PDB to restore 11 power plants by Sept

By Sohel Manzur

The government has decided to restore eleven power generation plants by September this year on emergency basis to overcome the power crisis of the country, according to a source at the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources.

With the reoperation of the plants the Power Development Board (PDB) would be able to supply 413 megawatt additional electricity to its consumers, the source said. adding that special allocation was being made to implement the decision.

Of the total eleven plants. the rejuvenation process of the Syedpur gas turbine, Barisal gas turbine (unit No 1). Haripur gas turbine (unit No 1) and Chittagong barge (unit No has already begun in May.

A total of 95 megawatt of electricity will be produced after resuming the operations of the four power generation

The production of power in the Karnafuli Hydro-Electric Plant had been reduced to 50 megawatt from April due to fall in water level in the Kaptai Lake. Additional megawatt is expected to be produced from this month with the rise to water level of

Ashugani gas turbine (unit No 1) and Haripur gas turbine (unit No 2) plants were planned to be rejuvenated in July and August respectively

and an additional 80 megawatt electricity (50 from Ashugan) Plant and 30 from Haripur Plant) will be produced from the two power plants.

The four other plants, Bheramara Electric Plant (unit No 3). Khulna 110 megawatt unit, Chittagong 60 megawati unit and Shahjibazar Electricity Plant were planned to be rejuvenated in September.

The four plants will produce an additional megawatt of electricity after resumption of operation.

At present 1565 megawatt electricity was being produced against the total highest demand of 1850 megawatt. The actual production capacity of the power generation plants in the country is, however. 2398 megawatt which could not be achieved due to nonoperation of a number of plants

The Power Development Board estimated that the deof electricity in September will be increased to 1900 megawatt and the power generation capacity at the time will be increased to 1978 megawatt, according to

Some units will have to be kept inoperative during the time for emergency need, the sources said, adding that the loadshedding will, however, remain under 150 megawatt despite the inoperation.

hury are absconding. They

fined 5000 Taka each. In de-

fault, they are to be in jail an-

The case in brief is that Ab-

dus Salam and Aminul Islam

were shot dead and then be-

headed by the accused persons

in the afternoon of October 17,

1990, near the village

Baghihapa, while travelling by

Following the incident,

relatives of the deceased filed

a case with the Pangsha Police

Station. The police, after in-

vestigation, chargesheeted the

motor cycle from Pangsha.

18 persons.

The 11 convicts were also

were tried in abstentia.

other for six months.

Pangsha double-murder

11 get life terms

From Our Correspondent

RAJBARI, June 10: Eleven persons were sentenced to serve jail-terms for life in a sensational double-murder case by the District Sessions Judge here today.

Judge Fazlur Rahman in his verdict acquitted seven other accused, including a former UP Chairman.

Those who are to suffer life imprisonment for murdering Abdus Salam and Md Aminul Islam about two years ago are: M Kuddus, Nader, MA Barck, Moslem, M Anwar Hossain, Mazibur Rahman, Shamsher Ali, Jalal, Mannan, Razzak, Aslam Choudhury

Razzak and Aslam Choud-

Khaleda

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villages."

Presided over by city BNP

BNP is the first political party

to establish multi-party par-

liamentary democracy in the

country since it believes in di-

to carry forward part's objec-

tive of production-oriented

politics and elimination of vio-

lence. She said "you cannot at

tain development if you cannot

establish peace and discipline

called upon them to make

Mirpur a violence-free area in

the city. She said we have to

uproot violence from society.

which was initiated by the au-

Brig Anwar takes

over as DG

of BDR

Anwar Hossain BP, PSC has

taken over the charge of

Director General of Bangladesh

release, reports BSS.

sector.

Commissioned

Rifles Wednesday says a press

Pakistan Military Academy

with graduation degree in in-

in the liberation war of

Bangladesh with 3 East Begal

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Brigadier/ Mohammad

In this connection she

She urged the new entrants

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tocratic regime.

One to die for producing fake stamps

President Mir Shawkat Ali, MP, the function was ad dressed, among others, by From Our Correspondent LGRD and Cooperative NARAYANGANJ, June 10: Minister Abdus Salam The proprietor of a printing Talukdar, Planning Minister M. press in Narayanganj has been Zahiruddin Khan, BNP City convicted to death on General Secretary Salahuddin Wednesday for producing fake Ahmed, MP, DUCSU Vice official stamps worth Taka two President Amanullah Aman, crore in 1985. MP and student leader Fazlul Hug Milan.

