

### New think tank to connect public with healthcare givers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A new think tank named "Health Policy Dialogue" was launched yesterday under a project of icddr,b with a view to creating a favourable environment for policy making and establishing a connection between the public and health service providers.

The think tank, comprised of scientists, academicians, development thinkers and civil society representatives, will work as a platform to bring the national health experts, policy makers and citizens together, said a press release.

On the occasion, a roundtable was held under the project titled "Strengthening Health, Applying Research Evidence (SHARE)" in the capital's



Housing and Public Works Minister Engineer Mosharraf Hossain along with members of "Yoga Probhati" at a cleaning drive at DC Hill premises in Chittagong city yesterday.

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## Campaign for cleanliness

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

With a view to creating awareness among the city dwellers about cleanliness, an organisation embarked on a clean-up drive at DC Hill premises in Chittagong city yesterday.

Yoga Probhati, a group that arranges morning exercise at the premises, organised the event joined by around a hundred volunteers.

Starting from 7:30am, the cleaning activities continued till noon.

Housing and Public Works Minister Engineer Mosharraf Hossain joined the drive.

While talking to The Daily Star, he said he walks in the capital's Ramna Park every morning. "I see people throw garbage here and there, although there are 250 bins in the park."

For a cleaner country, people have to develop their civises, he said.

"When our people go abroad, we see they maintain cleanliness. But these people are oblivious to cleanliness in their own country," said the minister.

"I have joined the campaign today to create awareness among the people regarding cleanliness," he said.

He also talked to the visitors and asked them to keep the area clean. The minister said, "We will provide 100 bins at DC Hill premises."

Dr Sujat Paul, a professor at Chittagong Medical College, also joined the campaign.

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### Pro-BNP candidate fears rigging in today's Karnaphuli UZ polls

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With the first ever election to newly formed Karnaphuli Upazila Parishad in Chittagong being held today, a BNP-backed candidate has feared the vote would be rigged by a pro-Awami League aspirant.

SM Forkan, the pro-BNP candidate for the post of chairman, has alleged that his rival's supporters were spreading panic so that the voters do not go to polling stations.

"The ruling party [AL] activists vandalised the office of BNP today [yesterday] and blasted crude bombs in front of my house while I was in a meeting with my polling agents," Forkan told The Daily Star yesterday.

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### POWER SYSTEM MASTER PLAN

# Changes likely as govt moves to promote LNG

UNB, Dhaka

The government's recent move to promote LNG (liquefied natural gas)-based power generation has pushed for a change again in the final draft of the Power System Master Plan (PSMP) 2016, said official sources.

The Power Cell, a technical wing of the Power Division, has prepared the PSMP through two Japanese consulting firms under the funding of Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica) and submitted it to the government.

The latest PSMP outlined 57,000 MW power generation by 2041 -- 35 percent electricity from coal, 35 percent from gas and remaining 30 percent from other sources.

On the basis of the PSMP 2016, the government is now implementing

eight coal-fired power plants which would generate 9,700 MW power next five to six years, the officials added.

But the recent fall of liquid fuel price in the global market which resulted in availability of LNG at a relatively cheaper price has prompted the government to bring changes in its plan.

"We have to revisit the PSMP 2016 responding to the needs of the time to accommodate the government's latest move for LNG import and also LNG-based power plants," said Mohammad Hossein, director general of Power Cell.

At present, the country's power generation capacity is 12,365 MW of which some 61.69 percent of power is being generated from gas while 2.02 percent from coal, 21.26 percent from imported furnace oil, 8.31 percent from diesel, 1.86 percent from hydro

and the remaining 4.85 percent power is being imported from India.

Justifying the government's latest move, State Minister for Power and Energy Nasrul Hamid, said, "We want to take the advantage of the competitive LNG price. It is now considered to be less hazardous than coal in transportation and storage."

Officials said the government is considering both long-term and short-term deal for LNG import to mitigate the future risk of volatility of fuel price.

As per the recent plan, about 4,000 mcmfd (million cubic feet per day) gas will be imported in LNG form and supplied to power plants and industries through re-gasification.

