

## Power situation worsens in Ctg

Rauzan power plant unit trips because of dirt in gas

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The power situation in Chittagong region worsened again as one of the two units of the Rauzan Thermal Power Plant, the main and regular source of power in this region, tripped due to dirt with the supplied gas early Monday.

"The plant suddenly tripped in the early hours of Monday due to fluctuation of the gas pressure caused by supply of gas mixed with dirt," said Abu Taher, the plant's acting chief engineer.

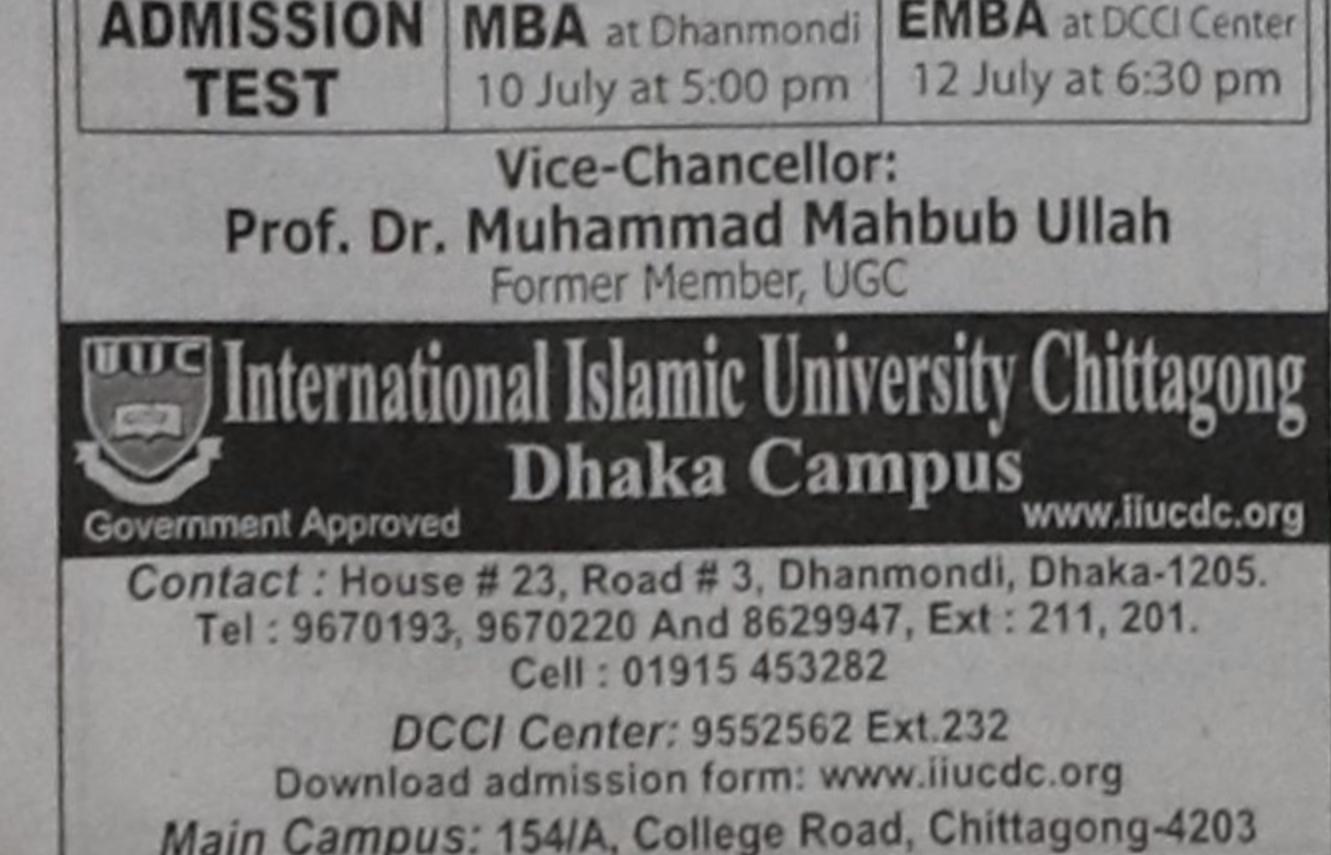
"We kept the power generating machines okay discharging the oily-slush accompanied by the supplied gas manually, but suddenly pressure of the gas fluctuated resulting in technical glitches in the machines," he said.

Consumers of Chittagong Power Development Board (PDB) experienced a total of 246MW load shedding on Monday because of lack of generation in the unit, sources in the PDB said.

Out of the ten power units in Chittagong, one of the two 210-MW capacity units of the Rauzan Thermal Power Plant generated 140MW power yesterday while the both units could generate 220MW to 250MW before one of them was shut down.

Besides, three units out of five of the Kaptai Hydraulic Plant generated 61MW yesterday while national grid added 180MW and private Regent Power Limited 20MW. The total demand in the peak hour stands at around 600MW, said the sources.

