

Some parts
of Dhaka
north to see
gas supply
disruption

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Households and businesses in Khilkhet, Joarshahara, Namapara, Baridhara, Gulshan and Basundhara residential area will face low pressure in gas supply tomorrow for 16 hours starting from 8:00am today due to emergency works in a pipeline.

During that time, the gas supply will remain suspended in areas on both sides of the Kuril Bishwa Road.

According to Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Limited, there will be no gas supply in two of the CNG refuelling stations there, North-South University, the US embassy, catering services of Pan Pacific Sonargaon, and Evercare Hospital.



Workers under the banner of “Sommilito Garments Sramik Federation” form a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club yesterday, demanding exemplary punishment of those responsible for the Rana Plaza tragedy and proper compensation for the victims. Meanwhile, the Supreme Court yesterday extended till July 10 its chamber judge's order that stayed the High Court verdict granting bail to Sohel Rana, owner of Rana Plaza, which collapsed in April 2013 and left at least 1,136 dead.

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Over 5,000 born

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Even if they plan to give birth to a baby, they can know whether the baby will have thalassaemia through a test at the end of the first trimester, Prof Belayet said.

It is estimated that six out of every 100 Bangladeshis carry the gene responsible for the disorder, according to a health bulletin of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

A recent survey in 20 districts by the BSHI revealed that 10 percent of high school and college students are carriers of the thalassaemia gene.

According to Prof Belayet, there is a 25 percent chance that a newborn will suffer from lifelong thalassaemia if both parents have the gene.

In 50 percent of cases, the newborn will be a carrier of the gene like the parents, but will not suffer from thalassaemia, and in 25 percent of cases, the newborn will neither be a carrier nor suffer from the disorder.

“So, there is an urgent

need to screen all young people,” Prof Belayet said. “It is urgent to make people, particularly youths, aware of the dangers of thalassaemia.”

Currently, a majority of the patients in Bangladesh do not get adequate treatment and the transfusion of safe blood has been a big problem. The majority of people suffering from thalassaemia are positive for infections such as hepatitis B, C, and HIV, according to the DGHS bulletin.

Considering the gravity of the issue, the health directorate undertook the “Thalassaemia Control Programme” in 2017.

Currently, free medicine and other tests are available at medical college hospitals in all eight divisional cities under the programme. “Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the thalassaemia control programme stalled. Now, we are trying to move forward with it,” Sheikh Daud Adnan, director (hospitals and clinics) at the DGHS, told The Daily Star.

Ex-VC sent

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Prevention Tribunal-3 against Shahedur for allegedly raping her and registrar Mazharul for assisting the former VC.

The next day, the case was recorded with Sondanga Police Station as per the court order.

Quoting the case statement, Advocate Farid said Shahedur used to

live on the fifth floor of the university building in the city when he was VC at the university as his family members were in Mymensingh.

The victim used to supply cooked food to the VC's residence every day since he joined the university.

On December 16, 2021, he raped the victim with

the cooperation of the registrar, the victim alleged in the case statement.

Both the VC and the registrar threatened her for dire consequences, saying that she will be fired from the university job if she disclosed the matter.

Shahidur's term as vice-chancellor ended on September 10 last year.

Left alliance to strengthen

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Dal (JSD) and Biplobi Workers Party are registered with the election commission.

While talking to the reporters after attending a programme at the Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) yesterday, Reza Kibria said, “We need to increase our organisational strength to be able to remove the incumbent illegitimate government. You can evaluate how much organisational power the

Ganatantra Mancha has. We did not think we could grow from this alliance.”

However, he announced to continue the movement against the government to establish people's right to vote.

Reza Kibria, son of slain former Awami League Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria, also clarified there is no possibility to ally with the ruling party.

“We have engaged in discussions with the BNP regarding the anti-

government movement. Whenever the Ganatantra Mancha organises any anti-government programme, we will be there. However, it is not an effective alliance,” he said.

He added their primary focus will now be on organisational activities.

“Our leaders and activists are occupied with their responsibilities and do not have the time to dedicate to Ganatantra Mancha's programmes,” added Kibria.

Foreign competitor

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in the UAE, before permitting other UAE airlines.

Five airlines of the UAE, including Emirates, Ethihad Airways, FlyDubai, Air Arabia, and Air Arabia Abu Dhabi are operating 133 flights weekly from Dhaka at present.

Besides, Biman Bangladesh Airlines, the national flag carrier of Bangladesh, and private operator US-Bangla is also operating flights to UAE.

Aviation insiders said CAAB has already given temporary operating permission (TOP) to Wizz Air Abu Dhabi to operate seven weekly flights from Chattogram.

Local airlines said Wizz Air Abu Dhabi usually offers predatory flight prices to customers to grab the market, which may drive the local airlines from the market.

