

It's a threat to global security  
Momen on climate-induced displacement

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Climate-induced displacement could lead to a global security risk in today's interconnected world, Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen has said, calling for the international community to share the burden of climate migrants' rehabilitation.

He was speaking at a roundtable on "Environment of Peace: Securing a just and peaceful transition in a new era of risk", organised by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) on the sidelines of the Stockholm+50 international meeting in Sweden on Friday.

'We want eco-friendly budget'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Green activists yesterday demanded adequate allocation of budget for sustainable development of Mongla, and protection of the Sundarbans and coastal areas.

Bapa, Waterkeepers Bangladesh and Pashur River Water Keeper raised the demand at a human chain in Mongla.

The speakers said crisis of drinking water in coastal areas is getting acute day by day. Climate change has led to increased salinity, disease, river erosion, and cyclone surge. Therefore, Coastal Development Board should be formed with special allocation in the national budget to deal with the crisis.

# Making a difference where it matters

A conservationist's relentless fight for wildlife, healthcare in CHT

MOSTAFA YOUSUF

When wildlife in Chattogram Hill Tracts (CHT) is facing the enormous threat of extinction amid massive deforestation, a conservationist has set an example by protecting wildlife sanctuaries by engaging with the community.

Taking the small community on board, he has ensured that wild animals can safely sprawl across the four-square-kilometre radius surrounding the locality.

A career designer at USI Limited Company based in England, 45-year-old Mahfuz Russel returned home from Manchester six years ago, leaving behind his secure job. Since then, he has been working relentlessly to save wildlife.

During his days in Manchester, Russel used to explore the remote countryside and forests of Europe. He even lived several months with the indigenous community in the Amazon and with the African Maasai tribe.



protecting the biodiversity," he added.

The group also holds awareness campaigns twice a month in the village, with occasional participation by the forest department to keep the villagers away from hunting and logging.

Yousuf Ali (45), a resident of Purbo Khedachara, is one of the volunteers. Yousuf used to constantly worry about his chickens, as Indian large civets used to prey upon them. "But for the last three years, the number of attacks by the civets declined dramatically, as now the carnivores get enough food inside the forest," he said.

According to Yousuf, this has been made possible ever since locals stopped hunting.

"We never thought putting an end to the hunting would bring such positive results. We used to hunt junglefowl and other birds. The tactic was terrible. Sometimes, hunters used to set a part of the forest on fire to lead the animals to the net-trap they set up," Yousuf shared. He, however, mentioned that such brutality has declined to a great extent with the introduction of conservation.

"We are now keeping a watch on the forest, seizing snares and rescuing wildlife from those who secretly try to hunt them still," he added.

ASM Jahir Uddin Akon, director of the Wildlife Crime Control Unit of the Forest Department, also lauded Russel's initiative.

"This is an outstanding initiative. CHT was once enriched with wildlife. But due to indiscriminate hunting and poaching, the situation kept deteriorating," said the director.

"We will support the initiative so that it can set an example when it comes to conservation," he added. Not only that, Russel has also been instrumental in providing basic healthcare facilities in Purbo

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"After I came back to Bangladesh, I took some time off and roamed the country on my bicycle," he said.

"When I first came to the area [Khagrachhari], I saw massive deforestation and wild animals being killed," said Russel. "I was quite shaken by that and decided to do something about it."

"Members of the community used to hunt rare wild animals. Now, they have a volunteer group saving these very animals from poachers, while also creating awareness about their importance in

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Padma Bridge to be under CCTV watch

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

To ensure robust security, the entire Padma Bridge will be under CCTV surveillance. It will be monitored by cameras all the time.

Besides, according to the rules, vehicles cannot be stopped on the bridge, and pedestrian movement is not allowed. Legal action will be taken against anyone who damages any part of the bridge.

An engineer, seeking anonymity, said the entire bridge will be monitored by cameras connected to the internet. So, authorities will be able to notice if anyone stops their car or commits criminal acts.

Bangladesh Bridge Authority Chief Engineer Kazi Md Ferdous said cameras will be installed across the bridge, and audio devices will be added.

When willpower conquers physical restrictions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Captain Kanij Fatema, who was paralysed in an accident during her training at Bangladesh Military Academy on September 18, 2012, has been promoted to the rank of major.

Army chief Gen SM Shafiqul Islam Ahmed in presence of the formation commanders elevated her to the title yesterday at an event at Dhaka Cantonment Army Multipurpose Complex.

Fatema's spine broke due to the accident, according to a press release issued by ISPR.

However, Fatema, who joined the army in 2011, was determined to serve the country even after the accident.

Army had awarded her commission with long-term 69 BMA course, under special consideration for her indomitable spirit in 2013, adds the release. Her physical restrictions have succumbed to her willpower. This honour by army will always be exemplary in history for the progress of the country's women, the release added.



PHOTO: ISPR

## Case of mistaken identity

Man with same name as fugitive's suffers in custody

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Without committing a crime, a man was kept in police custody for about half a day in Rajshahi's Bagmara upazila.

Abdur Razzak Sardar (53) was detained on early Friday, as police made a mistake while matching names to catch a fugitive.

Sardar was released after police confirmed that he was not the accused, said Sunil Kumar Ghosh, in-charge of Bhagnadi investigation centre under Bagmara Police Station. "In fact, he helped us locate the fugitive."

On that day, police came to Sardar's house, located at Bajekola village of Jogipara union, with an arrest warrant and took him with them.

"We tried to tell them something was wrong,

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