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Govt succeeds in tackling electricity crisis but future still looks uncertain

SHARIER KHAN

PROGRESS IN POWER SECTOR

By implementing a record number of power projects in the last four years, the Awami League-led government has succeeded in overcoming electricity crisis, but could not end future uncertainty over uninterrupted supply of electricity.

The government has added 3,870 megawatt power by implementing 55 projects during its tenure, which is a feat that outmatches success of all past governments in this sector. Back in late 2006 at the end of the BNP-led alliance government's tenure, the country generated 3,300 MW power and reeled from massive load shedding.

Now power supplies by the Power Development Board (PDB) are hardly less than the demands from customers.

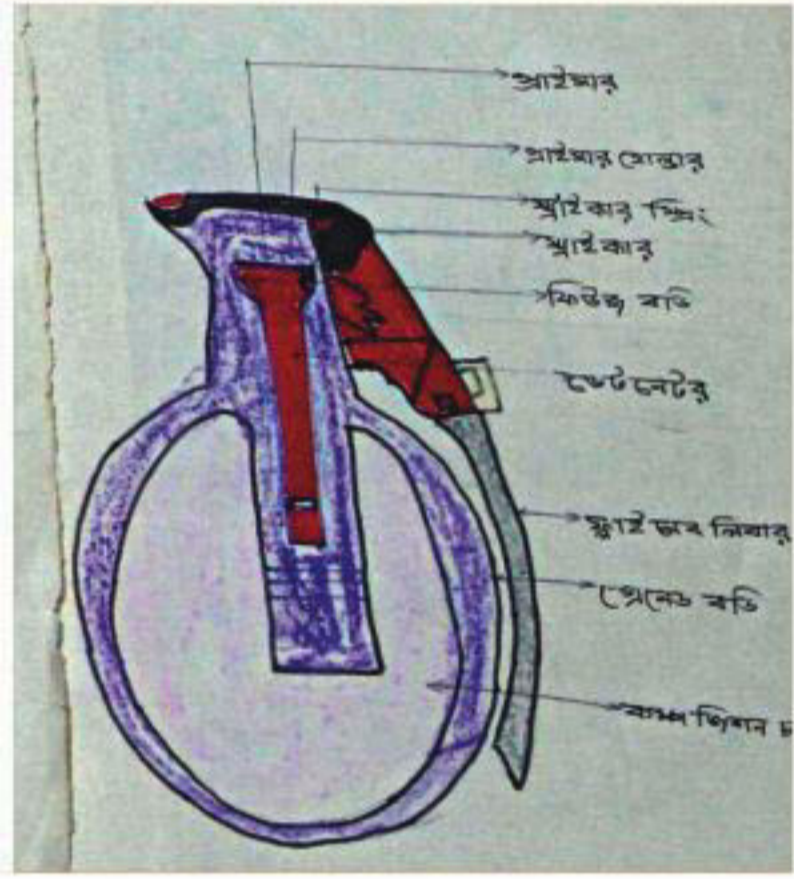
But half of the successful projects are rental power plants generating about 1,921 MW

	Early 2009	End of FY 2013
Power generation capacity	4931MW	8537MW
Maximum generation	4130MW	6675MW (July 12)
Power clients	1.08cr	1.42cr
Systems loss	18.2%	14.36%
Per capita power	220kwh	315kwh



Garment workers block the busy Airport Road near Kuril flyover in the capital around 10:00am yesterday demanding benefits. This resulted in a traffic jam that lasted an hour and a half.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED



A training manual on grenades recovered from the 'militants'.

Ansarullah alert

Terror group aimed to control part of country

TAMANNA KHAN and RAFIUL ISLAM

Following in the footsteps of Islamist militants in other Muslim countries, Ansarullah Bangla Team had planned to gain control of a part of the country and conduct armed jihad (struggle) from there to make Bangladesh a Sharia-based Islamic state, detectives said yesterday.

Ansarullah, an emergent militant outfit, allegedly involved in planning and committing the February 15 mur-

der of Ahmed Rajib Haider, follows the ideals, policy and strategy of al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) and Pakistan-based Tehrik-e-Taliban.

The group takes training on use of hand grenades, rifle grenades and rockets and other lethal weapons. It even aims at attacking law enforcement agencies' armouries and seizing weapons to carry out armed Jihad across the country.

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Garment workers block busy road

Ask for lunch allowance

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Apparel workers blocked New Airport Road at Joar Sahara of the capital yesterday morning demanding lunch allowance and other benefits.

Some 10 protesters sustained injuries as police baton-charged the crowd and fired rubber bullets and tear gas canisters during running battles with the garment workers.

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GRAMEEN BANK COMMISSION Where's final report?

None including Muhith can say for sure

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday failed to confirm whether the Grameen Bank Commission handed him its final report in full or in part.

"A report has been submitted to me, but I don't know whether this is the commission's report or Ajmalul Hossain QC's part of the report,"

the minister told reporters at his secretariat office in the capital.

"We are trying to find out -- either way, it will be published on the ministry's website tomorrow [today]."

His comments came after it emerged that a 44-page report on Grameen Bank and its 48 associated organisations was submitted

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