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Subject: BAPA received the National Environment Award 2010 from the Prime Minister of Bangladesh !

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Press Release

Prof. Muzaffer Ahmad, the President of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (BAPA) has received the Jatyo Poribesh Padak 2010 (National Environment Award) from the honorable Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sk. Hasina today on 12th October 2010 in the category of Education and Awareness. The award giving ceremony was held at the Prime Minister's Secretariat at the KOROBİ Conference Hall from 11-45 a.m. to 01-15 noon for "Distributing the Jatyo Poribesh Padak 2010 and inauguration of the national campaign for voting for electing the Sunderbans as one of the seven natural wonders of the world". Being presided over by the honorable State Minister for Environment and Forests, the session was graced by the honorable PM as the Chief Guest. Secretary for the Ministry of Environment and Forests Dr. Mihir Kanti Majumder, Chief Conservator of Forests Mr. Ishtiaq Ahmed and Mr. Monowar Islam, Director General of the Department of Environment addressed the gathering. The house full session with the presence of the honorable Deputy Speaker of the Parliament, ministers, MPs, political leaders, diplomats including the honorable high commissioner of India, scientists, civil society activists and leaders, academics, researchers, administrators, university teachers, literary persons, intellectuals, media members attended the program. Led by Prof. Muzaffer Ahmad, the BAPA team comprised former BAPA President Prof. Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Vice Presidents- ASM Shahjahan, Prof. Abdullah Abu Sayeed, Prof. Nazrul Islam (UGC), Prof. Khandaker Bazlul Hoque, General Secretary Dr. Mohd. Abdul Matin and Joint Secretary Architect Iqbal Habib.



Prof Muzaffer Ahmad receives the National Environment Award 2010 from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday. Three organisations also have been given the award for their contribution to environment and nature. (Story on Page 16)

Other recipients for this years' Poribesh Padak included: (1).Chittagong City Corporation (Conservation), (2). Ecotex Limited of Gazipur (Pollution Control) and (3). Mohammad Humayun Kabir of New Dhaka Industries Limited (Research and Invention). Each of the padaks includes a gold medal, thirty thousand taka cheque and a Certificate.

Congratulations to all the members, supporters and sympathizers of BAPA and other social activists working with BAPA all over the country and abroad on this day of significant recognition of the civil society struggles and having been awarded by the government. BAPA expresses its cordial thanks and gratitude towards the government for offering this award. BAPA understands clearly the magnitude of responsibility bestowed upon on it from now onwards and wishes to assure all that it will continue its efforts dedicated to the protection and development of the environment with more vigilance in the coming days.

Please see the attached file having the photograph of the occasion of receiving the award.

Thanking you.

Regards.

Dr. Mohd. Abdul Matin

General Secretary, BAPA

(BAPA is a non-government, non-partisan, non-funded, non-profit, voluntary, membership based, civil society initiative established a decade ago and dedicated to the protection and development of the environment in Bangladesh and elsewhere in the world strictly sticking to its basic principles of absolute self reliance, democracy, scientific, transparency, necessity driven, people oriented, participatory, expert-activist as well as resident-non-resident partnerships. For details please visit www.bapa.org.bd).

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