

Metropolitan

Power shortage persists

By Staff Correspondent
Power Development Board (PDB) yesterday generated 2266 MW power which was 104 MW less than the countrywide requirement.

Twelve out of 63 power generating units remained shut yesterday due to maintenance purpose. Of the 12, both Raosan-1 and Raosan-2 have the capacity to generate around 210 megawatt of power, PDB sources said.

Meanwhile, Dhaka Electricity Supply Authorities (DESA) control room claimed last night that there was no loadshedding in the capital yesterday though PDB control room said their loadshedding allocation for the capital and its adjacent areas was 48 MW.

The power generating units which suspended operation yesterday are: Raosan-1, 2, Fenchuganj Gas Turbine-1, 2, Fenchuganj Steam, Sylhet Gas, Shahjibazar-3, Khulna 60 MW, Khulna Barge Mounted Power Plant-1, Baghabari Gas, Ashuganj-2 and Rangpur Gas, PDB sources said.

Buddhist Nagorik Forum team meets Shantu Larma

A seven-member delegation of Bangladesh Buddhist Nagorik Forum called on the Chairman of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Regional Council, Jyotirindra Bodhiprio Larma alias Shantu Larma, in the city on Thursday, reports BSS.

The delegation, led by central convenor of the forum Dr Vikhu Sunithanada, informed Larma about the ideals, objectives, and activities of the organisation.

They discussed various issues including the progress of implementation of the CHT peace accord.

Larma, also the Chairman of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity, emphasised the need for strengthening the activities of the forum for achieving the political rights of the minority people.



Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote brought out a procession in the city yesterday to mark the birth anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. — Star photo

CJ suggests expansion of judiciary

Chief Justice Latifur Rahman yesterday suggested expansion of judiciary by introducing other alternative courts like 'family court' in the country, reports BSS.

He said if a court like family court takes place effectively as part of the judiciary, the mediation technique of those courts will certainly help settle disputes quickly, effectively and with almost zero litigation costs. The chief justice said this while attending a certificate awarding ceremony as chief guest.

The family court, run by mediation system, will usher in a new chapter in the arena of the judiciary which is now overburdened by a huge number of pending cases," said Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Abdul Matin Khasru who attended the function as special guest.

Former Chief Justice Mustafa Kamal was in the chair. It was also addressed by Law Secretary N K Roy, and Director of the USIS John Kinkannon.

Certificates were distributed among 33 assistant judges and lawyers, who attended a five-

day training course on "Mediation for Family Court Judges and Lawyers" at CIRDA.

Justice Latifur Rahman referred to nine lakh pending cases and said unless incorporation of alternative courts, it will be difficult to ensure justice to all by quickly disposing of cases.

"In my first day speech as the Chief Justice of Bangladesh, I firmly pleaded for expanding jurisdiction of legal system and strengthening the family court," he pointed out.

Abdul Matin Khasru said the government is committed to ensuring justice for all. And for that, he said, steps have been taken to make the family court effective, which was constituted 15 years ago.

Justice Mustafa Kamal said instead of quick imposition it will be wise to make people habituated with the new court gradually.

He urged the trainee judges and lawyers to spread the knowledge to other colleagues and hold formal training programmes to integrate others with the new concept. "We want to proliferate the training programme to others," he added.

5-day confce on poet Nazrul begins

A five-day conference marking the birth centenary of rebel poet Kazi Nazrul Islam began in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader inaugurated the conference being held under the auspices of the Nazrul Institute.

Presided over by Chairman of the Institute Trustee Board Prof Rafiqul Islam, the function was addressed by Prof Abdul Mannan, Prof Anisuzzaman, Secretary of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs Syed Abdur Rob, Prof M Abdul Qayyum, Prof. M Moniruzzaman, Prof. Mamtazuddin Ahmed, Dr Karunamaya Goswami, Dr Ramkumar Mukapaddya and noted litterateur Mahasheta Devi of India and Executive Director of the Nazrul Institute poet M Nurul Huda.

In his speech, Quader said that poet Nazrul always fought against poverty and advocated for a discrimination-free society.

Nazrul, who is a vital force in the nation's spirit and existence, would be ever remembered, the minister said. The function was followed by a cultural show.

Vocal classical recital at Indian Cultural Centre May 24

Indian vocalist Sarathi Chatterjee will present a classical vocal recital at 7 pm on May 24 in the National Museum auditorium, reports BSS.

Sarathi will be accompanied by Prasun Chatterjee on the table at the recital to be organised by the Indian High Commission in the city, said a high commission press release.

The High Commission will also present Bangla songs from May 27 to 29 at the Indian Cultural Centre.

The programme includes Rabindra Sangeet by Mita Huq and folk songs by Farida Parveen on May 27. Rabindra sangeet by Shama Rahman and Nazrul geeti by Nashid Kamal Waiz on May 28 and Rabindra sangeet by Rezwana Chowdhury Banya and Nazrul sangeet and kirtan by Nilufer Yasmin on May 29.

The programme will begin at 6-30 pm every day. Complimentary passes can be collected from the Indian High Commission.

Rotary News

Weekly meeting

Regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held today at the Dhaka Club Ltd. Ramna, at 5:30 pm, says a press release.

Members have been requested to attend on time.

The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held today at 1:30 pm at Dhaka Club Ltd. Shahbag, says a press release.

Maj Gen Syed M Ibrahim BP, psc (Retd) will speak on "security environment" in Bangladesh and its neighbourhood. Rotarians are cordially invited to attend for fellowship and make-up.



Garments Sramik Oikya Forum brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding weekly holiday in all garments factories. — Star photo

FEMA concerned at crisis over CEC's appointment

The Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) has expressed deep concern at the collapse of the government's initiative of talks with BNP on the appointment of a new Chief Election Commissioner, reports UNB.

"We are surprised to observe that both the government and the opposition have suddenly hardened their stand," FEMA Secretary Feroz M Hassan said in a statement yesterday.

He said: "It is very important that the political parties play a positive role and make sincere efforts to maintain democratic continuity and contribute to creating a congenial atmosphere for holding free and fair election that reflects the real will of the people."

Under the provisions of the Constitution, the Prime Minister does have the right to advise the President on the appointment of the CEC, the FEMA

statement said. "But there are situation in which even the legitimate exercise of power does not help resolve a problem."

"In this situation, if the CEC is appointed unilaterally, even a fairly conducted election may be perceived as unfair and an unacceptable to a large number of people," the statement added.

FEMA hoped that the Prime Minister as the leader of the ruling party would continue her efforts to reach a consensus and the leader of the opposition will cooperate and the mainstream opposition parties will help do it.

Shikdar's accomplice Eskandar brought to Khulna

From Staff Correspondent
KHULNA, May 19: Ershad Shikdar's accomplice Eskandar Ali was brought to Khulna early this morning from Palong thana of Madaripur district.

He was taken into custody of Khulna thana.

Eskandar did not confess his involvement in Shikdar's criminal acts. A first class contractor of KCC, Eskandar got himself acquainted with Shikdar in 80s.

There are many evidences that Eskandar is one of the accomplices and beneficiaries of Ershad Shikdar, sources in KMP.

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A complete set of tender document including detailed specification, terms and conditions may be purchased by the interested bidder from 22-5-2000 to 19-6-2000 against a written application to the undersigned on payment of non-refundable fee for Tk 2000/= (in words taka two thousand) only in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order favouring Director of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
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