

Enhance use of energy mix to boost power sector: experts

FROM PAGE B1 The government is focusing on renewable energy by reducing dependence on coal, gas and oil for power generation, said Mohammad Alauddin, chairman of the Sustainable and Renewable Energy Development Authority. Considering the various challenges in Bangladesh, it is not possible to rely on renewable energy right now, he said. "However, the government is working hard on the use of solar energy by installing solar panels on roofs. Plans are also underway to import hydropower. We think that the wind power can be an alternative source and we are conducting more research on these matters."

just Tk 5.91. The government is also planning on finding ways on how to reduce prices in these sectors and several attempts are also being made to overcome the excess cost that the government is spending on capacity charges, he said. Mohammad Hossain, director general of Power Cell under Power Division, said the government has put emphasis on exchanging energy instead of just importing energy on the basis of regional cooperation with India and Nepal. He also said the government was taking due measures in addressing rising cost, inefficiency and higher financial burden on the power sector. While moderating the session, CPD Distinguished Fellow Mustafizur Rahman said the power and energy sector has now moved into a second generation of problems, from concerns regarding electricity generation to that on pricing and suitable energy mix.

A visionary who blazed trails for many

FROM PAGE B1 The industrial conglomerate is involved in a number of manufacturing and service-oriented sectors such as food and beverages, steel, furniture, real estate, textile, agribusiness, plastics and jute. More than 75,000 people are directly and indirectly employed by Partex Group, which comprises about 50 enterprises. Hashem, also a former member of parliament from his hometown of Noakhali, died of a coronavirus infection on Thursday at the Evercare Hospital in Dhaka. He was 77. Following his demise, condolences started pouring in from both home and abroad. Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader, Industries Minister Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun and Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi were among the noted politicians who expressed grief at the sudden demise of the industrialist. "I got to know him during our time together at Amin

Market in Chattogram," said Abdul Hai Sarker, chairman of Dhaka Bank. The relationship grew deeper after shifting to Dhaka in 1978, he said. "He had a wonderful personality and was creative like a craftsman when it came to entrepreneurship. We have lost one of our very good friends," said Sarker, also the chairman of Purbani Group and former president of the Bangladesh Textile Mills Association. Hashem was a reflection of some of the country's greatest entrepreneurial exploits as he went from the humble beginnings to the head of a vast industrial empire by serving the people with quality goods. He was also one of the country's best examples of a self-made businessman. Following his success in the general commodity business, Hashem turned his attention to particle boards, which are still a unique item in the country today.

"Although our family business was divided among five brothers with separate entities, we implemented various projects in accordance with our father's vision," Showkat Aziz Russell, a son of the eminent business personality, told The Daily Star yesterday. "My father's final dream project was to launch the country's largest private-sector petroleum refinery mill in Chattogram, but unfortunately, he met an untimely demise," he added. The five groups owned by the brothers are Amber Group, Partex Star, Partex Group, Danish Group and Partex Papers. The petroleum refinery Chattogram is expected to go into production soon as all related construction works were recently completed. Once operational, the refinery will produce about 10,000 gallons of petroleum products each day, Russell said. Hashem was also a pioneer

and leading businessman in other growing sectors, according to BTMA President Mohammad Ali Khokon. For instance, he was the pioneer in the condensed milk, particle boards, private banks, universities, and sugar mills segments, he said. "Our business relationship turned into a family relationship over time. I was involved in many of his family affairs, and he was in mine. We lost not only a good friend, but also a very brilliant entrepreneur and guardian," Khokon added. Hashem founded City Bank, United Commercial Bank Ltd and Janata insurance Ltd. The philanthropist established a school and a hospital under his name in Noakhali, both of which are non-profit organisations. He founded the MA Hashem University College in Noakhali and was a member of the board of trustees of North South University, the first private university in Bangladesh.

