

# 100MW more for Bangladesh if federal govt ensures gas

Tripura Power Minister Manik Dey tells journo in Agartala

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Tripura Power Minister Manik Dey yesterday agreed to provide Bangladesh another 100 megawatts (MW) of electricity, on condition that the federal government maintains a steady gas supply to the project in Sepahijala district generating it. Bangladesh has been getting 100MW since March 23 from a project in Gomati district and recently wrote to the Indian government seeking 100MW more from Tripura. The federal power ministry wanted the state government's opinion. It has been

# Cargo vessel workers' strike to go on

As negotiations fail; meeting to continue today

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Water transport workers will continue their strike as a tripartite meeting among government officials, vessel owners and workers yesterday ended without any decision.

However, passenger vessels will remain out of the purview of the strike, said Chowdhury Ashiqul Alam, general secretary of the Bangladesh Water Transport Workers Federation (BWTWF).

In the yesterday's meeting, State minister for Labour and Employment Mujibul Haque came up with a proposal to meet the workers' demands by May 10 and requested them to withdraw their strike.

But, the workers took 24 hours time to take a decision, meeting sources said. "We will sit with leaders of all workers' association of water transport sector today and take a decision on the basis of their opinion," Alam told The Daily Star last night after the five-hour meeting that started around 4:30pm yesterday at the Department of Labour in the capital. BWTWF enforced a countrywide indefinite strike on the early hours of Thursday to press home its 15-point demand, including a minimum monthly wage of Tk 10,000 for workers and increase in overtime pay, festival bonuses and other benefits. Later on Friday night, the workers withdrew its strike for only passenger vessels considering HSC examinees and public sufferings.

# Protest may resume in Banshkhali

Residents' demand remains unmet

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Tension prevails in Gondamara union of Banshkhali upazila, where a clash over opposition to a proposed coal-fired power plant killed four people early this month, as a 15-day postponement of the movement ends today, with the protesters' demand remaining unmet.

The Committee to Protect Habitat and Graveyard is likely to announce fresh programmes this afternoon.

Following the April 4 bloodshed, the committee threatened to besiege the office of Upazila Nirbahi Officer on April 9 but its coordinator Md Liakat Ali postponed the programme for 15 days as local Awami League leader Abdul Kabir Liton sought the time on the government's behalf.

"We gave the condition that the government would take experts from home and abroad to the project site during this period to see whether the project is eco-friendly or not, and they would make their report public, but it was not done," Liakat told The Daily Star yesterday.

AL leader Liton admitted that he did not arrange such a visit of experts since, he said, they thought that local people would not understand what the foreign experts would say.

"Rather I asked Liakat to give me a list of 15 to 20 or more local people to visit such power plants in China," Liton said yesterday, adding that he would say the same to the locals.

Talking on this point, protest leader Liakat said, "Showing people like us the power plants is nothing but showing an elephant to blind men."

"I proposed them for taking Advocate Sultana Kamal and Prof Anu Muhammad...on the visit as they are knowledgeable and also are respected in the country," said Liakat.

"If the two persons are convinced visiting the plants abroad and assure us,

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Star Melodies, The Daily Star's regular programme of Bangla music, pays tributes to noted composers Khandakar Nurul Alam and Robin Ghosh -- both of whom passed away this year -- through a musical event at Bengal Arts Precinct in the capital's The Daily Star Centre last evening. Parveen Sultana, Nasima Shaheen, Alope Sen, and Sabbir Zaman performed songs created by the two composers. PHOTO: STAR

# Buzzword innovation at Leadership Summit

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Innovation is the number one challenge for the leaders, and innovations fail because of inertia of the people involved, said Amitava Chattopadhyay, the GlaxoSmithKline chaired professor of corporate innovation.

"Getting people on board is the crucial first step," he said at the Leadership Summit in the capital's Radisson Blu Water Garden Hotel yesterday.

To get success, there should be a vision, communicated through multiple channels, he said.

"Success is innovation...innovation is here to stay," he said at the event hosted by Bangladesh Brand Forum and presented by American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB).



Sanjiv Mehta, CEO and MD of Hindustan Unilever Ltd, sharing his leadership experiences and insights.

The summit is one of the largest gatherings of enthusiasts, aiming at materialising country's huge potential through leadership drive, according to the organisers.

The theme of the daylong fourth-edition of the summit is "Realising Potential", powered by Beximco, and The Daily Star was the youth engagement partner, where five renowned business and marketing leaders from across the globe joined to share leadership experiences and insights.

Sanjiv Mehta, CEO and MD of Hindustan Unilever Ltd, executive vice-president of Unilever South Asia, emphasised the need for never losing the sight of the

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