

**SIRAJGANJ 300-450MW POWER PROJECT**  
**Indian company gets approval as single bidder**

UNB, Dhaka

The Cabinet Purchase Committee yesterday approved an Indian company's offer to implement the Sirajganj 300-450 megawatt dual-fuel power plant project as an independent power producer.

As per their proposal, the Haryana-based LANCO Infratech Ltd will implement the project on a build-own-operate basis as a dual-fuel plant with gas-fired capacity of 367.4 MW and with diesel-fired capacity of 304 MW.

LANCO's proposal came up in the purchase committee's meeting as a single responsive bidder in absence of any other bidder's proposal. Finance Minister AMAMuhith presided over the meeting.

Officials said this was the biggest power plant deal, based on the production capacity, to be obtained by an Indian private power company.

The government will purchase electricity for 22 years from the plant at US 3.99 cents (equivalent to Tk 3.19) per kilowatt hour (each unit) when it is run by natural gas.

The tariff will be US 16.9621 cents per kilowatt hour (each unit price Tk 13.56) when it is run by diesel. This will be the largest diesel-fired plant, based on the production capacity, in the country.

Power Division's official statistics show that the government will have to pay Tk 19,128 crore in 22 years to purchase electricity from the plant if gas is used.

If the plant uses diesel in power generation, the government's total payment in 22 years will be Tk 67,257 crore.

The Power Division's proposal mentioned that initially, the project had gas-firing and furnace oil-firing provisions in the original tender. But later amendments were made to introduce diesel and gas and also to extend the tender's submission date.



Former Dhaka University vice-chancellor Emajuddin Ahmed addresses a protest meeting organised by Grameen Bank Rokkha O Durjon Protirodh Kendra at Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday demanding scrapping of the recent amendment to the bank's ordinance.

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**Sector Commanders Forum opens UK chapter**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sector Commanders Forum (SCF) has introduced its branch in United Kingdom (UK) to accumulate public support in favour of war crimes trial and resist propaganda against the trial.

The supporters and lobbyists of the people, who committed crimes against humanity during the Liberation War in 1971, are allegedly launching the propaganda around the world.

A 17-member committee of the forum's UK chapter was formed recently at Montefiore Centre in East London, said a press release yesterday.

Khalil Kazi, a freedom fighter and councillor of Newham ward in London, has been elected convener while Koisar Mahmud Syed, a freedom fighter and coordinator of Muktijoddha Sangsad European zone, and Ishak Kazal, a journalist, have been elected joint conveners.

SCF acting secretary general Harun Habib, and Vice-President Dr Sarwar Ali attended the programme.

**CASE AGAINST TARIQUE, MAMUN**  
**Defence questions court's jurisdiction**

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Businessman Giasuddin Al Mamun's lawyer yesterday submitted a petition challenging the legality of the trial court judge's jurisdiction to try the money laundering case against his client and BNP leader Tarique Rahman.

In the petition, Barrister Fakhru Islam said as per provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC), if a person commits offence outside Bangladesh and he or she is arrested in Bangladesh, the person shall be tried with government's approval.

If there is no approval from the government and it is necessary to try the arrestee, government approval must be acquired after filing the

case. The place of crime in this case is Singapore.

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) did not get approval neither before nor after filing the case. Thus, the trial court has no jurisdiction to try the case, he added.

Special Public Prosecutor Mosharraf Hossain Kajol opposed the petition saying the defence has no legal right to file any petition challenging the legality of the trial court judge's jurisdiction at this stage of the trial.

Judge Mohammad Mozammel Hossain of the Special Judge Court-3 fixed September 27 for further hearing on the petition.

In 2010, the ACC pressed charges against the two for laundering Tk 20.41 crore between 2003 and 2007.

**JU SOCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY**  
**Prof Amir Hossain made dean**

JU CORRESPONDENT

The result of the dean's election to faculty of social sciences of Jahangirnagar University, which was delayed, was announced yesterday with Prof Amir Hossain of Muktijuddher Pokkher Shakti panel having been made the dean.

JU Registrar Abu Bakar Siddique officially announced the result following a meeting where teachers of Muktijuddher Pokkher Shakti panel were present.

However, teachers of Shammilito Shikkhak Parishad did not participate in the meeting.

The dean election for the social sciences faculty was delayed as two rival candidates, both from Awami League backed teacher's factions, got the same number of votes - 50.

Meanwhile, getting the meeting illegal as per dean election rule, another candidate Prof Sajed Asraf Karim appealed to Vice-Chancellor Prof Anwar Hossain to revoke the meeting and the result. He said the meeting is not valid as the teachers of Shammilito Shikkhak Parishad were not present.

