



In contrast to the other canals, the state of this portion of Maryam Bibi Khal in Firingi Bazar area of Chittagong city is quite pleasing. It is neither encroached upon by influentials nor is it clogged up with garbage. The canal even has a decent width, with concrete embankments on both sides. Despite all the positives, it cannot help ease the long-standing waterlogging problem of the city. Years of unmanaged siltation is choking up its flow on way to the Karnaphuli river.

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'Neo JMB leader' Rajib on remand under anti-terrorism act

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Militant outfit "Neo JMB leader" Jahangir Hossain alias Rajib Gandhi, also a plotter of Holey Artisan Café attack, was placed on a six-day remand yesterday in another case filed against him under the Anti-Terrorism Act.

Metropolitan Magistrate Abdullah Al Masud passed the order after Rafiq Uddin, a sub-inspector of Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime Unit and also the investigation officer of the case, produced Rajib Gandhi before the court with a 10-day remand prayer.

Earlier in the day, Rajib Gandhi was shown arrested in the case after his

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Govt importing rejected power schemes: Prof Anu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh is importing rejected ideas of power generation, which will increase the price of electricity and damage the environment, economist Prof Anu Muhammad said yesterday.

India and China have already shut down many coal-fired plants because they are bad for the environment and shifted their energy dependency to renewable sources, but these countries are interested to set up such power plants in Bangladesh, he said.

"Is Bangladesh a dumping ground where they would implement their abandoned projects?" the professor said, suggesting that the government should embrace renewable energy like the neighbouring countries.

The Jahangirnagar University teacher was addressing a press conference, "Bangladesh Electricity Transition in the Context of Global Development", organised jointly by the National Committee for Saving the Sundarbans, and Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa).



Saying that adoption of renewable energy has increased dramatically in the developed countries, Prof Anu said, "While the world is going forward, Bangladesh is moving in the reverse direction. It's a matter of concern for us. The energy policy of Bangladesh is regressive."

If the cost of environmental and social damage is taken into consideration, renewable energy is way cheaper than coal-based power, he said, adding the government's power sector master plan, dependent on imported coal and LNG, would ultimately increase the price of power.

At the programme, Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis's Director Tim Buckley and Energy Finance Analyst Simon Nicholas gave presentations on their study titled "Bangladesh Electricity Transition: A Diverse, Secure and Deflationary Way Forward."

They showed how Bangladesh could be benefited from renewable energy instead of gas and coal when domestic sources of gas

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Two top Destiny bosses denied bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday refused to grant bail to two top Destiny officials, Rafiqul Amin and Mohammad Hossain, as they did not act in accordance with an earlier order of this court in two money laundering cases.

If the accused are granted bail, they will not pay the money, the apex court said, adding, they will not be found if they are released on bail.

During hearing on two petitions filed by Rafiqul and Hossain, the apex court also directed the Destiny officials to submit their bank statements before this court by Sunday.

Earlier on November 13, 2016, Destiny Group Managing Director Rafiqul and Destiny Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd Chairman Mohammad Hossain were granted bail by the Appellate Division of the SC on condition that they must pay the government Tk 2,800 crore in six weeks by selling 35 lakh matured trees planted under the company's tree plantation project.

The apex court said if they fail to do so, they would have to deposit Tk 2,500 crore in cash to the government fund to get bail in the cases.

Without complying with the SC orders, the officials recently filed two petitions with the SC seeking modification of the SC's November 13 order and bail in the cases.

After finishing yesterday's proceedings, a three-member bench of the Appellate Division of the SC headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha adjourned the hearing on the petitions for a week.

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