Amanullah, proprietor of the Rana Printing Press at The Prime Minister said Kanchpur on Dhaka-Chittagong the objective of BNP was to Road was sentenced to death bring about overall developand a guard of the press Akram ment in the country particuwas awarded a seven-year larly in rural areas. "Our polihard labour term and fined Tk tics is to develop the 68,000 1,000, in default to suffer anvillages in the country," she other six months rigorous imsaid, adding "we want to bring prisonment in the same case smiles to the people living in in the Court of District Additional Sessions Judge and Begum Khaleda Zia said Special Tribunal.

> Judge Baharul Islam Khan passed the verdict in a crowded court in absence of the convicts who have remained absconding since October 1985 when the charge was framed against them.

A third accused Anwar Hossain present in the court, was acquitted as charges against him were not proved during the long hearing.

The case in brief in that the convicts were arrested with the afforesaid fake stamps from the printing press on October 24 midnight by Sonargaon Thana police.

The case was later investigated by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) which framed the charge against the convicts.

A total of 11 witnesses were produced before the court to prove the charge.

The Sessions Judge Court | that the AL should put the is granted one week for the con victs to appeal in the high

State defence lawyer advocate Mujib Khan pleaded for the absconding accused while prosecuting lawyer Afseruddin Ahmed and Humayun Kabir appeared for the state.

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Home bound passengers despite repeated warmings against over crowding huddling in whatever open spaces left on motor launches on the eve of Eid- ul-Azha at Sadarghat launch terminal yesterday. - Star photo

3 killed as buses collide in Khulna

KHULNA, June 10: Three people including a mother and her son were killed and five others injured in a bus accident at Choddamile in Fultali upazila, 25 kilometres from here today, reports UNB.

Witnesses and police said the Khulna bound microbus from Dhaka collided head on with a bus from Khulna killing three people on the spot at about 6 am.

The victims were identified as Khaleda Khanam (42), Mrs Salek (35) and her son Bijoy (12). Those admitted to hospital arc Abu Salek whose wife and son were killed, Momtaz, Milon. Nazim and driver of the microbus Omar Ali.

They were all passengers of the microbus (Dhaka Metro Cha 02-143).

The injured were rushed to the new hospital in Khulna. They were stated to be in a critical condition.

Police seized the bus (Ja 007A) of Shohag Paribahan but the driver managed to escape.

Magura

Another report from Magura adds: One person was killed and five others were injured when a loaded truck fell into a roadside ditch on the Magura- Jhenidah road Wednesday morning.

The victim, identified as Atiar Rahman (35), was killed on the spot.

Among the injured, Rustom Ali (28) and Alamgir (30) were admitted to Magura Hospital in critical condition.

The accident occurred when the Dhaka-bound truck carrying cattle- heads, lost control and fell into the road side ditch.

Mostafiz, Myanmar FM talk

refugee issue

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 10: Foreign Minister Mostafizur Rahman held a meeting with his Myanmar counterpart here Monday, reports BSS.

They discussed matters relating to the Myanmar refugee situation.

Both the Foreign Ministers are currently here leading delegations of their respective countries to the United Nations conference on environment and development.

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asking it to finalise the revised

manifesto incorporating few

more suggestions discussed in

ingly, met last Monday and al-

most finalised the draft of the

tec sources, the members at-

tending Monday's meeting

failed to decide whether or not

it would be wise to mention

the AL's loyalty to 'free-market

economy' based on capitalist

members were of the opinion

sue in the party manifesto

some what in a vague manner

such as 'people's welfare ori-

ented economy' for technical

The sub-committee meet-

ing however decided that this

particular issue would be fi-

nalised in consultation with

party chief Sheikh Hasina af-

ter her return from Saudi

Arabia. She is expected back

home on the 17 of this month.

keeping 'socialism,' one of the

party's previous four funda-

mental principles, intact,

added a brief interpretation

with the terminology saying

'vis-a-vis exploitation free soci-

The prelude in the pro-

posed manifesto observed that

the people of the country

wanted a revolutionary change

The proposed manifesto

reasons, sources added.

Most of the committee

The sub-committee accord

According to sub-commit

the meeting.

model.

revised manifesto.

Eid tomorrow

on June 13.

The government has already ordered release of a total of 202 detenus on the holy occasion after reviewing their cases. Of them 101 detenus have been detained under the Special Powers Act of 1974 and the rest are under trial prisoners for light offenses.

with their kins at home.

Heavy rush was observed terminals at Mohakhali, Gabtali and at Sycdabad, at the Ka-Rush would turther increase

Government offices including the Secretariat looked deserted as most of the employces left after signing the office attendance.

