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GHORASHAL POWER PLANTS

PDB aims to triple output

Plans conversion of 2 old units with little extra gas

SHARIER KHAN

The Power Development Board plans conversion of two old gas-fired power plants in Ghorashal to increase their generation capacity threefold using very little extra gas and thus save huge fuel cost.

PDB Chairman Alamgir Kabir told The Daily Star that if a heat-based 210 megawatt Ghorashal unit is turned into a combined cycle one, it is possible to have another 400 MW power. In combined cycle technology, the heat that escapes from the basic power plant is trapped and utilised for additional power generation.

In other words, this would save the PDB a lot of money required for buying and supplying primary energy like natural gas or liquid fuel, which are used for power generation. Ensuring the primary fuel has become a major concern due to several years of persistent gas crisis.

There are six power plant units in Ghorashal with four 210 MW ones. Each of these four units need 50 million

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In Dhaka, there are thousands of spots, like this canal in Mohammadpur, which serve as potential breeding grounds of mosquitoes. City dwellers always demand city corporation action to reduce the mosquito population and help them stay away from diseases the insects carry. Besides, they want to sleep at night without mosquitoes biting them. The photo was shot recently.

Mosquitoes free to bite

Citizens complain of the menace, 2 DCCs' adulticide dearth

HELEMUL ALAM

Though the Dhaka City Corporation was bifurcated with a view to improving public service, city dwellers are hardly getting any respite from mosquito menace.

Life indoors and outdoors in the capital has become so uncomfortable due to this seasonal boom of mosquitoes. The homeless and security guards are their easiest prey.

Students, especially the candidates of Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and the upcoming Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) exams, are the worst victims of this nuisance.

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BNP gets nod from cops for Mar 12 rally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday gave the BNP "verbal permission" to hold its March 12 grand rally in front of the party's central office at Nayapaltan in the capital.

Leaders of the main opposition party said the rally would be held at Nayapaltan, as the authorities concerned had

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Leave rivers alone

Greens ask India to drop river-linking project

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Environmental activists in Dhaka yesterday demanded immediate cancellation of Indian river-linking project that recently got the go-ahead from the Supreme Court of the neighbouring country.

"We are deeply concerned over the recent order of Indian Supreme Court on the river-linking project," said

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GARMENT FACTORY 37 hurt in stampede

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 37 garment workers, mostly female, were injured yesterday in a stampede triggered by panic over fire at a factory in the city's Rayer Bazar.

When workers on the second floor of the four-storey building saw a fire on a ventilator, they got into a panic and tried to

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Dubiously innovative

Auto-parts thief picks his gang from jail, gets them out on bail, goes after cars

KAILASH SARKAR

A leader of auto-parts theft ring has been providing legal aid to detained criminals to have them released and join his gang.

The ringleader, 40-year-old Billal Hossain, recruited at least 20 criminals, who had been detained earlier for theft, mugging or robbery. Some lawyers, who maintain close connection with Billal, had helped him get the criminals released

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Radio Pakistan becomes Dhaka Betar

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

One of the more significant happenings of this day in 1971 was the demand by Air Marshal (ret'd) Asghar Khan that power be immediately handed over to Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as a way of averting disaster in Pakistan.

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All because of stalking

Over 100 vehicles, 15 buildings vandalised, 60 hurt as students of 2 private universities clash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 50 students and 10 policemen were injured and over 100 vehicles and 15 buildings were vandalised when students of two private universities at Banani in the capital yesterday clashed over the alleged stalking of a female student.

The authorities closed Primeasia University for an indefinite period while Southeast University was closed for two days following the clash.

The clash began on Kamal Ataturk Avenue around 2:00pm, spread to the surrounding neighbourhood and ended around 5:30pm.

Students of Primeasia University and Southeast University chased one another with sticks through

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AL may weigh BNP proposal for interim govt: Hasina

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said her party might consider a probable proposal from BNP to form an interim government comprising lawmakers from the ruling alliance and the opposition to oversee the next general election.

"We can never accept a caretaker government of unelected persons. But we might consider the idea if BNP places a proposal in parliament about the interim government

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