The government has already signed deals under which the US firm

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## Hasina's proposals very positive

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Regarding this, the Bangladesh-origin US professor said the UN will not be able to act unless the Security Council approves it. "Adoption of a statement or condemnation by the UNSC will have no effect on the Myanmar government," he said.

However, Prof Riaz said, there has to be repeated efforts in the UNSC and other international and regional bodies to end the current situation inside Myanmar and repatriate refugees.

Regarding China and India, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Friday said, "Their [India and China] diplomats saw the woes of the Rohingyas and they're very much sympathetic to them. We saw that."

She also mentioned that India and China came forward with humanitarian assistance, and they are sending relief materials to Bangladesh for the Rohingyas refugees. "They're extending all sorts of cooperation."

Hasina said all the diplomats, stationed in Dhaka, went to the Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar to see for themselves the sufferings of the refugees. "They talked to them (Rohingyas)... they're all sympathetic to the Rohingyas refugees," she said.

The prime minister said after giving shelter to some 800,000 Myanmar nation-

als in Bangladesh, the country is facing a complex crisis about their food, accommodation, emergency relief and their repatriation.

Earlier, the prime minister called upon the UN and the international community to take immediate and effective measures for a permanent solution to this protracted Rohingya crisis.

In this regard, she proposes five actions. First: Myanmar must unconditionally stop the violence and the practice of ethnic cleansing in the Rakhine State immediately and forever.

Second: Secretary General of the United Nations should immediately send a Fact-Finding Mission to Myanmar.

Third: All civilians irrespective of religion and ethnicity must be protected in Myanmar. For that "safe zones" could be created inside Myanmar under the UN supervision.

Fourth: Ensure sustainable return of all forcibly displaced Rohingyas in Bangladesh to their homes in Myanmar.

Fifth: The recommendations of Kofi Annan Commission Report must be immediately implemented unconditionally and in its entirety.



Prof AKM Fazlul Karim Chowdhury, principal of Cox's Bazar Government College, inaugurates a photo exhibition and film screening of The Daily Star-Standard Chartered Bank Celebrating Life -- a film, photography and lyrics contest -- on the college premises yesterday.

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### Reviving rivers

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Though the onrush of water from the upstream and incessant rains are major reasons behind this year's floods, the fact that the country's rivers are losing their capacity fast to hold water due to grabbing and pollution should also be accounted for.

Abu Naser Khan said the government is not getting any visible success in recovering the rivers for lack of a powerful body to deal with the issue and enforcement of laws.

He said the River Commission was formed without giving it any authority to implement major decisions. "The commission took many good decisions, but those have not been implemented."

The Poba chief said land grabbers are influential. "So, without a strong political will and enforcement of laws, it won't be possible to stop river grabbing and recover the occupied lands."

Naser also said there should be a strong monitoring over the enforcement of laws to force industries to install effluent treatment plants (ETPs) and operate those regularly.

### Little progress in trial

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BNP leader Shikdar Badshah Miah, Zillur Rahman alias Zilu Mollah and Anisuzzaman alias Anis.

Of them, Mufti Hannan was executed on April 12 this year in a case filed over the grenade attack on the then UK Ambassador Anwar Choudhury at Shahjalal Shrine in Sylhet in 2004 while Badshah Mia died due to old age complications in 2015.

In January, 2014, the Session's Judge Court asked the CID to conduct further investigation. Following the court order, the CID submitted supplementary charge sheet against four people in October, 2014.

Public Prosecutor Ali said hearing on the charge-framing against the four accused would take place on October 9.

### People's share

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between the public expenditure and the OOP, the government has embarked on the largest health sector programme worth Tk 1,15,486 crore for the fourth Health, Nutrition and Population (HNP) Sector Programme-2017-2021 -- 126 percent higher than the third one," said Additional Secretary (development) of Health Services Division Harun-ur-Rashid Khan.

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Pre-proposal meeting time & date: on **September 28, 2017 at 11:00AM**  
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