

Find alternatives to coal, gas

Says Anu Muhammad at Phulbari Day rally

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Suggesting the government to find out alternative source of fuel, Professor Anu Muhammad -- member secretary of National Committee for Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Ports -- yesterday said waste materials and solar energy can be used as sources to generate power, to meet the increasing demand in the country.

He was speaking as chief guest at a rally in Phulbari upazila of Dinajpur yesterday, marking 13th anniversary of Phulbari Day.

Dinajpur chapter of the national committee organised the event.

"We do not want any development project in the country that affects human lifestyle, nature and ecological system", he said.

A large volume of waste is produced in Phulbari every day, which can be used as an alternative source of fuel to generate power. Besides, the government can set up solar plant in the upazila, he suggested. About the Phulbari coal mine, Prof Mohammad said Asia Energy has continued its efforts to persuade government and people of Phulbari to implement the coal mine project.

He urged the government to close down activities of Asia Energy in Bangladesh, and demanded that the cases pressed by the company against people of Phulbari be withdrawn.

"People of Phulbari will not allow a coal mine," he said.

If the demands are not met within September, they would hold agitation in front of PMO in October and November to press the government



Anu Muhammad leading a procession in the town.

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to accept the demands.

Archaeologist Mehdi Hasan, coal mine expert Dr Nusrat Zahan, and Zonayed Saki of Gonosamhati Andolan also spoke at the programme.

Earlier in the morning, people of Phulbari and leaders of the committee brought out a mourning procession in the town, which

paraded different streets with placards opposing the coal mine. Later, they paid tribute at the altar of three people who were killed on August 26, 2006, as the then BDR personnel fired bullets on protesters.

More than 200 people were injured in the incident, which is now observed as Phulbari Day.

Dhaka finds Tripura 'unsuitable' for power import

Joint steering committee on Bangladesh-India Power Sector Cooperation holds meeting

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh wants to import 340MW more electricity from other parts of India instead of previously proposed Tripura, as its transmission system is said to be weak.

"We've discussed such a proposal at a meeting of the joint steering committee on Bangladesh-India Power Sector Cooperation. Both sides agreed to study the technical aspects of the proposal," Bangladesh Power Secretary Dr Ahmad Kaikaus said yesterday while briefing reporters about the outcome of the meeting.

Dr Kaikaus led the Bangladesh team at the meeting held at a Dhaka hotel.

Currently, Bangladesh is importing 1,160MW of electricity from India, of which 1,000MW is coming from West Bengal through Bhramarama substation while 160MW from Tripura through Cumilla.

The proposed 340MW is an addition to this current cross-border electricity trade between Dhaka and New Delhi.

The 17th meeting of the joint steering committee concluded with discussing various issues related to power sector cooperation between the two neighbouring nations.

India's Power Secretary Subhash

Chandra Garg, who led his country's team at the meeting, said both sides are happy with the progress and agreed to continue the cooperation.

Dr Kaikaus said the proposed import of 340MW is in addition to the existing supply and Bangladesh finds the proposed import technically and financially unviable as the transmission system from Tripura is "weak".

He said Bangladesh now has available electricity in Cumilla region which is being generated from gas-fired plants at a lower cost.

"So, we'll prefer the proposed 340MW to be imported for regions like Rangpur, Dinajpur and Thakurgaon where there is power shortage and liquid fuel is used to generate electricity at higher cost," he said.

Dr Kaikaus said Bangladesh also wants to export electricity during its off-peak season of winter to India if it finds any suitable buyer, as there is no bar on export or import of electricity to or from India.

He also said Bangladesh-India joint venture Rampal power project has so far made 40 percent progress and its construction will be completed within a few months of targeted time frame.

'Artificial' transport crisis

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Humayun Kabir, who works at a private firm in Bandartila, said, "My residence is at Agrabad and the regular fare from CEPZ to Agrabad is Tk 7, but they demand Tk 20 in the evening seizing opportunity of the crisis."

Kalpna Halder, a computer operator of a private firm in CEPZ area, said, "It seems that there is no administration in the city... There is no one to ease our sufferings."

Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) sources did not acknowledge the situation, until The Daily Star contacted them.

BRTA authorities said such daily reservation of public transports is violation of rules. Route permit can be cancelled on the charge of such malpractice, they said.

Asked, Tarun Dasgupta, general secretary of City Service Bus-Minibus Owners' Association Chattogram, said, "Owners were not responsible for it. Drivers and helpers take contract with the RMG factories to carry their workers."

"If we do not allow them to do so, they will not drive our vehicles," he added.

Uzzwal Biswas, member secretary of Brihatar Chattogram Sarak Paribahan Sramik Oikya Parishad, said they are compelled to take such contract as the owners have fixed a big amount for renting buses out to them.

"A driver has to pay Tk 2,800 for a bus and Tk 1,800 to Tk 2,200 for a minibus per day," he said, adding, "We are not able to earn this money from regular trips."

BGMEA first vice president Moinuddin Ahmed Mintu said most of the factories do not have space to park vehicles on their premises. That's why owners are not interested in buying transports for carrying workers, he said.

BRTA Executive Magistrate SM Manjurul Haque said, "We will go for tough action against the illegal practice," adding, "We will immediately ask transport owners and workers to stop such reservation of vehicles. We will cancel their route permits if they do not comply with the order."

