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Power crisis won't ease

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Khan said the available generation was 1458 MW during the peak hours yesterday, showing a total loadshedding of 495 MW across the country. The capital city experienced a loadshedding of 143 MW.

The Raozan power plant, which was closed for a long time due to gas crisis in the Bakhrabad gas field, went into operation with gas diverted to it from the Karnaphuli Paper Mills (KPM).

The plant was expected to augment its generation to 88-100 MW last night and use its full capacity after getting gas through the Ashuganj-Bakhrabad pipeline.

The electricity from the Raozan plant and Ashuganj fifth unit will increase the total generation up to some 1778 MW after May 10, said energy minister.

Moreover, he said, a 150MW

capacity power plant at the Ghorashal Power Station will also be generating electricity within a week.

But the minister reminded that the country will continue to experience loadshedding as about 200 MW generation capacity has to be kept under maintenance by rotation. The highest generation of the country was 1735 MW.

The only solution is to augment generation by installing new power plants," he said, adding that the government is taking necessary steps to set up new plants.

He said the negotiations for three barge-mounted power plants are in the final stage and the contracts between the Power Development Board and the interested private companies are likely to be signed by this month.

Heroin recovered: One arrested

By Staff Correspondent

The Detective Branch (DB) of police recovered one kilogram of heroin and arrested one Amal Chandra Sarker from a hotel room at Naya Palatan in the city Monday evening, police said last night.

The police were investigating the alleged involvement of an international ring of smugglers in the incident.

US envoy

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allow the private sector investment in power generation by the foreign investors.

The outgoing ambassador told the audience that in his capacity as a former American diplomat and working with a private US company having its branch office in Kuala Lumpur in near future, he would try to be closer to the people of Bangladesh who, he said, touched him in course of his tenure here during the last three years.

Bangabandhu

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was already in the schedule. The defence side, however, disagreed.

The Judge said, "The business of the court will be decided as per the orders of the High Court," and ordered stay of the proceedings of the trial till 10:30 am on June 10.

Some petitions were made on behalf of the accused to allow them to meet their relatives present inside the court room. The petitions were, however, withdrawn when the prosecution side drew the attention of the court to the stay order passed on the proceedings of the case.

The Judge suggested that none should agitate on "petty issues". The defence side also brought to the notice of the Judge that relatives of the accused were "harassed" by law enforcing agency personnel.

The Judge immediately passed instructions asking the concerned officials so that such complaint is not raised in the future.

The trial of the Bangabandhu murder case began in the court of District and Session Judge, Dhaka on April 8.

City water

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water. Five chlorine sets — used for injecting disinfectant into the pipelines — in the six pump houses were found to be out of order. Water from Banani Tubewell-5 contained 0.5 milligrams of chlorine per litre of water. DOE officials said this was a clear indication that the disinfectant was not administered properly.

The DOE report, considering the poor chlorination practices and the results of the tests, observed that the quality of water was far from satisfactory.

It recommended that the personnel entrusted with administering chlorine in the pump stations should be trained to do the job properly.

Hasina asks partymen

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Reiterating her party's pledge to remove illiteracy within 10 years, Hasina said, the current trend of student politics should be changed and students and youths should be employed in nation building tasks.

She said inflow of foreign investment has increased due to her government's industrial policy. In this regard, she said a decision has been taken to give priority to workers in cases of denationalisation industries.

The Prime Minister expressed her government's determination to build a rural-based firm economic footing so that people from villages need not come to cities.

She said that her government inherited a ruined economy with a food deficit of 45 lakh metric tons, a deficit budget and other problems with corruption, terrorism and fertilizer and power crisis.

She regretted that though Jatya Party, Islamic Oikya Jote and JSD (Rob) responded to her call for a 'consensus government', the main opposition BNP did not respond.

Gujral's foreign policy advisor resigns

NEW DELHI, May 6: A foreign policy advisor to Prime Minister Inder Kumar Gujral resigned today one day after his appointment following a stormy protest in Parliament over his anti-nuclear views, reports AP.

Bhabani Sengupta, an academic and longtime member of prestigious think tanks, also was known for his conciliatory views toward India's hostile neighbour Pakistan and his friendliness toward the United States.

Gujral is to make a statement tomorrow about the appointment and speedy departure of the 75-year-old researcher on international relations, who is a longtime friend.

Ershad

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tured 23 polling stations forcibly, the JP chairman said.

The deposed President urged the people to vote in favour of his party in the next general election so that he can be the next prime minister of the country.

Sheikh Hasina said her government's 'economic diplomacy' has helped improving the image of the country abroad. Some achievements has been made in bringing back discipline in the banking sector and improving the macro-economy.

Turning to the power sector Prime Minister said that disruptions there were due to previous BNP government's failure in generating more power and alleged that Tk six to seven thousand crore, which was earmarked for power sector, was misappropriated during their rule.

Sheikh Hasina said that work on drafting a bill for separation of the judiciary from the executives was in progress and the bill would be tabled in the Jatya Sangsad soon.

