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# Rental power co faces \$23m fine

Desh Energy used excess fuel in underperforming power plant; the company blames low-quality fuel

SHARIEF KHAN

Local rental power company Desh Energy is facing a staggering fine of \$23.89 million or Tk 186 crore for underperforming and using excessive fuel for its 100 megawatt diesel-fired power plant in Siddhirganj in the last four years.

The company is owned by business leader Annisul Huq, who has recently been reportedly backed by the Awami League for mayor of Dhaka North City Corporation.

The Power Development Board (PDB) found that the plant was consuming excessive fuel since its commissioning in February 2011 as it was run on poor quality machinery.

For instance, the Siddhirganj plant used up 1.28 lakh litres of extra fuel worth \$1 lakh in November last year. The firm's total outstanding bill for using extra fuel stood at \$21.8 million till December last year.

But Desh refrained from paying the fine to the PDB claiming that it needed extra fuel to generate each megawatt of power as the diesel supplied by Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation was substandard. The company got a court injunction preventing the PDB from deducting the fine from its

monthly payment voucher.

Desh started supplying power to the national grid in February 2011 under a three-year contract with the PDB. The contract expired last year.

The company in December 2013 entered a five-year amendment contract with the PDB. The firm had withdrawn the injunction through a court before the amendment contract was inked.

However, as the PDB within a few months decided to realise all its dues in 36 monthly instalments from Desh's payment vouchers, the company again moved the court with an arbitration case and obtained an injunction that expired last week. The case is still pending with the court.

Desh is charging Tk 19.53 for each kilowatt hour of power.

Talking to The Daily Star, a spokesman of Desh Energy said: "We shall clear all the dues.... The reality is that the government had formed a committee to investigate our complaint. They found fault with the fuel after testing it at the Eastern Refinery. Once the fuel issue is settled, we would instantly pay the dues."

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The Bangladesh cricket team seems to have got the hang of the haka dance, a ritual of the Maori tribe of New Zealand, during a reception organised by the Nelson City Council yesterday. The Tigers will need to evoke similar warlike spirit when they take on Scotland in a must-win game at the Saxton Oval on Thursday.

PHOTO: BCB

# Food not a problem

Supplies come from at least 3 sources for Khaleda, her staff at Gulshan office

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Food is being supplied to BNP chief Khaleda Zia and others staying inside her Gulshan office regularly at least from three sources although the party has been claiming that police have repeatedly obstructed food supply to the office.

The BNP claimed that Khaleda and others had been going hungry for lack of food since February 11, the day when police stopped allowing food supply to the office. The party in a statement on February 14

alleged that the government was trying to "kill" Khaleda by keeping her starving.

Staff of the office also claimed that most of the people staying inside the office were living on dry food, and that the stock would be exhausted within two to three days. If things went on like this, they added, it would be very difficult for them to survive.

However, food for the BNP chief usually comes from the residences of her two brothers -- Sayeed Iskander and Shameem Iskander, or from her in-laws' residence.

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# Charged up by haka

Tigers practise at Saxton Oval in Nelson

BISHWAJIT ROY from nelson

The Bangladesh cricket team had a day full of activities on Monday. Having arrived in New Zealand on the previous day, the Tigers held their first practice session yesterday at the Saxton Oval, where they will be playing their fourth group match of the World Cup against Scotland on March 5. The Tigers were later showed around the sporting facilities of the Saxton Oval before being treated to a unique reception by the Nelson City Council.

The city of Nelson is basically a tourist destination and is little known for sporting activities or any sporting icon, for that matter. Still the facili-

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ties in and around the Saxton Oval will take anyone by surprise.

The stadium is situated on 65 hectares of land and is the main sporting facility of Nelson Tasman. The stadium features five international-size netball courts, five basketball courts, 12 volleyball courts, a separate purpose-built table-tennis area and Sports House -- the home of many regional sports bodies. The practice facilities outside the stadium is fantastic, which impressed Bangladesh captain Mashrafe Bin Mortaza, who however found the ground too small to his liking.

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# 2 Netrakona war crimes suspects indicted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday framed six charges against two persons for their alleged involvement in genocide and crimes against humanity in Netrakona during the Liberation War in 1971.