Makeshift cattle markets dotted Dhaka Tuesday while Eid shopping at the other shopping centres has reached

In a massage on the occa-

Saudi Arabia Awami League Chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina conveyed her greetings to the countrymen and wished continued peace and progress of the world humanity.

in the capital as elsewhere in the country.

The main Eid congregations in Dhaka will be held at the National Eidgah while four other congregations will be held at the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque beginning 6-16 in the morning.

Two congregations will take place at the Dhaka University

From Page 1 Col 5 offices will remain closed from Thursday to Saturday. However special arrangements have been made to despatch letters

Special food will be served in the hospitals, prisons and destitute centres to mark the

Meanwhile, home-bound people began leaving the capital to celebrate Eid-ul-Azha

Tuesday at the three main bus malapur Railway Station and at the Sadarghat launch terminal

sion Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia called upon all to involve themselves in building up the country with the same spirit of dedication that they would practise on Eid day for the satisfaction of Almighty Al-

In a separate message from

Eid congregation

Congregations will be held

central mosque. The first congregation will begin at 7 am while the other will be held at 8 am.

Besides, congregations will also be held at the Zahrul Huq Hall and Shahidullah Hall premises at 7 am.

Congregation at the Fazhul Hug Hall will be held at 8 am. Congregation at the Gopfbagh Jame Mosque will be held at 7 am and at 8 am.

Eid congregation at the BUET central mosque will take place at 7 am.

At Shishupalli Jame mosque, the congregation will be held at 7.45 in the morning, while congregation at the Dewanbagh Darbar Sharif at Arambagh will be held at 8.30

Besides, congregations will be held at Masjid-e-Baitush Sharif at Farmgate, Babu Bazar Mosque at Mitford, Lalmatia Shahi mosque, Masjid ul-Taqua of Dhanmandi, Jame mosque of Jute Research Insti tute, Manik Miah Avenue, Nurani Jame Masjid of Mirpur. Peelkhana BDR mosque, Mas iid -e-Gausaul Azam at Mahakhali, Rampura Masjid, Gul shan central masjid idgah at Gulshan, Banogram mosque and other mosques and idgahs of the capital.

DU authorities fear fierce battle anytime

By Staff Correspondent Dhaka University authorities yesterday said that they had no means to handle the growing incidents of violence on the A statement issued to press

on behalf of the university, appealed for not making Dhaka University 'a battle ground.'

Expressing concern over continued campus terrorism the statement said that violent activities which had increased alarmingly might turn into a bloody battle at any moment.

it urged all political organisations to shun violence in order to settle political problems in the university.

The DU statement also called upon the law enforcing agencies to take active role to mop up illegal weapons from

Awami League unsure tained that the party should in the socio-economic situation and a society 'free from

exploitation. The proposed manifesto, painting a gloomy picture of the country's present economy, said that the increase of the growth rate and flourishment of 'national capital' were the only solution to over com-

ing the present economic situ-

ation. The manifesto, in this respect, stressed on the need to operate the public sector under an efficient management system, flourishment of a strong private sector under the skilled industrial entrepreneurs and encouragement to local level initiatives

operatives. The proposed AL manifesto, however, categorically said that no attempt would be taken to nationalise any trading or industrial establishment.

for 'multi-purpose' village co-

On the question of establishing democracy in the country the manifesto felt the need to build up an administrative machinery accountable to the people'.

The local level autonomous bodies would be governed by the elected representatives of

the people, the manifesto maintained. On the question of the defence of the country, the manifesto felt the need to

strengthen the state's armed,

naval and air forces but main-

country.

remain alert so that they could not be used to usurp political Development was impossi-

ble unless the development process effectively covered the country's vast rural areas, the manifesto observed. In this regard, it felt a pressing need for a country-

wide land reformation and said that the ownership of the cultivable lands must be ensured to the real peasants. On the wage system of the workers, the manifesto main-

tained that a combined bargaining agent comprising representatives of all the concerned parties including the government, private owners and labourers should be introduces to fix the wages of both the private and public sector workers.

The manifesto, while delibincrease in power generation erating on women's rights said was only 70mw while the averthat women's equality should age annual demand rose by be ensured at the social, economic and family levels by 200mw. means of ensuring their right to inheritance of property

academic atmosphere in the educational institutions of the owed Taka 158 crore.

Factional clash JCD activist in

Jessore killed JESSORE, June 10: A student activist was killed and another injured at BNP office in Avoynagar tonight, police said, reports UNB.