She said that the Armed Forces as well as police and BDR would be strengthened and they would be given to more facilities, Prime Minister said, "No longer we will let our defence force to be used as tools for gaining personal or party interests."

HSC exams

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have been enrolled with the Dhaka Board, followed by 1,91,460 with Rajshahi Board, 1,36,472 with Jessore Board, 1,10,375 with Comilla Board and 53,795 registered with Chittagong Board.

Students of Dhaka Board will sit for the exams in 264 centres, which also include the five centres for the overseas students, while for the Rajshahi Board 250 centres will be opened, the Jessore Board will open 198 centres, Comilla Board 152 and Chittagong Board 80 centres.

This year, for the second time, the HSC examination is going to be held with common sets of question papers under the education Boards of Dhaka, Comilla, Rajshahi, Jessore and Chittagong.

Examinees living abroad will sit for the examination under Dhaka Board in five centres in Jeddah, Riyadh, Tripoli, Doha and Abu Dhabi.

Meanwhile, the government yesterday decided that at least five teachers of a college in addition to their responsibilities at their own college centres must work as invigilators at a centre nearby.

This directive would not be applicable to those colleges, where mutual inter-changes have been made already, according to a handout last night.



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Senior officer of City Bank held in Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, May 6: A senior officer of the Bandar Bazar branch of City Bank Md Nuruzaman has been arrested for his alleged involvement in the defalcation of Tk two crore and fifty two lakh. He has been sent to jail here.

Vice-president and manager of the same branch Mainuddin Ahmed and five others have been absconding, said an official.

The bureau of anti-corruption is investigating the case. Thirteen officials and employees of the bank were suspended last December on a charge of defalcating the money. The City Bank authority then asked the bureau of anti-corruption to investigate and start a case.

Hartal in Ctg

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armed police were deployed at all trouble-prone railway stations in Chittagong Division.

Officials said mills and factories at Chittagong Export Processing Zone operated as usual.

BNP supporters also brought out processions and held rallies at different parts of Chittagong Division during the hartal hours.

In a post-hartal statement released in Dhaka, BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan thanked the people of all strata and expressed gratitude to them for observing hartal in Chittagong division.

The BNP leader demanded immediate arrest of an exemplary punishment to the killers of Fushar, Nasir, Mozammel and other leaders and workers of BNP and called for "unconditional release of the party leaders and workers as well as withdrawal of false cases filed against them."

AL national council

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people who were also provided with makeshift electric fans. The entire venue for the council was covered by carpet.

The areas surrounding the well-protected council venue wore a festive look with party representatives and their supporters from the city and far-flung areas of the country were found talking in small groups, mainly on the probable change in the post of general secretary and other key posts in the party central committee. They were also heard exchanging views on the performance of the 10-month-old AL government over light refreshment.

On the left side at the entrance, very attractive water-colour paintings on historic events during the country's War of Liberation were placed while national and party flags were flown on the right. The main gate carried a huge portrait of Bangabandhu.

Before Hasina delivered her 22-page printed opening speech, chairman of the reception sub-committee Amir Hossain Amu delivered the address of welcome.

Later, AL joint secretary Abdul Jalil moved an obituary reference on Bangabandhu and others murdered in the 1975 military coup, four national leaders killed in the Dhaka central jail the same year, party members and others martyred in the anti-autocracy agitation and eminent personalities at home and abroad who died in the recent years. One-minute silence was observed and *munaajat* offered for them.

With a break after the party chief's speech, General Secretary Zillur Rahman presented his report. The opening session was concluded with a cultural programme. The second session, a close-door one, is scheduled to begin at 9 am today at the same place.

Apart from some 5,000 party representatives, invited guests including diplomats, politicians of other parties, intellectuals and other dignitaries at-

tended the opening session of the council.

Besides, Palestine President Yasir Arafat and the Communist Party of China sent separate messages wishing success of the council as well as the government of Sheikh Hasina.

The countries whose diplomats were present included China, Sri Lanka, South Korea, North Korea, Pakistan, Russia, Egypt, Bahrain, Nepal, Palestine and Saudi Arabia.

On the two-tier large podium, AL president and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina along with the party's General Secretary and the LGRD Minister Zillur Rahman sat on the front-row while other central leaders of the party were sitting behind.

Portraits of Bangabandhu and party chief Hasina and six slain leaders — Syed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmed, Capt Mansur Ali, Quamruzzaman, Abdur Rab Serniabat and Sheikh Fazlul Haq Moni — were hung on the dais.

In his 61-page report, Zillur Rahman cited the AL's glorious history of struggle for independence, democracy and the causes of the people, alleged repression by the former BNP government, recalled party's strategies to carry forward the movement for democracy and for establishing people's right to vote and food during Khaleda Zia regime, its role in the parliament at that time, party's organisational activities and its achievements since it came to power 10 months ago.

Bangladeshis

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ernment estimated that there were 40,000 foreigners staying illegally in India. The latest figures were based on estimates by intelligence agencies, Gupta said.

The rightwing Bharatiya Janata Party, the largest opposition group in Parliament, has repeatedly campaigned against illegal aliens, saying India has enough problems of its own.

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