Road accidents kill

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Quoting locals, police said the accident took place around 10am while Fatima was crossing the road, killing her on the spot.

Police later went to the spot and recovered the body. The truck was seized but its driver and helper managed to flee. A case was filed in this connection, they added.

In Jamalpur, a rickshaw-van puller was killed when a Leguna (human haulier) hit his van at Kazirakh intersection in Jamalpur town.

The deceased is Hashu, 50.

The accident took place around 9:30am, leaving him severely injured, police said.

Police rushed Hashu to Jamalpur General Hospital and was later transferred to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries, they added.

Police seized the Laguna but its driver fled the scene.

In Chattogram, a rickshaw-puller was killed after a truck hit his vehicle at Patiya Bus Stand in Patiya upazila.

The deceased is Abu Samad, 40.

Police, quoting locals, said the accident happened around 2am and left Samad critically injured.

He was rushed to Chattogram Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead around 5am, they added.

The trucker fled the scene with the vehicle, and police are trying to catch him.

In Gaibandha, a fish trader was killed when a speeding bus ran him over at Fasitola in Gobindaganj upazila.

The deceased is Hariram Sarker, 38.

Police, quoting locals, said when Hariram reached Fasitola, a speeding bus of Nabil Paribahan hit him from behind. After he fell down, the bus ran him over, killing him on the spot, said police.

The bus driver fled soon after the incident. Police recovered the body and sent it to Gaibandha District Hospital for autopsy.

In Kurigram, two people were killed and two injured when their motorbikes collided in Hasnabad union of Nageshwari upazila.

The deceased are Jahedul Islam, 35, and Alomgir Hossain, 35. The injured are Yousuf Ali, 28, and Bulbul Ahmed, 30.

Police said the two riders, Jahedul and Alomgir, died on the spot. The pillion passengers were severely injured.

Locals took them to Kurigram General Hospital. Bulbul was later referred to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

In Gazipur, two people were killed and one was injured when a truck collided with a battery-run auto-rickshaw on Dhaka bypass road in Meghdubi area.

The deceased are Mofizul Islam, 47, and his son Aziz, 17. The auto-rickshaw driver was injured.

Police, quoting locals, said Mofizul died on the spot. Locals rushed Aziz and the auto-rickshaw driver to Shaheed Taj Uddin Ahmad Medical College Hospital. Aziz was later referred to Dhaka Medical College Hospital but he died on the way there.

The van driver fled the scene with the vehicle.

In Munshiganj, a man died when a bus hit him in Bhatarchar Natun Rasta area of Gazaria upazila.

The deceased is Anowar Hossain, 42. He was a staffer at a local health complex.

Anowar was returning home with his wife on a bus. After getting off, another bus hit him and fled around 5pm, killing him on the spot.

Police said Anowar's body is being kept at Bhatarchar Highway Police Outpost and will be handed over to his family. They are trying to catch the bus.

Is this the Bangladesh

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He said Bangabandhu's dream was that people would be the owner of the country. "But did we get that Bangladesh dream by Bangabandhu?"

Dr Kamal said what is happening in the country -- including killing, rape, and oppression on women -- are contradictory to the ideals of Bangabandhu.

"The only way to get rid of the situation is people's unity," he added.

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal President ASM Abdur Rob, Gonoshasthaya Kendra founder Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury, former state minister for foreign affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, also spoke at the programme. KSJL President Kader Siddique presided over by the discussion.



Praava Health celebrated World Family Health Professionals Day on August 25 in Banani, Dhaka. The ceremony was attended by Sylvana Q Sinha, founder, managing director and CEO; Dr Simeen M Akhtar, senior medical director; Dr Faisal Rahman, medical director, and other members from Praava medical services. A rally was held in Banani followed by a cake cutting ceremony and discussion at the Praava facility.

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the two groups, we suggested the problem be solved through dialogue," he said.
Contacted, Md Sayed Arefin, upazila nirbahi officer of Fatikchhari told this newspaper that they urged both parties to maintain status quo, as there was a dispute.
"We will arrange for clear demarcation soon to resolve the problem," he added.

RU 11th convocation on November 30
RU CORRESPONDENT
The 11th convocation of Rajshahi University (RU) will be held on November 30, university authorities confirmed yesterday.
Further details about registration process or participants will be published later, pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Choudhury M Zakaria told The Daily Star.
The 10th convocation of RU was held on September 29 last year. A total of 6,014 students, who obtained their respective degrees between 2011 and 2014, attended the convocation.

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Conference
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were: "Aquaculture and Nutrition", "Aquatic Resource Management and Conservation", and "Climate Change and Fisheries".
On the second day, a plenary keynote speech on "Small-Scale Fisheries in the Blue Economy" was presented by Dr Svein Jentoft, professor emeritus at The Arctic University of Norway.
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the Liberation War, was killed in Chattogram Cantonment on June 1, 1981, two days after the assassination of the then president Ziaur Rahman.
A case was filed by Abul Manzur's elder brother Abul Mansur Ahmed on February 28, 1995.
According to the charge-sheet, Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad, the then chief of army staff, was named as the prime accused.

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