at Kutupalong in Ukhia upazila of Cox's Bazar yesterday.

The forest officials of Ukhia went to remove illegal structures built on forest land adjacent to the slum.

Forest department sources said many Rohingyas, who recently fled to Bangladesh to escape persecution in Myanmar's Rakhine state, had set up several hundred illegal structures on the forest department land.

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'Myanmar covering up Rohingya abuses'

Rights groups say govt-backed probe panel a 'whitewash mechanism'

REUTERS, Yangon

Human rights groups said Myanmar's government is trying to cover up abuses against civilians in a Muslim-majority part of Rakhine State after an investigation panel dismissed claims a government crackdown there amounts to "genocide".

A commission appointed by the government of Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi issued interim findings refuting allegations of abuses by security forces on Wednesday, even as authorities were still investigating alleged police abuses after a video emerged appearing to show officers beating and kicking Rohingya villagers.

Troops have poured into northern Rakhine since insurgents believed to be from the mostly stateless Rohingya minority attacked border posts on Oct 9, killing nine police officers.

At least 86 people have died and an estimated 34,000 have fled across the border to Bangladesh.

Rohingya residents and refugees accuse security forces of summary executions, arbitrary arrest, rape and burning down homes as part of what the government has termed its "clearance operations" in search of attackers.

Myanmar's government has flatly denied allegations that

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Two Biman officials on remand again

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed two suspended Biman officials on a seven-day fresh remand in connection with a case filed for a technical glitch that caused a Biman aircraft carrying Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to make an

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