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PM seeks global support for trial

Addresses UN General Assembly

BSS, New York

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the international community to lend support to the trials of perpetrators of genocide, rape, arson and crimes against humanity during Bangladesh's Liberation War in 1971.

"The trial is required for the sake of justice, human rights and the rule of law. Successful completion of the trial would heal the wounds of war and move Bangladesh onto the road of peace and progress," she said.

Addressing the 68th session of



the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York, she said formulation of the post-2015 development agenda was a daunting task for the UN member states.

"So, we need to be united in agreeing on a common set of the development agenda that would fulfil our aspiration in building a just, prosperous and sustainable world where no person or nation is left behind," the premier said.

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Hundreds of illegal rickshaws seized from the capital have been kept in this dump yard in Kanchpur of Narayanganj, as Dhaka ran out of space for them. These are believed to be a fraction of the total illegal rickshaws plying the roads.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Gas crisis deepens

No hope of improvement before mid-Oct

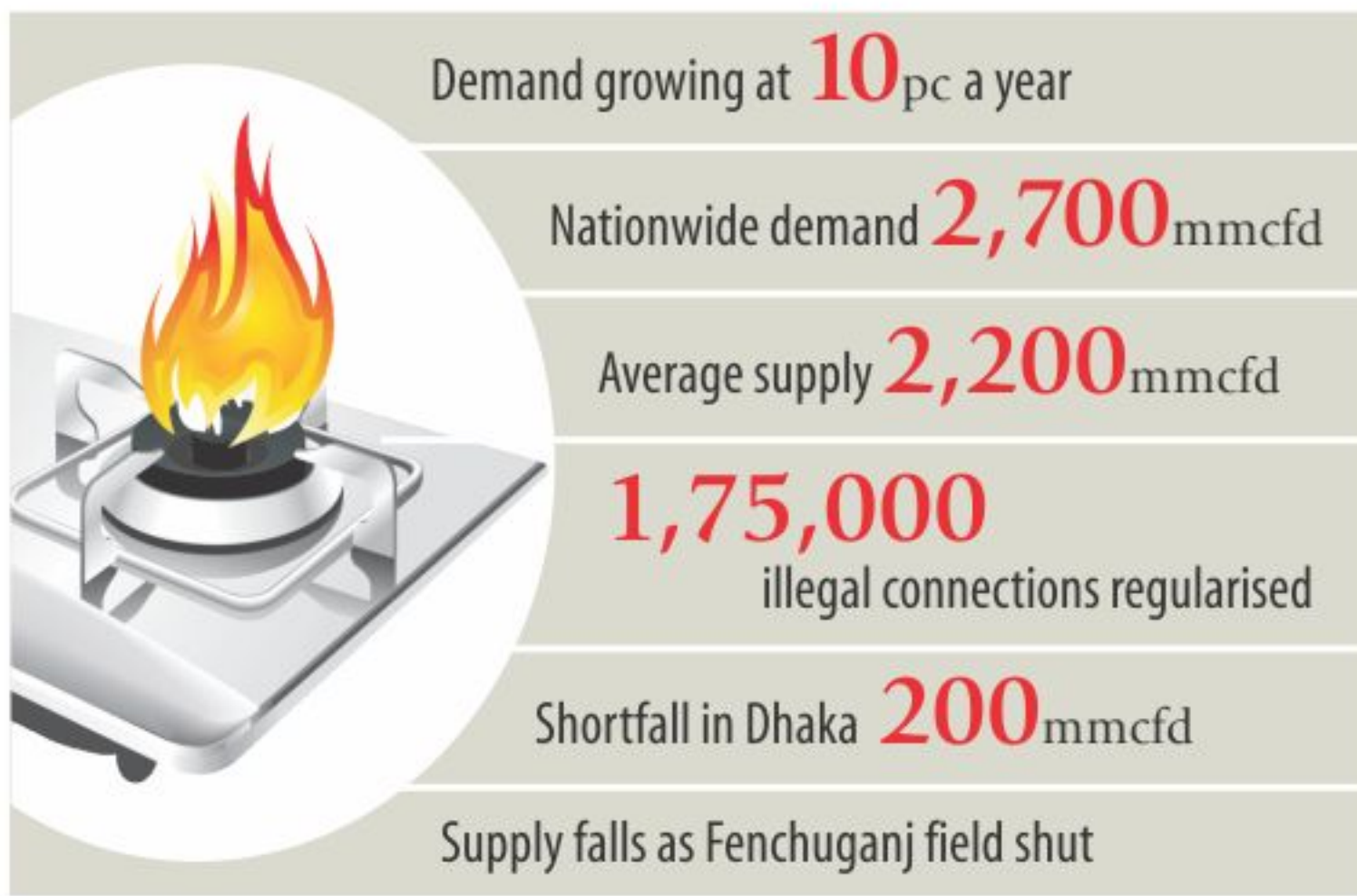
SHARIER KHAN

Surging illegal consumption together with spiralling demand on the one hand and a slight drop in production on the other has created an unusual gas crisis in the capital in recent weeks.

When production is expected to increase keeping pace with a 10 percent annual growth in demand, the Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Ltd is actually getting lesser gas this September than that in the corresponding period last year, mainly because a gas field in Fenchuganj has been shut down for maintenance.

Petrobangla sources say the country's largest gas distributor has seen a

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Power import begins

India supplies 50MW on trial basis; formal inauguration on Oct 5

AMANUR AMAN, Kushtia

The much-talked about power import from India began on trial basis yesterday by adding 50 megawatts to the national grid.

The 50MW electricity was supplied around 10:45am to a sub-station of Power Grid Company of Bangladesh (PGCB) in Bheramara in Kushtia.

The load was raised up to 175MW by

5:00pm when it was suspended for a detailed technical study on the both sides of the border, said Kazi Ishtiaq Hasan, project director (in-charge) of Grid Interconnection between Bangladesh (Bheramara) and India (Baharampur).

He said initially 50 to 175MW electricity will be imported and supplied to national grid every day till October 5, when Prime

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PHOTO: STAR

Plants have grown out of this fighter plane put on display at Barisal Zilla School. Installed in 1996 for beautification of Barisal city, the aircraft is losing its own beauty for lack of maintenance. The photos were taken recently.

Indian SC for 'no' vote provision

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

In a landmark ruling, India's Supreme Court yesterday said voters have the right to reject all candidates contesting polls.

A bench headed by Chief Justice P Sathasivam asked the Election Commission to change the ballots for electronic voting machine to give voters a choice of "none of the above" from among the candidates.

"Democracy is all about choices and voters will be empowered by this right of negative voting," he said, ruling on a petition by the non-profit People's Union for Civil Liberties.

"Negative voting will send a clear signal to political parties and candidates as to what the voters think about them", the bench said.

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Biman to spread wings in India

Plans to operate flights to several cities from Oct

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Biman Bangladesh yesterday said it was aiming at operating flights to several Indian cities, up from two at present, and adding one more flight to Kolkata from next month.

It plans to start double dailies from Kolkata by October-end instead of five flights a week now, to enable business travellers from both sides to do their work and return home the same day.

Speaking at a press conference at a hotel in New Delhi, Biman's MD and CEO Kevin John Steele said the airline was considering expanding frequencies to the Indian capital.

It was also planning to launch operations to Chennai, Bangalore and Mumbai in the next 18 months, he said.

Biman now operates only to Kolkata and New Delhi from Dhaka. Indian cities like Guwahati and Bhubaneswar were also on its radar for turbo-prop aircraft operations.

The airline, which has a fleet of eight-aircraft, is in a major expansion

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