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Agitating people set fire to the garage of the residence of Haji Monir Hossain, chairman of Sultanganj Union Parishad, after he sprayed bullets on a crowd at Ashrafabad in Kamrangirchar on the outskirts of the capital. (Story on page 1)

## 20 injured in Fatullah factory clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
N'ganj

At least 20 people were injured in a clash between the workers and the hired miscreants of an export-oriented sweater garment factory at Fatullah Bhaloi in Narayanganj yesterday morning.

During the clash, the workers attacked Rahim Aziz Knit Spinning Ltd and ransacked properties, including chairs, tables and computers of knitting machine and circular machine offices.

The factory owners claimed that the clash had caused damages to properties worth Tk 50 lakh.

Police said the incident occurred following misunderstanding between the owners and the workers.

A group of workers stopped working in the morning to realise their demand of overtime work to all workers.

The workers claimed that when their peaceful programme was going on, some 70 to 80 miscreants of the owners attacked them.

At one stage, the agitated workers attacked the factory and ransacked its offices.

Of the injured, Shahin, 20, and Rony, 28, were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for treatment.

Russell, 20, Shahinur, 24, Tariqul, 22, and Razzak, 25,

were admitted to Narayanganj Hospital.

The agitated workers also hurled bricks at two other garment factories in Panchaboti BSCIC industrial area and ransacked them.

Director (administration) of the factory Shahjada Prodhan Babul said the industrial unit incurred a loss of Tk 50 lakh, adding that it would remain closed for the next three days.

Officer-in-Charge Jibon Kanti Sarker of Fatullah Police Station said attempts would be made to reach an understanding between the owners and workers through a discussion.

## Five bombs recovered at Benapole

A CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Police yesterday recovered five powerful bombs from Gazipur village of Benapole in Jessor district.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided a house owned by Alauddin and recovered the bombs wrapped in a polybag, but the miscreants managed to escape.

A case has been filed with Benapole Port Police Station.

## Nine killed in road accidents

METRO DESK

Nine people were killed in separate road accidents in Mymensingh, Satkhira, Brahmanbaria and Shariatpur yesterday.

Our correspondent in Mymensingh reports: Four people, including a schoolboy, were killed in two separate road accidents in the district yesterday.

The victims were identified as Amirul Islam, 35, Abdul Latif, 45, and Billal Hossain and Shimul, 8.

Police said Amirul and Latif were killed on the spot when a Haluaghata-bound passenger bus hit the motorcycle they were riding on in front of Phulpur Upazila Parishad office on Mymensingh-Haluaghata highway.

Their co-rider Billal Hossain was rushed to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) but succumbed to his injuries soon after his admission.

In another road accident at around 10:00am, a Dhaka-bound private car hit Shimul, a student of class three of Amitola Primary School, at Shikarikanda on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway.

Local people rushed Shimul to MMCH where the on duty doctors declared him dead.

Following the accident, agitated locals blocked the road for about two hours. Later, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

Our Satkhira correspondent reports: An old woman and a child were killed in separate road accidents in the district.

The dead were identified as Shamim Hossain, 7, son of Md Haidar Ali of village Purba Kota in Kalaroa, and Sabir Begum, 65, wife of Bazlur Rahman of village Chandkati Tala.

The police said a Jessore-bound bus knocked down Shamim when he was crossing the road at Kota intersection in

Kalaroa. He died on the spot.

In the other accident, Sabir Begum fell from a Nasiman, a human hauler, and died. The accident took place on Tala-Paikgachha road in front of Tala Press Club when she was going to her daughter's house at Zila Nalha.

Our correspondent in Brahmanbaria adds: One person was killed when a bus hit a rickshaw on Dhaka-Sylhet highway at Bishwa Road turning point at Malihata under Sadar Upazila in the morning.

According to eyewitnesses and police, a speeding bus of Hanif Paribahan rammed into the rickshaw, killing its passenger, Manu Mia, on the spot.

UNB adds: Two people were killed and another person was injured when a bus rammed into a motorcycle at Chokdar Bari crossing in Bhedorganj upazila in Shariatpur.

The police said a Bhedorganj-bound bus from Mawa hit a motorcycle at about 1:30pm, killing its two

riders on the spot and injuring another.

The dead was identified as Rana, 16, and Sohel, 15. Injured Sumon, 16, was sent to Dhaka in a critical condition.

The police seized the bus but could not arrest its driver.

## GP relief efforts in cyclone-hit areas

METRO DESK

Grameenphone undertook relief efforts in the cyclone-affected regions in the country, says a press release.

The relief effort started on June 3 at Bagerhat and continued in other districts of Satkhira, Khulna, Patuakhali and Barguna until June 6.

Grameenphone has distributed family packs and ran mobile medical camps in these areas in collaboration with the local administration and NGOs partners.

About 6000 family packs were distributed in Barisal and Khulna divisions with each family pack consisting of 3 kg of rice, 1 kg of dal, 1 kg of salt, 5 liter of water, 3 packets of oral saline and 1 blister of water purification tablets.

Additionally, four medical teams provided basic health care services in Sharankhola, Shyamnagar, Ashashoni and Dacope areas during the period.

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