



Global crisis won't affect food security

PM tells JS



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina told parliament yesterday that the country's food security remains intact despite the ongoing international crisis.

She was replying to a query from Awami League MP Md Shahiduzzaman Sarkar from Naogaon-2 constituency during the question answer session chaired by Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury.

In her scripted answer, Hasina said Bangladesh has already attained self-reliance on food. The government has been working intensively to maintain self-sufficiency in food.

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A yard of Bakolia Government High School covered with stagnant water and trash in Chattogram. The assistant headmaster of the school said the yard remains under water almost the entire rainy season, making it a breeding ground for mosquitos. He said they have written to the higher authorities many times over the last 15 years for a solution. The photo was taken last week.

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Take action against DC of Jamalpur

EC writes to cabinet secy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission yesterday wrote to the cabinet secretary to take action against Jamalpur Deputy Commissioner Md Imran Ahmed after verifying the authenticity of his speech seeking votes for the ruling Awami League.

In the letter, the EC has recommended that Imran be removed from his duties as deputy commissioner and obstructed from discharging any election-related responsibilities in the next national election.

The EC issued a letter, signed by Assistant Director (public relations) Ashadul Haque, in this regard.

According to the EC, it has been reported in different media recently that speaking at an event in the presence of local MP Mirza Azam, Jamalpur DC Imran urged people to re-elect the AL government to continue the ongoing development work.

At the same time, he also hoped that MP Azam would be a minister after the next polls. The video clip of his speech has gone viral on social media, the letter said.

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RUNAWAY BOY IN PLANE

Caab withdraws 10 officials, opens probe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh has withdrawn 10 officials after a 12-year-old boy managed to board a plane dodging all security at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport early Tuesday.

A five-member probe body has also been formed to investigate the incident, Caab Chairman Air Vice Marshal M Mafidur Rahman said yesterday.

Group Captain Abu Saleh Mahmud Mannafi, member (security) of Caab, will lead the probe body and legal steps will be taken after getting the report, the Caab chief said.

The boy managed to evade all checks and board a Kuwait-bound plane at HSIA early Tuesday.

The runaway from a Gopalganj madrasa had no passport, ticket or boarding card. He was discovered only because he got on a completely sold-out flight.

He was later handed over to the Airport Police Station.

Caab in a press release yesterday said, "By giving false information and mixing with the groups of passengers ... the boy managed to get inside the aircraft avoiding the attention of the duty staff. Such an incident at an important place like an airport is unexpected, undesirable, and sad."

Azizul Haque Mia, officer-in-charge of Airport Police Station, yesterday told The Daily Star that the boy was handed over to his uncle Md Yusuf who took him to

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CLIMATE FINANCE TARGET

Wealthy nations fall short on promises

Vulnerable countries like Bangladesh bear brunt: ODI

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Wealthier nations, who are historically responsible for climate change, are failing to meet the international climate funding obligations they agreed on in Copenhagen in 2009, leaving vulnerable countries like Bangladesh and communities to escalating climate impacts.

In the Copenhagen summit in 2009, developed nations committed to meet a target of providing \$100 billion a year for climate finance – but they failed to meet the target in the last 11 years.

Despite the need for \$4 trillion by 2030 to cap the temperature rise within 1.5 degrees since the pre-industrial era, all but eight developed countries missed the \$100 billion financing target every year to date.

Only eight developed countries out of 23 currently pay their fair share of climate finance to fund, said the report titled "Fair Share" by Overseas Development Initiative (ODI) and Zurich Flood Resilience Alliance.

The eight developed countries are Norway, France, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

The UK, which came under fire earlier this year for attempting to walk back on its climate finance commitments, provided only two-thirds of its fair share.

In 2020, the target should have been reached, but provision and mobilisation amounted to \$83.3 billion.

The climate finance gap between 2011 and 2020 totalled \$409.8 billion.

In 2021, the US provided \$9 billion for climate finance, \$34 billion less than it was supposed to.

The US has the largest shortfall for adaptation finance, missing its fair share goal by \$14 billion.

None of Australia, Spain, Canada and the UK met their fair share either; they should be providing an additional \$500 million to \$1 billion each.

"It's a total failure of responsibility by developed countries who bear historical responsibility for climate change," said Laetitia Pettinotti, ODI research fellow and lead author of the report.

The failure to meet the climate finance goal can be attributed to developed countries collectively, and this failure has far-reaching

"Rather, it is not a priority for them to address the risks and vulnerabilities of the lives and nature of the least-developed countries. This is a sheer example of climate injustice."

