

# Govt to intervene if price hike continues

Adviser tells journos

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Urging the traders not to raise the prices of essentials, Energy and Food Adviser Tapan Chowdhury yesterday said the caretaker government would be compelled to intervene in the market if they fail to do so.

He was briefing journalists in the city yesterday.

He said all necessary measures have been taken to ensure uninterrupted power supply during Iftar, Tarabi prayers and Sehri in Ramadan.

He said the power generation will be between 3,700 MW and 3,800 MW against the demand for 4,200 MW.

Tapan said the government is giving utmost importance to uninterrupted electricity supply to mosques during Tarabi prayers.

He said there will be some mobile teams to rush in for trouble shooting as

soon as any complaint comes from any mosques so that there is no disruption in power supply during the Tarabi prayers.

He said the restrictions on shopping malls had been withdrawn and the shop owners would be allowed to keep their businesses open after 8:00pm during the holy month.

"But the restriction on operation of air conditioners and decorative lighting will remain as usual to help save electricity," Tapan said adding, "We do hope, traders will use electricity in a very conservative manner."

"If anyone violates the restrictions, the government will be tough to handle it," he warned.

The adviser said some closed power units like Barapukuria unit-2, 80MW Tongi station, will resume operation in Ramadan which would add about 200 MW of power to the national grid.

## Road accidents kill 4

STAR REPORT

At least four people were killed in separate road accidents in Rangpur, Comilla, Jhenidah and Rajshahi yesterday and on Monday.

Our correspondent from Rangpur reports: Two people were killed in road accident at Dhap in Rangpur town yesterday morning.

The victims were identified as Pushpo Ranjan, 50, and Mohammad Ali, 65, of Rajendrapur under Sadar upazila in Rangpur.

Police said the accident occurred when a Sayedpur-bound bus of Nabil Paribahan from Dhaka ran over them while they were walking along Dinajpur-Dhaka highway at 6:00am, leaving them dead on the spot.

A Correspondent from Comilla adds: A bicyclist was killed in a road accident in Jigolgaon area on Comilla-Barura road in Barura upazila yesterday.

Profullah Chandra Majumder, son of Ramdayal Majumder, of Utkoli village in Barura upazila, died on the spot at about 7:15am when a Bolaka Express passenger bus hit the bicycle.

Barura police handed over the body to victim's family.

Our Correspondent from Jhenidah adds: One person was crushed under

the wheels of a passenger bus at Vaina intersection on the Narail-Jessore highway yesterday.

The dead was identified as Azizur Rahman, 39, in Fultala area in Khulna. He was a worker of Jessore Ekota Rice Mill.

Witnesses said a Jessore-bound passenger bus from Baghara Para ran over him at Vaina square while he was crossing the road, leaving him dead on the spot.

Police sent the body to Jessore Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

RU correspondent adds: An old woman was killed in a road accident at Chamarhati crossing of Mohadevpur upazila in Naogon on Monday.

The victim was identified as Jafiron Bewa, 65, wife of late Tamij Uddin of Enayatpur village under Naogon district.

Locals said a vehicle popularly known as 'Bhutbuti' knocked down Jafiron when she was crossing the road.

She succumbed to her injuries on the way to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

Local people caught the 'Bhutbuti' and its driver and handed over to Mohadevpur police.

The driver was identified as Rezaul Karim, of village Sultanapur.