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Worries over Rampal plant

South Asian human rights activists call for independent environmental study

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The South Asians for Human Rights, a regional network of rights activists, yesterday urged the government to suspend construction and other activities of Rampal plant near the Sundarbans until a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is conducted by independent and impartial experts.

It said the government should relocate the coal-fired power plant to an environmentally sustainable site if its effects on the Sundarbans are found damaging.

SAHR, a regional body of rights activists from Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Maldives and Afghanistan, came up with its views on the project at the launching of "Report of the fact-finding mission to Rampal, Bangladesh".

Prof Abdullah Harun Chowdhury of Khulna University and green activist Sharif Jamil from Bangladesh and Sagar Dhar and Nityanand Jayaraman from India was on the fact-finding mission from April 5 to 11, visiting the project site and adjacent areas and talking to locals, affected villagers, government officials and policy makers.

The 43-page report detailed key human concerns and the flaws of the EIA approved by the Department of Environment on August 2013 with 59 conditions attached.

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English medium school students and their guardians form a human chain on Saat Masjid Road in the capital's Dhanmondi around 11:00am yesterday, demanding withdrawal of 7.5 percent VAT on tuition fees. Later on, the HC stayed the collection of VAT for six months.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON



UN GEN ASSEMBLY PM goes to New York on Sept 23

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will leave for New York on September 23 to attend the United Nations special summit on sustainable development and the 70th session of the UN General Assembly.

She would highlight Bangladesh's success stories in the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) implementation as well as priority areas of successfully completing the new set of 17 Sustainable

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SALIMULLAH ORPHANAGE HC orders confiscation of apartment building

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The High Court yesterday ordered confiscation of the 18-storey tower built by Concord Group on the land of Sir Salimullah Muslim Orphanage in the capital's Azimpur area.

The HC directed the Group to handover ownership of the building and the land to the orphanage in 30 days. Otherwise, the government will take over its possession on behalf of the orphanage.

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Man held with 4,200 turtles

They were kept for smuggling

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Forest and Rapid Action Battalion in a joint drive recovered 4,200 turtles from a house in the city's Uttara area yesterday.

One Hafiz Uddin was also arrested from the house during the raid. Salma Aktar, inspector of Wildlife Crime Control Unit of the forest department, said the turtles were brought to Dhaka for smuggling. Those were collected from across the country and from India.

Acting on a tip-off, the forest department and Rab-1 raided the house in Uttara's Dakkhin Khan area around 7:00pm and recovered the turtles and arrested Hafiz.

Later, a mobile court sentenced the arrestee to one year in prison and fined him Tk 50,000.

The seized turtles are of four species -- 1,800 pieces are Tricarinate hill turtle, 1,600 Indian pond turtle, 500 star turtle and 300 Indian roofed turtle, Salma said.

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AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL Unmanned towers on trial in US

BBC ONLINE

Airports are increasingly using unmanned air traffic control towers - relying on technology rather than humans to do a highly specialised job.

A remote system has just been rolled out in Leesburg Executive Airport in Virginia. Sweden's Ornskoldsvik airport has had the same system - which uses cameras and sensors - since April this year.

The technology could revolutionise air traffic services, according to the UK's National Air Traffic Service (Nats).

The remote system - designed by Swedish

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The bank of the Buriganga at Kamrangirchar, on the outskirts of the capital, has turned pitch-black due to unabated dumping of garbage and waste engine oil from vessels. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

OIL TANKER BLAST '176 killed' in South Sudan

AGENCIES

More than 176 people were killed in South Sudan when an oil truck exploded as a crowd tried to gather fuel from the vehicle after it had veered off the road, a regional official said yesterday, a day after the incident.

At least 50 people are reported to have been injured. Local hospitals have been overwhelmed, and state officials

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Cop, detainee killed as police van catches fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two people, including a policeman, were killed and eight others injured as a microbus carrying a DB team and detainees caught fire after an iron-laden truck hit it at Chaudhagram in Comilla Wednesday night.

Abdul Aziz, 34, a constable of the Detective Branch, Dhaka Metropolitan

Police (DMP), died on the spot while 50-year-old Shawkat who had been picked up during an anti-narcotics operation in Chittagong died of his injuries at the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday, said police and hospital sources.

Other members of the DB team -- Sub-inspector Abdul Malek, 35, and constables Anwar Hossain, 38, Shariful Islam, 42, and

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Australian Academy of Business Leadership and Uttara University Jointly Announce **Dhaka International Business and Social Sciences Research Conference (DIBSSRC) 2016**

Dates: 20 - 22 January 2016
Conference Venue: To be announced
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AABL is a research organization engaged in empirical research training, publishing of international journals and organizing International Conferences at the different parts of the world. As a part of AABL global conference initiatives, it will organise DIBSSRC 2016 in Dhaka, Bangladesh, where Uttara University will play its role as host and co-organizer. The objective of this conference is 'Networking and Collaboration among the Scholars in Various Fields of Research'. Major tracks of this conference include Accounting, Corporate Social Responsibility, Finance and Banking, Entrepreneurship, Economics, Econometrics, Education, Information Technology, Islamic Finance and Sharia, Law, Management, Marketing, Social Business, Tourism and Multidisciplinary Issues.

Important Dates

Abstract Due	18 October 2015
Notification of Acceptance	25 October 2015
Full Paper Submission Deadline	9 November 2015
Early Bird Registration Deadline	9 November 2015
Late Registration Deadline	6 December 2015
Conference Dates	20-22 January 2016