The three-member tribunal chaired by Justice M Enayetur Rahim also fixed April 5 for the beginning of the trial with opening statement and recording testimony of prosecution witnesses against the alleged Razakars -- Obaidul Haque alias Taher and Aatur Rahman Noni.

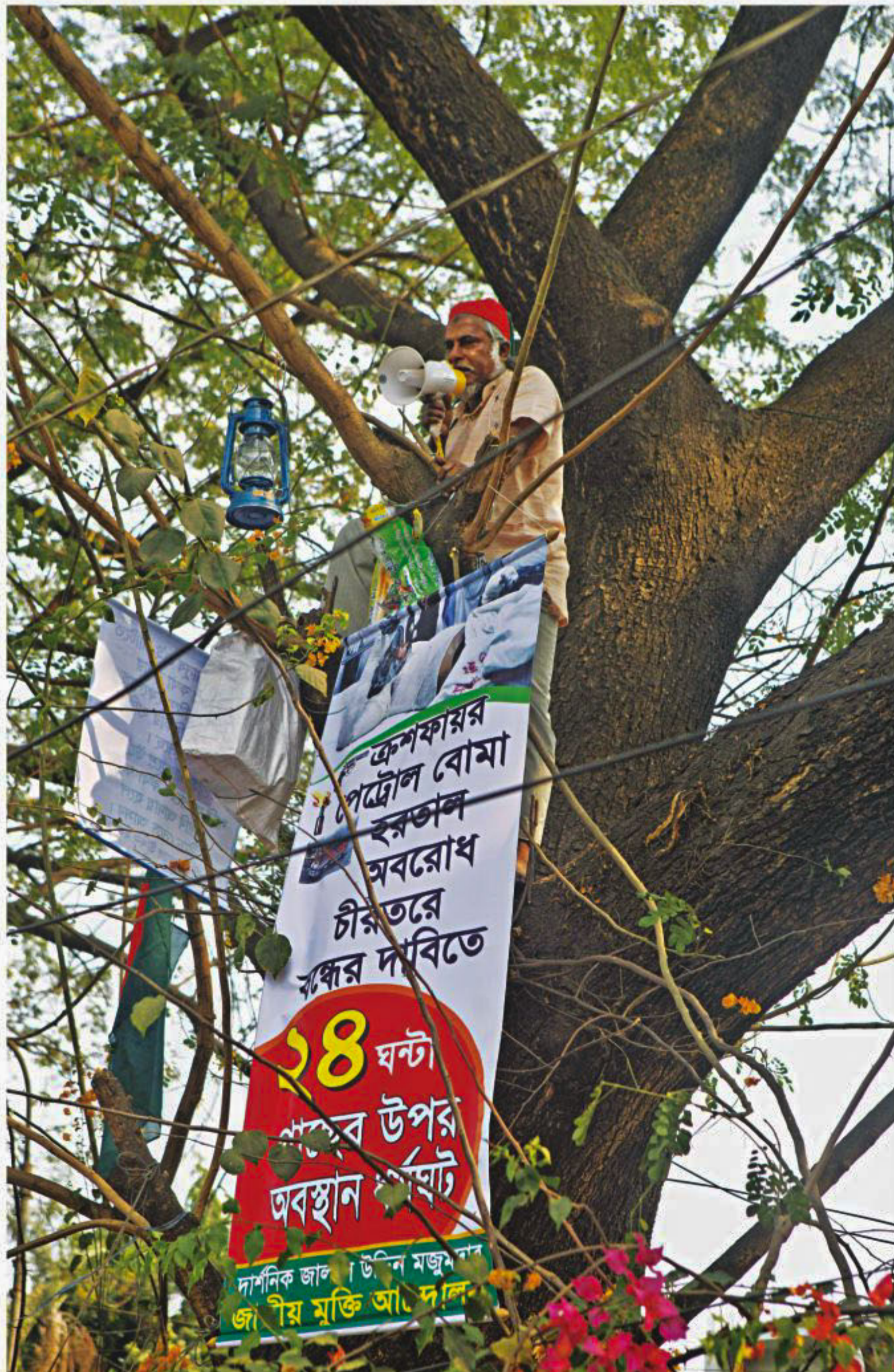
Obaidul and Aatur however pleaded not guilty.

The tribunal rejected a discharge petition, as its chairman read out the charges one after another.