Govt to buy 150,000 tonnes of rice from India

From page B1 This development comes as the government is moving fast to replenish the country's depleting public food stocks and tame the soaring price of rice in local markets. Food grain stocks at public warehouses slumped 46 per cent to 7.46 lakh tonnes as of December 23, down from 13.86 lakh tonnes on the same day a year ago, according to the food ministry. The retail price of coarse rice rose by 13 per cent to Tk 46-50 per kilogramme as of yesterday compared to its value from a month ago, data from the Trading Corporation of Bangladesh shows. Until December 23, the Directorate of Food could procure just 306 tonnes of paddy and 13,567 tonnes of rice from local farmers and millers after beginning procurement from the current Aman paddy harvest. The amount of paddy and rice purchased was no less than 1 per cent of the targets of 200,000 tonnes of paddy and 500,000 tonnes of rice for the season, data from the food ministry shows.

Factory activity on slow recovery path

FROM PAGE B1 Fertiliser production more than doubled to 84,470 tonnes in August compared to a month ago, pointing to the ongoing economic revival. It rose a staggering 14 times from August last year, BBS data showed. Cement production rose 2.44 per cent year-on-year but declined 27.15 per cent compared to July. The manufacturing of petroleum products jumped 150.80 per cent in August from July and 11.31 per cent year-on-year thanks to the easing of the lockdown that accelerated movement of people and vehicles. In August, electricity generation recovered its lost ground both compared to the level of July this year and August last year. The manufacturing of pharmaceuticals

rose 1.16 per cent in August compared to July and 9.9 per cent in comparison to the corresponding month in 2019. Mild-steel production slumped 7.07 per cent in August compared to a month ago and 18.62 per cent year-on-year. Jute textile's production went down 22.49 per cent year-on-year. Tea production advanced 50 per cent in August from a month ago but was 16.17 per cent lower than the level seen in August last year. Edible oil production was down 32.1 per cent in August compared to July and 3.86 per cent, year-on-year. The manufacturing of soap and detergent dropped 44.32 per cent from July's level and 13.93 per cent from August last year. "The recovery in manufacturing appears to have slowed in August,

except in fertiliser and cotton textiles. This is due to weak external and domestic demand," said Zahid Hussain, a former lead economist of the World Bank's Dhaka office. "The recovery in Bangladesh's main export markets has stumbled, and domestic consumer confidence does not appear to have returned to the pre-pandemic level." According to the economist, it is probably not realistic to expect a sustained industrial recovery until the transmission of the virus is brought down to a manageable level. "The government needs to make sure that the stimulus packages reach the intended targets such that existing employment is sustained and efficient firms survive the pandemic-induced crisis."

Villagers to benefit if MFS providers can give microcredit: minister

STAR BUSINESS REPORT The unbanked population, especially villagers, would be highly benefited if the mobile financial service (MFS) providers get the right to provide microcredits, Telecom Minister Mustafa Jabbar said yesterday. The marginalised people will be able to start small businesses if they get small capital, he said. "MFSs in Bangladesh are ready to provide that capital." This new window will help in providing banking services to the unbanked population, giving a boost to the economy, he said. The minister made the comments through a digital platform at a workshop on "Current scenarios of digital financial service and technological innovation" organised by the Telecom Reporters' Network Bangladesh (TRNB) at La Vinci hotel in Dhaka. Nagad, the digital financial service of Bangladesh Postal Department, has recently crossed a major milestone as its daily transaction went past Tk 200 crore, said Tanvir A Mishuk, managing director of Nagad.

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বাংলাদেশ ক্রীড়া শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানের (বিকেএসপি) এবং আঞ্চলিক প্রশিক্ষণ কেন্দ্রসমূহের রাজস্ব বাজেটভুক্ত নিম্নে বর্ণিত শূন্য পদসমূহে লোক নিয়োগের নিমিত্তে প্রয়োজনীয় যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন বাংলাদেশের প্রকৃত নাগরিকগণের নিকট থেকে নির্ধারিত ফরমে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

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৭। ক্রমিক নং ১-৯ পর্যন্ত বর্ণিত পদের অনুকূলে আবেদনকারীকে ২০০/- (দুইশত) টাকার পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট এবং ক্রমিক নং ১০-১৯ পর্যন্ত পদের অনুকূলে আবেদনকারীকে ১০০/- (একশত) টাকার পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট, উত্তরা ব্যাংক লিঃ-এর যে কোন শাখা হইতে মহাপরিচালক, বিকেএসপি-এর অনুকূলে দরখাস্তের সাথে জমা দিতে হবে। অন্যথায় আবেদনপত্র বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।
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