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Visitors crowd a stall of handicrafts at Milon Children's Fair at Shishu Academy in the city yesterday. Dr Milon Shishu Sangsad organised the fair.

'Shortage of translators hampers BERC activities'

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The shortage of translators has been hampering the activities of Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC), its Chairman Mujibur Rahman Khan said yesterday.

"We have drafted necessary regulations but all of those are in English," he said, adding that the regulations must be translated into Bangla for publishing them in government gazette.

Lack of efficient translators has slowed the commission's activities down, he said while speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural session of a training programme 'Energy consumers' rights and responsibilities'.

Jointly organised by Consumers' Association of Bangladesh (CAB) and the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commission, the two-day training began at Biam auditorium in the city.

Mujibur Rahman Khan also said that while the government

has failed to generate 80 megawatt (MW) electricity during the last five years, the commission, which is an independent body, has made necessary arrangements to generate 250 MW electricity in the private sector.

Speaking at the programme, USAID Sector Development Officer in Dhaka McDonald Homer said Bangladesh is undergoing 'exciting power sector reform'.

He suggested adopting a proactive approach implementing such reforms. Transparency, pricing and access issues should also be addressed at the same time, he added.

He also said that quality of utility services is not the privilege of the few but the right of all.

Chairman of Unnayan Shamannay Dr Atiur Rahman said the people have been suffering a lot due to massive corruption in the power sector.

The consumers should unite to ensure their rights, he said.

Death condoled

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed deep shock at the death of Advocate Sujit Kumar Biswas, president of Magura District Krishak League, says a press release.

In a statement, she said Krishak League has lost a devoted organiser and a dedicated leader with his death.

She also conveyed deep sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.