According to the indictment order, Razakar commander Obaidul and Aatur accompanied by other Razakars and Pakistani

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# PROTEST ATOP A TREE



A unique demonstration indeed. Jalal Uddin Majumder under the banner of Jatiya Mukti Andolon stages a 24-hour sit-in on a tree near the Jatiya Press Club yesterday. He demands a permanent end to extrajudicial killings, petrol bomb attacks, hartal and blockade.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

# Kushtia SSC examinee killed

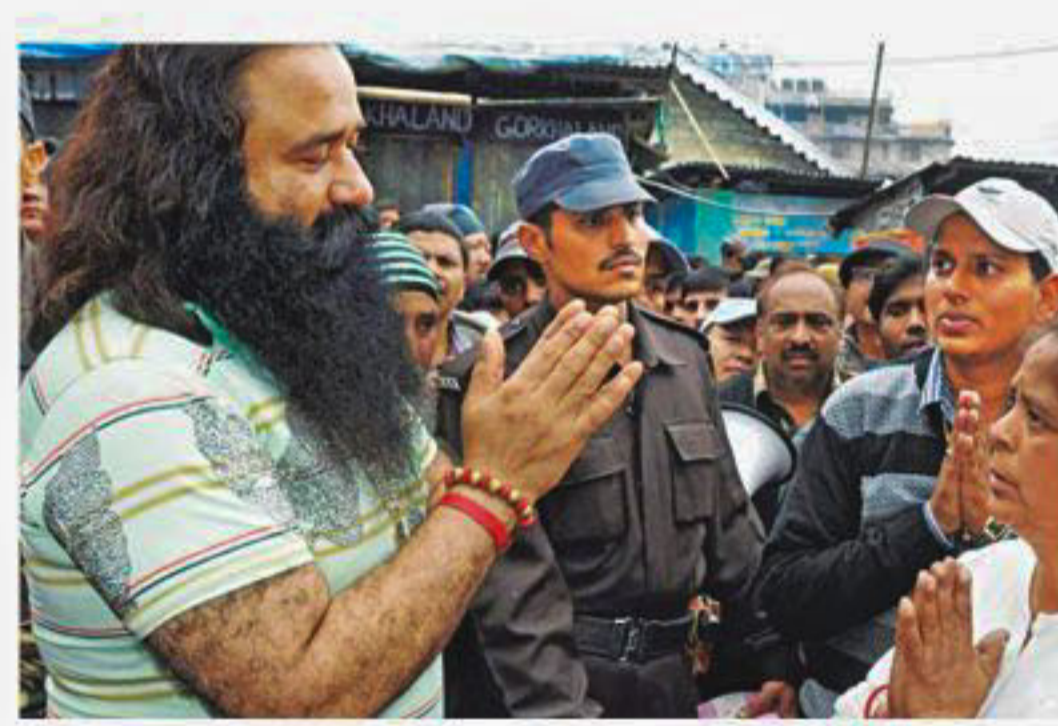
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A student was stabbed to death by his friend following an altercation over playing cricket at Jagati High School ground in Kushtia yesterday evening.

The deceased Imran Khan, 16, son of Ramzan Khan, was appearing in this year's SSC exams from Kalakakoli High School in the town.

Abdul Khaleq, officer-in-charge of Kushtia Model Police Station, said Imran was playing cricket with his friends at Jagati High School ground in the evening.

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# Get castrated, get closer to God!

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

A man has been accused of encouraging hundreds of followers to be castrated in a promise for them to become closer to God.

Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh, an Indian pop-star and telepreacher with a reported wealth of more than \$50 million, is being investigated after he

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# KHALEDA'S CASE HC to include no-confidence pleas in hearing list on Mar 5

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday fixed March 5 for inclusion in its hearing list two petitions of Khaleda Zia expressing no-confidence in a trial court judge, who is dealing with Zia Orphanage and Zia Charitable Trust graft cases.

The bench of Justice Md Rezaul Haque and Justice Md Khasruzzaman set the date after the BNP chief's lawyer Bodruddoza Badal prayed to the court to fix a date for hearing the petitions.

Khaleda filed the

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Do you agree with Ayesha Khanam, Bangladesh Mahila Parishad president that frequent incidents of rape and violence prove that attitude towards women have not changed much?

Yes (76%)  
No (24%)

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