Don't burden climate victims with debt

Coastal women, fishers seek grants, not loans, as COP31 nears end

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Coastal women and fishers in Mongla yesterday demanded grants instead of loans for climate financing, safe drinking water and a just transition to protect their livelihoods, food security and agriculture.

Carrying empty water pots, fishing nets and placards, they formed a human chain and held a rally on the bank of the Pashur river at Dakshin Kainmari in the morning, ahead of the conclusion of the COP31 climate summit in Antalya on November 20.

Mongla Nagorik Samaj, Khaddo Nirapotta Network (KHANI) and three other organisations organised the programme.

Speakers said the climate talks had yet to produce concrete financial commitments for vulnerable farmers and coastal communities, who were struggling with rising salinity, drinking water shortages and threats to fisheries.

Presiding over the rally, Mongla Nagorik Samaj President Mohammad Noor Alam Sheikh said salinity had become one of the biggest challenges for coastal residents.



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Demanding unconditional climate financing, safe drinking water and protection of their livelihoods amid worsening climate impacts, coastal women and fishers form a human chain on the bank of the Pashur river in Dakshin Kainmari, Mongla, yesterday.

"Water is everywhere around us, yet we do not have enough safe drinking water," he said.

He said Bangladesh contributed less than 0.5 percent of global emissions, but its farmers, fishers and rural communities were among the worst affected by climate change.

He urged COP31 negotiators to increase adaptation financing, ensure adequate funds for agriculture and food systems, and provide grants rather than loans to small-scale farmers.

SM Jane Alam Babu, president of Udayan Jubo Sangha, said natural disasters caused losses of Tk 1,79,199 crore between 2015 and 2020, nearly 10 times those in the preceding six years.

He said agriculture remained dependent on imported fossil fuels and urea, while much of the climate finance available to developing countries came as loans.

He called for a just transition to renewable energy in agriculture and recognition of the rights of coastal women, fishers, farmers and agricultural workers in relevant policies.

Climate activist Ratna Sheikh said increasing salinity and unsafe drinking water were causing waterborne and skin diseases, particularly among women and children. Women were also suffering reproductive health complications, she added.

She demanded representation of coastal women, fishers and farmers in drafting the National Adaptation Plan, Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and international climate negotiations.

"Climate finance must not become another burden of debt for communities that have contributed little to the climate crisis," she said.

JCD, Chhatra Shakti men beat up 5 JnU officials

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before handing them over to the university authorities.

The officials are Himadri Shekhar Mondal, deputy director of the Controller of Examinations Office; Sanjay Kumar Pal, deputy director of the Finance and Accounts Office; Junaead Hossain, assistant registrar of the Department of Film and Television; Nurul Huda, section officer (Grade-II) at the Registrar's Office; and Saidur Rahman Roni, deputy registrar.

Later in the day, the university authorities suspended the five officials over allegations of AL links.

Sanjay Kumar Pal denied the allegations.

"My mobile phone is with the proctor. He can examine it to verify whether I have had any communication with that person [Finance Secretary Rezwan Ahmed of JnU's BCL unit] or any involvement in subversive activities. We have done nothing wrong, and we have been unfairly implicated," he told The Daily Star.

Rezwan was arrested following a crude bomb blast near the campus on November 9. JCD men caught him and handed him over to police.

JnU Vice-Chancellor Md Rais Uddin said, "Preliminary findings have revealed links between the officials and the Awami League. Therefore, we have suspended them. A probe committee has also been formed, and necessary action will be taken based on its findings."

Asked about the incident, Prof Selim said a portrait of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was found in the department corridor. "They [JCD and Chhatra Shakti men] broke it and came to me, demanding an explanation about who had put it there. They questioned me about the matter. It was humiliating for me as a teacher."

Mehedi Hasan Himel, convener of Chhatra Dal's JnU unit, said they worked with all active student organisations to maintain a conducive academic environment on campus and took a stand against mob violence. However, leaders and activists of the banned organisation are attempting to destabilise the campus.

