**Confirmed Gift** 

## Power generation hits new high

Capacity now more than 10,000MW which was 4,942MW 5 years ago

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh is now capable of generating 10,213 megawatts of electricity -- more than a hundred percent jump from its capacity five years back.

However, as some of the power plants are outdated and some running on inadequate fuel supply, the highest singleday power generation still stands at 6,675MW, which was recorded on July 12 this year.

Terming the increased capacity "a golden achievement", the government has decided to celebrate it through holding a national electricity week that begins today with fireworks and laser shows at Hatirjheel in the city. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the week

at Bangabandhu International Convention Centre today. She will also lay the foundation stones of seven coal-fired plants and launch the SMS bill payment system of Palli Bidyut Samity.

"By December, the capacity will increase by another SEE PAGE 2 COL 1



Pickets torch several lorries on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Sitakunda yesterday, day-2 of the opposition-called 84-hour hartal.

#### Fed up, people now defy hartal

**Energy Efficient** 

STAR REPORT

Fed up with the long spells of shutdowns for the last three weeks, people yesterday defied the oppositionsponsored hartal and risked their lives coming out to the streets for daily work.

A large number of businesses, offices and roadside shops were seen open while a huge number of motorised vehicles plied the Dhaka streets yesterday, the second day of 84-hour hartal.

The scenario outside Dhaka was quite similar. A few stray incidents of clashes, vandalism, arson and explosions of crude

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### HAY FESTIVAL.ORG

### Hay Festival begins Nov 14

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The capital once again is getting ready to bathe in the radiance of brilliant minds who will gather on Bangla Academy premises from around the world on the occasion of Hay Festival Dhaka 2013.

This is the third time the three-day literary festival is kicking off in the

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DEADLY TYPHOON MAKES LANDFALL

# Relief efforts face huge challenge

AP, Philippines

Typhoon-ravaged Philippine islands faced an unimaginably huge relief effort that had barely begun yesterday, as bloated bodies lay uncollected and uncounted in the streets and survivors pleaded for food, water and medicine.

Police guarded stores to prevent people from hauling off food, water and such non-

essentials as TVs and treadmills, but there was often no one to carry away the dead - not even those seen along the main road from the airport to Tacloban, the worst-hit city along the country's remote eastern seaboard.

Two officials said Sunday that Friday's typhoon may have killed 10,000 or more SEE PAGE 13 COL 2

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# explosives seized

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police seized around 167 crude bombs and a huge quantity of bomb-making materials after raiding a house in the capital's Azimpur area yesterday afternoon.

On information, a team of Lalbagh police raided a room of a tin-roofed house at New Paltan of Azimpur around 12:30pm, and recovered the bombs and bomb-making substances, including one kg of gunpowder and 15 kg of marbles, said Nurul Muttakim, officer-in-charge of Lalbagh Police Station.

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## 167 crude bombs, India for talks to end crisis

Violence in Bangladesh worries Canada, China

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

India yesterday stressed the importance of resolving the ongoing political crisis in Bangladesh through dialogue and holding a free and fair election peacefully.

"It is for the people of Bangladesh to decide their own future. India supports holding of free and fair elections in Bangladesh," it said in a statement.

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These people had come to Dhaka from various bits of the country for work, like pulling rickshaws, being a porter or just a labourer. Late in Sunday night, they were seen waiting near Karwan Bazar looking for a ride home since a series of long hartals dried up work. PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

### Migrant workers desert Dhaka

HELEMUL ALAM

The ongoing political violence is forcing hundreds of rural migrant workers to leave the capital only to face financial uncertainty back home.

so sharply due to back-to-back shutdowns that their survival in the city has become difficult, they say. "Working as a rickshaw-puller in Dhaka

Their everyday earnings have dropped

is very risky these days, as pro-hartal pickets have no sympathy for us. They even throw crude bombs at us," said Moazzem Hossain, a rickshaw-puller in his forties. "I no longer work during hartals for

fear of attacks," he added. Around 11:00pm Sunday, Moazzem

and dozens of other workers, mostly rickshaw-pullers and vendors, were waiting at Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue for a ride to their village homes.

They were waiting for pick-up trucks that venture to other districts after midnight during hartal days and are thereby hard to come by.

Thousands of migrant workers left the SEE PAGE 2 COL 3

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"They taste good, they look good and the hamburger is an icon of the United States of America," SEE PAGE 13 COL 5





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BDR CARNAGE TRIAL

## Certified copies of verdict not available yet

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The convicts in the sensational BDR carnage case are yet to get any certified copies of the verdict, although the trial court has sent death reference to the High Court (HC) for confirmation of the death penalties for 152 people.

The despatch section of the HC had received the death reference along with case records from the trial court officials on Sunday, Supreme Court Registrar AKM Shamsul Islam told The Daily Star.

Aminul Islam, one of the lawyers for the convicts, yesterday said his clients had not got the certified copies of the verdict till date, although the court was supposed to supply the copies on the day of the pronouncement of the verdict free of cost as per the relevant law.

"We applied to the court for the certified copies of the verdict on behalf of our clients on November 5, the day the verdict was delivered, so that they can appeal to the High Court challenging the verdict," he said.

But the Dhaka court authorities had not provided the copies to the convicts, he said, adding that they could not SEE PAGE 13 COL 1