**2 killed, 11 hurt in road crashes**

METRO DESK

Two people were killed and eleven others injured in separate road accidents in Dhaka and Brahmanbaria yesterday.

Our staff correspondent reports, a man was killed instantly and eleven others were injured as two trucks collided head-on on Uttara-Ashulia highway in Kanar Para area of the capital yesterday early morning.

The deceased Mohammed Salauddin, 27, was one of the truckers.

Sources said a group of 42 fish traders were going to Mymensingh in three trucks. Later, another sand-laden truck, hit the front one of the three trucks, killing Salauddin.

The injured were treated at a local hospital and Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

A case was filed with Turag Police Station.

Our Brahmanbaria correspondent reports, a man was killed as a CNG-run auto-rickshaw knocked him down on Sultanpur-Akhaura road at Chandi village in sadar upazila of the district yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Malai Mia, 40, of Chandi village in Bashudeb union.

According to witness and police sources, the CNG-run auto-rickshaw hit Malai Mia from behind while he was walking along the footpath of the road.

In a critical condition, he was taken to Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital where the doctor declared him dead.

The driver, with his auto-rickshaw, managed to escape.



PHOTO: STAR

Bandar Rokkha Parishad forms a human chain in front of Chittagong Press Club yesterday protesting alleged slackening of several terms and conditions in the bidding process, for management of Chittagong Port's New Mooring Container Terminal, in favour of a local bidder. (Story on B1)

**STUDENT-TEACHER REPRESSION DAY OBSERVED**  
**Withdrawal of case against 13 RU students demanded**

RU CORRESPONDENT

Rajshahi University teachers and students observed "Student-Teacher Repression Day" yesterday, calling upon the government and authorities concerned to withdraw the case filed against 13 RU students over the August 22, 2007 unrest on the campus.

That day, law enforcers assaulted RU teachers, students and staff who were protesting an assault by army men on some Dhaka University students during a football match on the DU university central playground two days ago.

The day is observed on August 24 but this year the RU authorities shifted it to August 30 (yesterday) due to Eid vacation.

Yesterday's programmes began with a protest procession around 10:15am, participated by some 300 teachers, students and staff led by Vice-Chancellor Prof Abdus Sobhan, which paraded the campus streets.

Afterwards a rally was organised before the Senate Bhaban where the speakers lamented that the case filed after the unrest was not withdrawn though the ones filed against the DU students and teachers were withdrawn.

The case must be withdrawn to ease

the suffering of the 13 students and ensure them a normal life, they said.

Highlighting the army and police repression following the unrest, the speakers demanded exemplary punishment to the law enforcers who carried out the assault.

At the start of the rally, the RU authorities paid respect to the assault victims with bouquets.

The victims include Prof Abdus Sobhan, Prof Malay Bhowmick, Prof Chowdhury Sarwar Jahan, Prof Golam Sabbir Sattar and the then RU unit Bangladesh Students' Union president Abu Sayeem and Bangladesh Chhatra League general secretary Ain Uddin.

Bangladesh High Commissioner to the UK and RU's former VC Prof Saidur Rahman Khan also spoke at the discussion through a mobile phone call. RU Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof Muhammad Nurullah presided over the discussion.

After the assault on the DU students on August 20, thousands of students took to the streets and demanded withdrawal of an army camp from the DU gymnasium and an apology from the troops.

Over the next two days, law enforcers and students clashed on the campus, leaving

over 250 people wounded, mostly students.

The student unrest then swept through other educational institutions, including RU.

The then army-backed caretaker government imposed a curfew on the divisional cities and later arrested four DU teachers--Prof Anwar Hossain, Prof Sadrul Amin, Prof Harun-or-Rashid and Prof Neem Chandra Bhowmick and several students.

Following the unrest on RU campus on August 22, the caretaker government arrested some RU teachers and filed cases against them. The teachers were also tortured at a Joint Interrogation Cell in Rajshahi city.

The victims include Prof Saidur Rahman Khan, Prof Abdus Sobhan, Prof Chowdhury Sarwar Jahan, Prof Golam Sabbir Sattar, Prof Moly Bhowmick, Associate Prof Dulal Chandra Biswas, Associate Prof Sayed Selim Reza Newton and Assistant Prof Abdullah Al Mamun.

On August 23, 2007, RU acting registrar Prof Muhammad Shafi filed a case against the 13 students by name and 500 other unnamed for their alleged involvement in the unrest.

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