

## Climate change holding back GDP, rice production Speakers tell discussion

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Climate change can reduce overall rice production by an average of 7.4 percent annually, while the country faces a loss of around 1.5 percent of GDP due to natural disasters and climate-related hazards, said speakers in a discussion yesterday.

The discussion was part of the virtual launching programme of "Climate and Disaster Risk Atlas", developed with the help of Asian Development Bank.

The project was implemented by Programming Division at Bangladesh Planning Commission, under supervision of Dr Nurun Nahar, the division's joint chief.

In her presentation, Dr Nahar said the atlas has 207 maps and shows impacts of 10 hazards like cyclones, droughts and floods in different regions.

Manmohan Parkash, deputy director general of ADB; Planning Minister Abdul Manan; Dr Shamsul Alam, state minister of planning; and Kamrul Hasan, secretary at disaster management and relief ministry, spoke among others.

They said the atlas will help identify good projects that will be economically beneficial and assist in taking decisions for disaster risk mitigation.

It will also be a good guide for designing development projects.

In his speech, Edimon Ginting, country director of ADB Bangladesh, said climate change will be a key consideration in selecting projects to help Bangladesh.

Liping Zheng, advisor at ADB, introduced the project and delivered the closing remarks.

## Youth held for blackmailing

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Tk 350-500 as registration fee from interested individuals.

In the name of virtual medical test, due to the Covid-19 situation, he used to connect with female job seekers on video calls and talk to them pretending to be a woman, keeping his camera off.

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## Dusty memoirs

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after the shots were fired, Amir Ali, another person and I came back to Madhur Canteen and went straight to Capital Press. I wrote the leaflet, titled 'Fire on the orders of Minister Mofizuddin', proofed and got them printed. The press went all out to help us during those times. We went back to the university with almost 3,000 copies, and distributed them across Old Dhaka."

This correspondent

recently visited Capital Press, currently owned by Hanif Imam Khan Shaheen, youngest son of Ibrahim Khalil Khan. He said both his father and elder brother were involved in the movement.

The Pakistan government issued warrants against them, after which they slowly had to curb their involvement. Though the press has lost its functionality, the family still holds on to it out of nostalgia and conviction.

## Enhancing people

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pluralism.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam will lead Bangladesh side, while India's State Minister for External Affairs Tariq Karim, Bhorer Kagoj Editor Shyamal Dutta will also attend the dialogue.

This is a 1.5 level dialogue that involves both state and non-state actors.

"Its main objective is to enhance people to people cooperation," said Prof Atiur Rahman of development studies at Dhaka University and a researcher at Foundation for Regional Studies.

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Family members of the victim filed the case with Lalbagh Police Station late night, accusing the three arrestees, said MM Morshed, officer in charge of the police station. Asked about the delay in filing the case, the OC said it was delayed as they could not verify all the information provided by the victim about the time and place of the occurrence.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum, Manusher Jonno Foundation and Community Participation and Development, in a press statement yesterday, condemned the incident.

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He also pretended to be a doctor and recorded videos in the name of "virtual medical test", the Rab official said.

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video clips taken during the so-called "medical test" and later sent those to the women -- blackmailing them for money. He threatened to leak the photos and videos on social media, the Rab official said.

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