To cite an example, they said Wizz Air Abu Dhabi has already announced that it will soon be entering Pakistan, India and other countries in the region,

aiming to tap into the high demand for air travel between South Asia and the UAE.

The entry of Wizz Air Abu Dhabi into the market is expected to pose a tough challenge to the existing airlines operating on the Dhaka-UAE route.

Last year, Wizz Air transported over 1.2 million passengers on over 6,000 flights.

Officials of local airlines have expressed frustration over the proposed introduction of Wizz Air, saying CAAB is working against the interests of the country.

Biman Managing Director and CEO Shafiqul Azim, who is currently in London, said, “This (deal with Wizz Air) is unprofessional in terms of aviation manners. CAAB should consult with Biman before taking such a decision, as it may conflict with the country's interests.”

Kamrul Islam, general manager of public relations, US-Bangla Airlines, said the government should

allocate frequency to the UAE-based airlines based on the capacity of the local airlines.

“Otherwise, we will not be able to compete,” he added.

Aviation Expert Kazi Wahidul Alam told The Daily Star that the introduction of Wizz Air Abu Dhabi will create uneven competition.

“Air service agreements between the two countries should be made reciprocally. Wizz Air's network frequency is high, so the airline may shake up the country's aviation market, driving domestic airlines towards a loss,” he added.

An inter-ministerial meeting on the matter will be held this week and CAAB may invite domestic air stakeholders for consultancy, said a CAAB official, requesting anonymity.

Despite repeated attempts, CAAB Chairman Mafidur Rhaman could not be reached over the phone for his comments on the matter.

AL activists

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surrounded the venue with sticks and local weapons, making it impossible for the BNP to hold its event.

According to Mujibur, AL members later held a separate event next to the BNP's planned location.

Golam Rasul Koli, organising secretary of the Kanchan municipal

unit AL, claimed that approximately 500 AL members took to the streets to prevent any anarchy from the BNP.

Narayanngani's senior assistant superintendent of police Abir Hossain said police did not prohibit anyone from holding the event and were instead vigilant to prevent any violence.

Trial against

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Inspection for Factories and Establishments filed the case against Yunus and three others of Grameen Telecom on September 9, 2021, the department's lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan told The Daily Star.

He said there is no legal bar for the labour court to

resume the trial of the case following the SC order.

Barrister Abdullah Al Mamun, who appeared for Prof Yunus, told this correspondent that he would argue before the trial court concerned that his client was not involved in any irregularities alleged in the case.

The lawyer said Grameen Telecom is a nonprofit and charitable organisation, of which Yunus is a chairman. He is not actively involved with the organisation, he added. A labour court in Dhaka on October 12, 2021 granted bail to the Nobel laureate in the case.

They barred

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not take any action when the ruling AL's candidate held their mass reception with loudspeakers.

Addressing the programme, Faizul Karim said he would work for the development of Barishal by

joining hands with all.

He also urged the Election Commission to work for holding a free and fair election.

This is the first time he came to Barishal from Dhaka after getting the party's nomination as the

mayoral candidate.

Contacted, the city poll's returning officer Md Humayun Kabir declined to comment on the matter.

The Barishal City Corporation Election is scheduled to be held on June 12.



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Destruction

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conference at Jatiya Press Club in this regard.

Sultana Kamal, president of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolan, pointed out that since the 1960s, the greenery in Dhaka has decreased significantly due to rapid urbanisation, which has led to adverse effects such as loud noise, air pollution and unbearable temperature.

Rasheda K Choudhury, executive director of Campaign for Popular Education, emphasised the need for development plans to reflect the opinion of the people. She said the destruction of nature in the name of development must be resisted.

Syeda Rizwana emphasised the importance of trees in protecting the capital. She also criticised the city administration for ignoring the opinions of residents and not adopting Singapore's environmental conservation model.

Cultural personality Mamunur Rashid

highlighted the dire consequences of environmental disasters if trees are uprooted and expressed concern regarding the narrow cultural outlook of political fronts, which leads to deforestation and the filling up of wetlands.

The signatories include – Sultana Kamal; Khushi Kabir, coordinator of Nijera Kori; Rasheda K Choudhury; Iftekharuzzaman, executive director of Transparency International Bangladesh; Shamsul Huda, executive director of Association for Land Reform and Development (ALRD); Zakir Hossain, chief executive of Nagorik Uddyg; Shireen Huq; Prof Gitara Nasreen of Dhaka University's journalism and mass communication department; Syeda Rizwana Hasan; Mamunur Rashid; Sharmeen Murshid, chief executive officer of Brottee; Sharif Jamil, general secretary of Bapa; and urban planner Adil Mohammed Khan.

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