

The relentless burning of oil, coal and other fossil fuels and the cutting down of forests under the system of capitalism-imperialism is responsible for global climate change—which threatens the future of humanity and ecosystems worldwide. One effect: rising sea levels threatening people living in coastal areas, especially in the poorest countries. Already, more severe storms, droughts, and other effects of climate change are making life even harder for people in places like Bangladesh. If the current trajectory continues, everyone on the planet will be affected—but the most devastating impacts will hit the majority of humanity living in the poor countries of Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

- By 2050, rising sea levels will flood 17 percent of the land in Bangladesh and force 18 million people to move from where they live.*
- More than 600 million people live on coastal areas less than 10 meters (about 33 feet) above sea level—and therefore under severe threat from rising sea levels.**

* "Borrowed Time on Disappearing Land," *New York Times*, 3/28/14

** www.globalgreen.org



Bangladesh,
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The world is a horror. It doesn't have to be this way. It is not a matter of human nature, but owing to the workings of the capitalist-imperialist system. Because of the work Bob Avakian has done, there is a viable and much better alternative and the strategy to achieve a whole new world.

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