"We have got specific information against some university officials who held positions in the Awami League and Chhatra League."

A WhatsApp group involving several university officials was found on the phone of BCL leader Rezwan. There are allegations that the officials financed acts of violence, said Himel.

Shahin Mia, president of Chhatra Shakti's JnU unit, said there would be no compromise with officials involved with AL, adding that those identified had been handed over to the university administration.

In another incident, a group of National University officials confined its VC Prof ASM Amanullah to his office in Gazipur for nearly 10 hours, alleging that the university authorities had failed to restore their seniority, ensure promotions, and pay outstanding salaries and benefits to 988 employees reinstated following a court order.

Prof Amanullah said, "My administration will do nothing against the interests of National University. We have done whatever was required in accordance with the court verdict. The government can decide on the remaining issues, and we will implement its decision."

A report doesn't mean anything

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necessary logistical arrangements, the report said.

The second condition was that Bangladesh would have to guarantee Hasina the opportunity to appeal against her death sentence and ensure a fresh trial over the charges related to the July uprising.

On Hasina's extradition, Shama said Bangladesh had repeatedly sought the return of individuals under its extradition treaty with India.

"We do have an extradition treaty with India. Under that agreement, we have sent letters to them multiple times, and our position remains the same. Beyond that, I do not have any new information," she said.

She said law and home ministries are examining the legal aspects of the matter.

Shama also said Bangladeshi citizenship does not automatically entitle someone to a passport, particularly if they have been convicted of serious crimes or faced charges of crimes against humanity.

"If you are a convicted felon, if you have cases against you for crimes against humanity... how she [Hasina] will return is something the Ministry of Law is looking into," she said.

Under the extradition treaty, Hasina, like any other accused person, would have to return to Bangladesh and serve her sentence, she added.

On the impact of the Hasina issue on Bangladesh-India relations, Shama said bilateral ties are much broader. "Bangladesh-India relations started before the Liberation War. This relationship is not limited to this issue. We have issues, and we will resolve them through diplomacy," she said.

On the Bangladesh-India Consular Dialogue, originally scheduled for November 17-18, Shama said it had not been cancelled but deferred to a mutually convenient date.

She described reports of its cancellation as misinformation, saying both sides had agreed to hold the talks later when representatives from both sides were available.

National health hotline to be back in service within days

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"We are ready. Once we receive formal communication, we will revive the service," he told The Daily Star last night.

Launched in 2015, Shastho Batayan has handled tens of thousands of calls, providing healthcare services, particularly to people in remote and underserved areas, free of cost.

The service catered to 11.23 lakh people in the six months from May 2 to October 31, according to an official document. Before the suspension, it received an average of around 5,000 calls a day.

Shastho Batayan was launched under the e-health operational plan of the DGHS Management Information System. The free service offers doctor consultations, health information and ambulance-related information. Doctors listen to patients' complaints and send prescriptions directly to their phones.

However, a funding crisis emerged after the sector programme under which the initiative was financed expired in June 2024. By April this year, the company had 22 months of unpaid bills, forcing it to halve its workforce.

The ministry later extended its contract until October 31. As the deadline approached, the company requested a further extension. However, on November 10, the company was informed that the government would not renew the contract.

Shastho Batayan halted the service at 9:00pm on November 12.

Contacted, Health Secretary Bazlur Rashid said the decision was never to shut down Shastho Batayan, but the ministry had been struggling to arrange funds to pay the service provider more than Tk 16 crore in outstanding bills.

"Earlier, funds for the service were allocated through an operational plan [sector programme]. But we have now shifted to a project-based system, and there was no allocation for it in our existing budget. We were also in discussions with the finance ministry on how to arrange the money," he said.

The service provider's contract expired in the meantime, he added.

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মাওলানা ভাসানী বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়
ফোনঃ ০৯২১-৬২৪০৫ , টেলি ফ্যাক্সঃ ০৯২১-৫৫৪০০

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