The victim Faruk Hossain (22) was identified as General Secretary of upazila JCD unit Abdul Wadud (40) who received cut injuries is president of district BNP.

Witnesses said about 25 people attacked the BNP office with lethal weapons and killed Faruk. They also exploded about 30 crackers that created panic in the area. Police said they suspect at

leadership recently. Agrı farm labourers call off strike

tackers belonged to a faction of

BNP who were ousted from the

Agricultural farm labourers Wednesday called off their nonstop strike after a fruitful discussion with the government, reports UNB.

The decision was taken at a meeting between Bangladesh Agricultural Farm Workers Federation and the Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation (BADC) authorities.

Tinbigha

From Page 1 Col 7 tion Cong [I] in the assembly. SS Ray, responsible for scuttling the delegation's visit to Tinbigha. As a result, Basu said that he BJP and anti-Tinbigha accord forces would be en-

couraged. CPI (M) sources said that the Chief Minister also requested the Prime Minister to intervene in the matter.

. The Prime Minister was reported to have told Basu that he would talk to the Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Minister, Ajit Panja, in this regard.

Loadshedding

From Page 1 Col 7 provided with 120mw of power from the Dhaka region to make up for the shortfall. Besides fall in the water

level for Kaptai Lake, several factors in iding closure of some generating units needing repair, delay in commissioning of planned units due to shortage of funds and shortage in the supply of gas and fuel hindered the generation of adequate power to meet demand, the minister added.

He said that steps had already been taken to improve the power generation capacity by next year. The government had already undertaken the rehabilitation of three out of the seven units scheduled to be financed by the World Bank, which has blocked the funds because of a high rate of system loss in the power sector.

He added that the 210mw Chittagong thermal power station was expected to be commissioned by April next year and the 210mw fifth unit of the Ghorasal power station would start functioning from December 1993. Besides, the ECNEC has al-

ready approved a 90mw power station at Fenchuganj and two 100mw power stations at Siddhirganj and Mymensingh. Replying to a question, the minister said that since 1989

Dr Hossain also said that the overall system loss in the

payable to PDB and DESA stood at Taka 832 crore out of which government organisations

A joint meeting of Awami Azam's public trial and also League, Patriotic Democratic Front (PDF), Ganatantri l'arty and Gana Azadi League yester day supported the June 21 countrywide dawn to dusk har-

Held at the Minto Road official residence of the Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina, the meeting also called upon the countrymen to make the hartal a success.

Committee for Realisation of the Spirit of the Liberation War and Resistance to the Killers and Collaborators of 1971 has called the day-long hartal de manding execution of the 'Gana Adalat' verdict on Jamaat

Chief and Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdus Samad Azad, the meeting was also attended by Sheikh Andul Aziz, Abdul Mannan, Mohiuddin Ahmed MP. Salahuddin Yousuf, MP. Abdur Razzak, MP, Tofael Ahmed, MP, Mohammad Nasim, MP, Shudhangsu Shekhar Haldar MP, Dr Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, Prof Abu Sayced, Abdul Monem Sarkar and Mirza Sultan Raja of the Awami League, Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, Nurul Islam Nahid, Dilip Barua, and Panka Bhattacharya of PDF, Mohammad Afzal of Ganatantri Party and Advocate Nurul Islam

of Gana Azadi League. The meeting in a resolution demanded withdrawal of cases against 24 sponsors of Golam

US threatens

prepared for signing by more than 100 heads of state who

Jacques Attali, president of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, urged the UN plenary delegates to use today's defense funds to protect the environ-

"As the Cold War gives way to the Green War, resources must be release," he said. "An environmental industry and research on pollution (must) be developed and ... the military-industrial complex be replaced by an environmental complex."

Debate ends Thursday at

include a statement of moral principles on the environment; conventions on climate control, protecting plant and animal species and forestry; and a blueprint for cleaning up the Earth.

Ecosystem

the people of Bangladesh had faced natural calamities in the past and expressed the hope that they would be better equipped to tackle such calamities in future.

briefed Strong about the im-

Minister for Environment Abdullah Al Noman was also present on the occasion.

The Midnight File Ukrainian coal mine

blast toll rises to 55 KIEV (UKRAINE), June 10: The death toll from a methane explosion in a Ukrainian coal mine rose to 55 on Wednesday. Twenty-four miners remained in a hospital, nine in critical condition, said Viktor Shumyatsky, a member of the Donbass strike committee, the permanent organization representing many Ukrainian miners, reports AP.