M Zakir Hossain Khan
CEO, Change Initiative

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India's SC cracks down on 'media trials'

Wants guidelines in 3 months

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India's Supreme Court has taken strong exception to 'media trials' - referring to "biased reporting (that) gives rise to public suspicion the person has committed an offence" - and directed the Union Home Ministry to prepare guidelines for police to follow during press briefings in relation to criminal cases.

The ministry has three months to prepare a detailed manual.

The top police officers of each state and the National Human Rights Commission have been directed to submit suggestions to the home ministry within a month and the next hearing will be in January, a bench led by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud said yesterday, underlining the need to sensitise police personnel.

"Administration of justice is affected by 'media trials'. Need to decide at which stage (of investigation) details should be disclosed. This is a very important issue because it involves interests of victim and accused. It also involves the interest of the public at large... media report on crime-related matters involves many aspects of public interest," the court said.

"At a basic level... fundamental right to speech and expression is directly involved in the context of both the media's right to portray and broadcast ideas and news... but we should not allow 'media trial'. People have the right to access information. But, if important evidence, is revealed during the investigation, the investigation can also be affected," the court argued.

The top court was hearing a petition relating to a 2017 instruction on the same subject; the court then had asked the government to frame rules for police briefings keeping in mind the rights of the accused and the victim, and to ensure those of both sides are not prejudiced or violated in any way. The court had then given six weeks to produce a draft report.



Filmmaker Sohanor no more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Renowned director Sohanor Rahman Sohan, famous for his hugely popular film "Keyamot Theke Keyamot", passed away at the capital's Crescent Hospital yesterday.

He was 57.

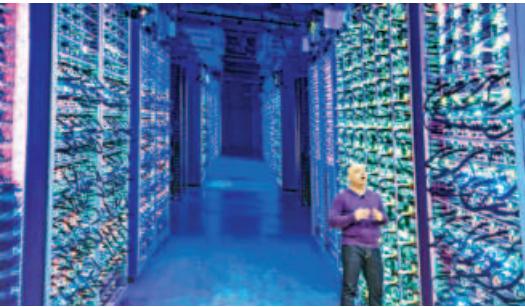
The news of his demise was confirmed by producer Khorshed Alam Khasru.

It comes after Sohan's wife, Priya Rahman, passed away on Tuesday at their house, in her sleep. It is reported that Sohan fell critically ill after the incident, and was taken to the hospital yesterday after he did not wake up from his sleep. He was declared dead by doctors at 6:40pm. He is set to have suffered a stroke.

The entire film fraternity was shocked with grief

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AI using vast amounts of water



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Artificial intelligence is using gallons upon gallons of water.

Microsoft alone used more than 2,500 Olympic-sized swimming pools of water in its data centres last year. The latest numbers are leading to yet more questions about the sustainability and environmental dangers of the growth of artificial intelligence and related technology.

Artificial intelligence requires vast computing resources, undertaking deeply complex calculations on behalf of people around the world. AI systems tend to be run in the cloud rather than on individual people's computers, meaning that companies running them must operate vast server farms to deal with the queries of their users.

Those server farms in turn need to pump in water to cool themselves down, because of the heat generated by those computers. That has long been a concern for environmentalists, but the sharp growth in artificial intelligence has led to even more use.



Members of Libyan Red Crescent Ajdabiya work in an area affected by flooding, in Derna, Libya, in this social media image released on Tuesday. The floods have left more than 5,000 people dead. Story on page 7.

PHOTO: REUTERS

6 Bangladeshis feared dead in Libya floods

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least six Bangladeshis are feared dead in Libya's Derna after storm Daniel and subsequent flooding hit the North African country's eastern part recently, said the Bangladesh embassy in Tripoli.

Rasel Miah, first secretary (labour wing) at the Bangladesh mission, said they learned about the deaths of six from other Bangladeshis over the phone.

An unspecified number of Bangladeshis are still missing, he said, quoting the expatriates.

Around 100 Bangladeshis were believed to be residing in Derna when the disaster struck, he said.

"The city is over a thousand kilometre away from Tripoli and power cuts have made communication difficult," the official said in a WhatsApp call.

He said they could not ascertain how the Bangladeshis died and the embassy did not receive the dead bodies.

Meanwhile, the mission in a Facebook post yesterday said four of the deceased have primarily been

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