

Bangladesh to face severe food crisis after 50 years: Expert

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Eminent water expert and BRAC University Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Ainun Nishat on Saturday expressed the apprehension that Bangladesh will face severe food crisis after 50 years, if the present trend of global climate change continues.

"Climate is gradually becoming imbalanced because of global industrialization. Global temperature and the sea level are rising abnormally. River erosion is aggravating," he said.

He was delivering 'Martyred Intellectuals Commemorative Lecture- 2011' at RC Majumder Arts Auditorium at Dhaka University (DU).

DU History Department organized the lecture titled 'Climate Change Challenges: Road to Doha and Beyond.'

Dr Nishat said Bangladesh and other countries of the world are already experiencing excessive rainfalls, droughts, cyclones and other natural calamities.

"If this situation continues, there will be severe food crisis in Bangladesh and other countries after 50 years," he added.

He urged the governments of Third World countries, including Bangladesh, to compel the industrialized nations to preserve global climate.

Presided over by DU History Department Chairperson Prof Shirin Hassan Osmany, the function was addressed by DU Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique as the chief guest and Arts Faculty Dean Prof Dr Sadrul Amin as special guest. History Department Associate Professor Dr Iftekhar Iqbal conducted the programme.

Family members of three martyred intellectuals of History Department – Prof Santosh Chandra Bhattacharya, Prof Abul Khayer and Prof Giasuddin Ahmed – were present at the function.

Prof Arefin Siddique paid rich tributes to the memories of the martyred intellectuals and said those sacrificed lives for the country would be remembered forever. He urged all to work from their respective positions to build a beautiful world for the future generation.

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