



6-HR POWER OUTAGE AT BSMMU HOSPITAL

# Medicare goes haywire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A six-hour blackout paralysed the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) yesterday, causing immense suffering to patients and doctors.

Except for a few emergency services using generator, all pathological tests, scheduled operations and outdoor services remained snapped from 6:00am to 12:15pm when power supply resumed, hospital sources said.

The power outage happened when the hospital's main power cable got burnt following an electric short circuit, BSMMU Director Brig Gen Abdul Majid Bhuiyan said. He, however, said they did not face any

major crisis. "We responded to the emergency cases using generator."

Soon after the power blackout, the hospital buildings wore a deserted look as many patients and their attendants and nurses and doctors walked out of their rooms to take shelter on the compound and the adjacent roads as it got unbearably hot inside.

"It's intolerable. I cannot take it anymore, I need some air," said Minhaj Uddin, a neurosurgery patient, who was unable to move

Relatives of the patients had to climb up and down the multi-storey building to get food, water and medicine, as the lifts were

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### Noise Pollution Wasa warned

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Environment (DoE) warned yesterday the managing director of Dhaka Wasa for causing **SEE PAGE 19 COL 1** 

PRAYER TIMING Azan Jamaat 12-45 1-15 4-30 4-45

### 11 robbers held after gunfight

Firearms seized

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Police arrested 11 robbers and recovered four firearms after a gunfight with the gang in Hathazari upazila of Chittagong before dawn yesterday.

Three of the arrestees sustained bullet wounds, said Babul Akhtar, assistant superintendent of police (ASP) of Hathazari circle.

Three police personnel also sustained minor injuries. The injured police are Sub-inspector (SI) Mir Kashem, SI Shafiqul Islam, Constable Enamul, and Constable Ashiq SEE PAGE 19 COL 4

#### AUG 21 ATTACK Charge hearing deferred again

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday again adjourned until October 2 the hearing on charge framing against BNP Senior Vicechairman Tarique Rahman and 29 others accused in the supplementary charge sheets in the August 21 grenade attack cases.

The Speedy Trial

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## 'Khaleda alone' would steer BNP into future

BNP chairperson confirmed to Moriarty her party's participation in 2008 polls

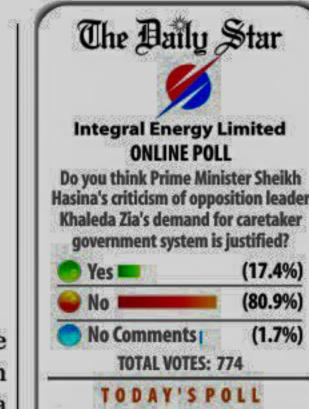
STAR REPORT

About a month after her wikileaks release from prison on bail in several graft cases in 2008, BNP chief Khaleda Zia had assured the then US ambassador that "she and she alone would steer the party into the future", said a diplomatic dispatch posted on WikiLeaks.

According to the cable sent to Washington on October 14, 2008, Khaleda made the assurance in an

apparent bid to clarify her party's stance on the participation in the parliamentary polls towards the year-end.

The previous day, Khaleda met the then SEE PAGE 19 COL 5



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