

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 Raazan-1 and Raazan-2 have the capacity to generate around 210 megawatt of power, PDB sources said.

Meanwhile, Dhaka Electricity Supply Authority (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: Raazan-1, 2, Fenchuganj Gas Turbine-1, 2, Fenchuganj Steam, Sylhet Gas, Shahibazar-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 Bodhipriya 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 Chittagong Jana Sanghati Samity, emphasised the need for strengthening the activities of the forum for achieving the political rights of the minority people.

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

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CJ suggests expansion of judiciary

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

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5-day conference 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 Qayum, Prof M Moniruzzaman, Prof Mamtazuddin Ahmed, Dr Karunamaya Goswami, Dr Ramkumar Mukundayana and noted litterateur Mahasheta Devi of India and Executive Director of the Nazrul Institute Prof 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.

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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 tabla 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 Nasheed Kamal Waiz on May 28 and Rabindra sangeet by Rezwana Chowdhury Banu and Nazrul sangeet and kirtan by Nilofer Yasmin on May 29.

The programme will begin at 6:30 pm every day.

Complimentary passes can be collected from the Indian High Commission.



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

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FEMA concerned at crisis over CEC's appointment

Shikdar's accomplice

Eskandar brought to Khulna

From Staff Correspondent
KHULNA, May 19: Ershad Shikdar's accomplice Eskandar was brought to Khulna early this morning from Palongthana 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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