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ROOPPUR NUKE PLANT

Cheaper power despite high project cost

Says Russian project chief

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh and Russia are set to finalise a deal within a couple of months to construct the Rooppur nuclear power plant using two VVER-1200 nuclear reactors that have a 60-year life-span, making the project cost effective.

The VVER-1200 (Water-Water Energetic Reactor or WWER with 1,200MW capacity) is the "third generation plus" reactor. Russia's Novovoronezh Nuclear Power Plant II is set to become the first plant to go into operations with VVER-1200 this year. Bangladesh looks at the Novovoronezh plant as the model for Rooppur, says Maksim V Elchishchev—who is in charge of Bangladesh project from Russia.

"In our feasibility study, we have found Rooppur to be a suitable site for a nuclear power project," said Maksim, vice-president

of NIAEP (a sister concern of Russian state-owned nuclear power company Rosatom).

With 300 people, the NIAEP has been conducting the feasibility study and preparing project design from mid-2013. It completed and submitted the study in June and it will submit the project design to the government this month.

"We did not find any factor against building the nuclear power plant at Rooppur," he said, while talking to the press in the capital yesterday. Russian Ambassador Alexander Nikolaev was present on the occasion.

Drawing attention to earthquake risks, he said, "We are working further on ground stabilisation and compaction. Some geological issues need to be addressed in the light of the study. This is required for any project site."

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Mindless dumping of waste from sacrificial animals and other rubbish during Eid-ul Azha has choked up this end of the Jirani canal in the capital's Mugdapara. If the water body is not cleared immediately, even a light rain may cause severe waterlogging in the area.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ



Rupchanda-Star Super Chef contest launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The third season of "Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef", Bangladesh's biggest culinary competition, jointly organised by Rupchanda and The Daily Star, was launched at The Daily Star Centre yesterday.

Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, Alhaj Mosaddek Ali, chairman and managing director of NTV, and Shoeb Md Asaduzzaman, head of sales and marketing of Bangladesh Edible Oil Limited (BEOL), inaugurated the event.

In his speech, Mahfuz
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PRAYER TIMING

OCTOBER 4

	Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4-45	12-45	4-15	5-53	7-30
JAMAAT	5-20	1-15	4-30	5-56	8-00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

DEATH OF NEWBORNS DUE TO NEGLIGENCE

Hospital sealed in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A private hospital in the capital was sealed yesterday by government authorities following allegations that three newborns died there due to doctors' negligence on Friday night.

The four-storey Asian Cardiac General Hospital in Block-B of Lalmitia, run without any government approval, was found devoid of any staff in the afternoon.

Locals said the hospital staffs fled in the early morning yesterday before families of the newborns could confront them. They said there was unrest the night before after news of the children's death spread.

The hospital's neonatal intensive care unit ran with only one doctor named Shishir Ranjan Das who claimed to be an associate professor at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said a guardian whose newborn baby was

undergoing treatment there.

The treatment of newborns was done by the nurses most of the time, he said.

Another attendant of a patient, wishing anonymity, said doctors were supposed to release the newborns on Friday afternoon.

"But when the time came, the staff told the parents that their babies were on life support. Several hours later, the doctor came and said the children were

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19 killed in 'US air strikes' on Afghan hospital

Dozens wounded, many missing; UN slams attack on MSF facility as 'inexcusable, even criminal'

REUTERS, Kabul

An air strike, probably carried out by US-led coalition forces, killed 19 staff and patients, including three children yesterday, in a hospital run by Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) in the northern city of Kunduz, the aid group said.

The US military said it conducted an air

strike "in the vicinity" of the hospital as it targeted Taliban insurgents who were directly firing on US military personnel and an investigation into the incident had begun.

UN Human Rights chief Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein led a chorus of condemnation, without saying who carried out the strike, noting that an assault on a hospital could

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Saying no to drug peddling

24 peddlers in Pabna surrender to police

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Twenty-four drug peddlers of Ishwardi upazila surrendered to police yesterday with the promise of giving up the crime.

Each of them stood accused in three to four cases, said Abu Obayed, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Ishwardi Police Station.

Continuous persuasion of the law enforcement agencies to quit drug peddling as well as regular drives motivated them to surrender to the police, he said.

The drug peddlers wanted to give up their illegal activities and contacted cops who then arranged a programme, Obayed added.

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Scientists invent 'choco-medicine'!

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Chocolate so healthy it could be eaten as medicine has allegedly been invented by scientists.

Scientists at an American chocolate company specialising in herbal technologies claim to have developed the "medicinal" chocolate, which contains only 35 per cent fat.

Cacao, the key ingredient in chocolate, contains a variety of antioxidants and minerals, which perform health benefits such as protecting the

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'Top leader' of trafficking gang held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Police yesterday arrested an alleged top leader of an international human trafficking gang in the district's Teknaf upazila.

Acting on a tip-off, police caught Hasem Prakash alias Poya Majhi, 46, son of Abu Taher of Shah Parir Dwip, from Pandel Para village around 2:30pm, said Ataur Rahman Khandakar, officer-in-charge of Teknaf Model Police Station.

Police had been looking for Hasem for long as his name was listed as a trafficker by the home ministry, the police official said.

The arrestee stands accused in seven human trafficking cases with the

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"Surely Allah takes what is His, and what He gives is His and to all things He has appointed a time."



(August 27th 1950 - October 2nd 2015)

Iftekhar Uddin Ahmed
Chairman

Raj Overseas & Bonanza Group of Companies

Breathed his last on Friday 11:38 PM at Mount Elizabeth Hospital Singapore

A noted businessman and philanthropist, he had attended PAF College Lower Topa, prior to joining the War of Liberation, when he had fought for our great nation. At Chittagong University he was a distinguished scholar, sportsman and student leader. He was awarded the inaugural Blue at Chittagong University.

He established his businesses from the mid 1970s, and over the next four decades established Raj Overseas Ltd., and the Bonanza Group of Companies operational within Bangladesh, Saudia Arabia, U.A.E, Qatar and the United Kingdom. He had been awarded the CIP status multiple times.

He lived his professional life with the same verve and ideals, as he did his personal one, with honesty, determination and integrity. He was a pillar for his family and countless others, for whom he would always be available with kind deed, support and encouragement. He believed in the efficacy of his actions over the effects of his words, and he had helped countless families and institutions anonymously, silently and repeatedly.

The void of his passing will be greatly felt by his family, friends, associates and his numerous well wishers.

His First Namaze Janaaza will be held at Azad Mosque Gulshan on Sunday the 4th of October Bad Zuhr.

His Second Namaze Janaaza will be held at Jamatul Falah Mosque in Chittagong on Monday the 5th of October at 9:00 AM.

He will be laid to rest in his beloved ancestral home of Fatickchhari.

-Perveen, Aneek, Adeeba, Eram, Eiliyah and Aarez

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