Israeli planes strike Shi'ite strongholds in Lebanon

SIDON (Lebanon), June 10: Israeli warplanes attacked Shi'ite Muslim guerilla strongholds Wednesday after clashes in the security zone it occupies in south Lebanon. Police in the southern market town of Nabatiyeh said fighter-bombers rocketed the Loweizeh hills in Iklim al-Tuffah, or the Apple Province, in two sorties, reports AP.

Romanian parties agree on polls in Sept

BUCHAREST, June 10: President Ion Iliescu announced Wednesday that leaders of the main political parties have agreed that parliamentary and presidential elections should be held Sept. 27, reports AP.

Four parties support June 21 hartal

those filed against the pro-

Liberation political activists at

Khulna, Joypurhat, Sirajganj

and other parts of the country

by the 'government-aided' ter-

cussing the country's current

political situation accused the

BNP government of patronis-

ing the anti-Liberation forces

and repressing those demand-

ing Golam Azam's trial for war

March 26 found the controver-

sial Jamaat leader guilty of war

offences and pronounced that

alliance attended the joint

meeting as announced earlier.

However, another joint meet-

ing of the pro-liberation politi-

cal parties and combines in-

cluding the Five-party would

be convened after the Eid-ul-

Azha to discuss the hartal is-

Hasina

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festivity but also glorified with

The "Kurbani" is an expres-

sion of happiness as well as

loyalty to Almighty Allah

through sacrifice whose exam-

ple was set up by Hazrat

Ibrahim (A) and Hazrat Ismail

peace, amity and tolerance,

llasina said. "It also teaches

mankind to work for greater

said Bangabandhu Sheikh Mu-

tibur Rahman had taken steps

to establish an exploitation-

free society to ensure people's

dance with islam's message of

But assassination of Sheikh

Mujib deepened the economic

crisis, she said, widening the

gap between the rich and the

poor resulting in deprivation

and subjugation of the common

newed pledge to establish an

exploitation-free society re-

placing the existing social

order which deny the poor of

No reason to fear

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Giving figures to show that

Hasina called for taking re-

fundamental rights in accor-

justice and equality.

Eid festivity.

The Awami League chief

wellbeing of the creation."

Islam is the religion of

suc, meeting sources said.

supreme sacrifice.

No leader of the Five-Party

he was punishable by death.

A public court in the city on

The meeting while dis-

By Staff Correspondent

The National Coordination

chief Golam Azam. Chaired by the AL Acting

From Page 1 Col 4 The documents are being

will gather in Rio by Friday.

the summit, officially called the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. Then more than 100world leaders are to meet for the signing of the final documents. Documents being prepared

From Page 1 Col 3 Noman, who are leading Bangladesh delegation to the Earth Summit. Strong appreciated the for-

titude and courage with which

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman earlier pact of natural disaster like flood, cyclone etc on the natural economy and gave a resume of present government's short term and long term plans to combat the natural disasters and other measures already adopted to protect and main-

He said negotiations are nearing completion to refloat BCCI by early August when all small depositors will get return their money. Even the big depositors will get back their money, if not immediately, but

will operate profitably.

omnibus authority" to order removal of a director for his irregularities. Earlier, one could move to the court against such action and obtain a stay order.

there had been to adverse impact on the banking operation following disciplinary measures, the spokesman said total deposits in all scheduled banks stood at Tk 24,549 crore on January 30, 1992. The deposits came down to Tk 24,517 crore on February 6, rose to Tk 25,285 erore and

again came down to Tk 25,228

crore on may 7, Tk 25,182 on

May 28 and Tk 25,116 on

June 4. Time deposits, the spokesman added, rose by 10.6 per cent from Tk 17,800 crore on June 30, 1991 to Tk 19,693 crore on May 14, 1992. All these figures amply

demonstrate that there had been no adverse impact on our banking system as apprehended by certain quarters, the spokesman emphasised. He however, did not show separate figures of the private

banks and those of nationalised commercial banks. While taking no liability for deposits in illegal banking of BCI, the spokesman held out assurance that depositors of

in due course when the bank

BCCI will get back their power sector decreased equally with men on the one tain a balanced environment. money slightly from 42 per cent durhand and guaranteeing equal Another report says, ing the formation of DESA last wages to them for the same Mostafizur Rahman signed the year to 20 per cent. labour as men on the other. frame work convention on He told a questioner that The proposed manifesto climate change on behalf of the upto April this year the total also felt the need to rooting government of Bangladesh outstanding electric bills out campus terrorism with a here yesterday. view to ensuring congenial