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Production in DEPZ factories getting normal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Production in almost all factories in the Dhaka Export Processing Zone (DEPZ) resumed yesterday after remaining suspended for a whole day following Friday's clash between the police and workers.

Eighty-five out of the total 88 factories functioned yesterday, according to Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA).

Law enforcers patrolled the DEPZ area to avert further violence.

The workers engaged in a clash with police on Friday following an unconfirmed report of killing of Helal, a worker of Featherlite Ltd.

Police yesterday detained three persons and said they would be implicated in the case filed by

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Bhuiyan gets boost from BNP top-shots

His loyal term Khaleda dishonest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A large number of the National Executive Committee (NEC) members and former lawmakers of the BNP yesterday expressed solidarity with expelled secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan.

At a meeting in the city they came down heavily on detained chairperson Khaleda Zia for what they said was her autarchic way of running the party.

Some of them went on to describe the former premier and her close aides as dishonest and corrupt and called for their ouster

in a counter to the expulsion of Bhuiyan, Ashraf and Tripti.

Over 50 Dhaka-based NEC members and 63 former lawmakers attended the meeting with Bhuiyan in the chair.

Only the Dhaka-members were invited. Out of 251 members of the executive committee, 147 are based in the capital, and of them, 75 are either on the run or behind bars. Besides, some of the ex-lawmakers are members of the NEC as well since they are either president or general secretary of district units.

The attendees at the meet held

at a convention centre in Gulshan urged Bhuiyan to take the initiative and hold a council to discipline the corrupt high-ups who they believe have proved disastrous for the BNP.

They said leaders and workers alike want drastic changes in the BNP's policy and programmes and the current "dictatorial leadership".

Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan in his speech said they do not want to split the party by expulsion or counter-expulsion.

"Everyone except those who are corrupt and criminal will unite

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AL forms probe body to find those who abused leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League (AL) yesterday formed a one-member probe body to investigate the Wednesday's abuse of four senior AL leaders in front of the party's Dhanmondi office.

The one-member committee headed by AL presidium member Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury was asked to submit its report within seven working days.

AL Acting President Zillur Rahman formed the committee and directed Sajeda verbally to start her work. Earlier, he told reporters that they would form a committee to investigate the incident in a bid to punish the responsible people.

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RENTAL POWER SCHEME

Poor response fails to deter govt plan

Power Cell prepares fresh bid for 6 plants

SHANIER KHAN

While the government's bid to set up rental power plants continue to fail, the Power Cell has prepared fresh bid documents to set up six power plants with a total production capacity of around 300 megawatt on three-year rental terms to meet rising power demand in the next summer.

The cell Thursday finalised a draft request for proposal (RFP) and a draft contract proposing to set up four 50 MW rental plants at

Fenchuganj, Kumargaon, Shahjibazar and Ashuganj and two 20 MW rental plants in Bogra and Bhol.

The bid documents outlined various terms and conditions under which a bidder would qualify, and laid out other criteria. The bid documents might be approved by the power ministry today, sources said.

The cell prepared a list of 17 power companies, including six or seven local companies, which have expressed interest in taking part in

the bid. But industry insiders say only five or six of these companies actually qualify to bid for rental power as they have their own power generators.

Sources said while the RFP for the first time accommodated the right concepts about rental power, it also left some gray areas which could affect the tender process like that in the past.

"The confusion in the new RFP is still there because the tendering authorities still mix up the

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Snarl-up chokes city roads

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DMP's (Dhaka Metropolitan Police) special traffic control measures for Ramadan hardly made any effect as the city commuters continue to experience nagging gridlocks throughout the day.

Even yesterday's weekend holiday could not bring any relief.

Those who went out hoping to have a smooth movement after five days of intolerable traffic congestion soon got caught in clogged city streets, lanes and by-lanes.

The situation worsened further due to the waterlogging in the roads caused by the spells of monsoon rain.

As traffic was moving inch-by-inch on almost all the roads, many commuters, a large portion of them fasting on the second day of Ramadan, preferred walking to their destinations to remaining stuck in the gridlock.

The traffic police officials said that the situation would deteriorate, as all offices including the

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Traffic police in their efforts to reduce gridlocks on Dhaka streets seize a number of illegal rickshaws yesterday at Dainik Bangla intersection.

PHOTO: STAR

Cheated in Malaysia, workers get stick for seeking justice

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladeshi workers who had been on a hunger strike on the premises of Bangladesh High Commission in Kuala Lumpur since Tuesday alleged that men of recruiting agencies attacked and assaulted them on Friday night.

The agency goons however fled when the demonstrating workers counterattacked at 9:00pm local time, a human rights activist in Malaysia told The Daily Star yesterday.

The workers said at least 25 of them were beaten on the high commission premises.

Following the incident, the Malaysian police shifted the demonstrators numbering 100 to a safe shelter on Friday midnight.

Labour Counsellor at the Bangladesh High Commission Talat Mahmud however told private television channel ATN Bangla over the phone that no incident of attack had taken place.

The workers were on a hunger strike inside the Bangladesh High Commission in Kuala Lumpur over a wage dispute, saying that they had been promised higher pays, but were not paid duly by their employers.

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Bangladesh race to 54 for three

Tigers play Aussies in Super 8s today

STAR SPORT MONITOR

Bangladesh were hitting four and sixes and at the same time losing wickets in their last group game against hosts South Africa at Newlands in Cape Town yesterday.

The match, which was of only an academic interest, started 20 minutes behind schedule due to wet ground conditions caused by light drizzle.

South Africa captain Graeme Smith won the toss and sent Bangladesh in to bat. The Tigers started from where they had left off against the West Indies with left-handed opener Tamim Iqbal hitting the very first ball of the innings

for a cracking four through the covers. He then pulled Shaun Pollock's fourth delivery to the mid-wicket boundary.

Nazimuddin might have missed the party for a second successive game, out leg before to Makhaya Ntini's first ball, but Aftab Ahmed knocked the fast bowler out of the ground hitting the fourth ball for a six over mid-wicket before smashing the next two for fours.

Tamim was out for eight while Bangladesh captain Mohammad Ashraful smashed a six and a four before holing out at mid-on for 10.

Aftab, who scored an unbeaten 62 against West Indies, was in a

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মতের রঙ আজও টি যেমনি মত

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