



## Concern over Titas gas field state

Gas gushes out of numerous cracks over 1,000-acre land

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The country's biggest gas field Titas may face the threat of a blowout that can wreak havoc in Brahmanbaria sadar upazila and the country's energy system, according to geological experts,

locals and sources in Bangladesh Gas Field Company Ltd (BGFCL).

Indicating symptoms of a serious disaster, about half a dozen hand tube-wells in the area are automatically streaming out water round the clock.

According to local people, the gas leakage started about five years ago on a small scale. But after last

year's rainy season, the leakage became alarming.

"An uncontrolled leakage is a great risk because gas cannot be seen and a spark of fire can trigger a chain of events which cannot be controlled," said a geological expert. He along with seven other

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Gas is emitting through various cracks and holes in Titas Gas Field area in Brahmanbaria sadar upazila. The authorities are yet to take any steps in this regard.

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## ACC bigwigs decide to step down

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The chief and two commissioners of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) have decided to resign following a request from President Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday.

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## RMG staff mugged of Tk 10 lakh in city

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A group of muggers yesterday snatched Tk 10 lakh from the staffs of a garment factory at the city's Dhamondi area, injuring one.

The snatchers came by three motorbikes and stopped the car of MNS Garments on Dhamondi

Road No 8 at around 2:00 pm and fired on the windshield leaving car driver Abul Alim, 32, hurt.

Alim received bullet in his hand and was given treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Alim told The Daily Star that the muggers attacked them while they

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