

# 18,000MW power production

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Regarding electricity prices, Kabir said negotiations are ongoing with coal-based power plants, setting the Matarbari plant's rate of Tk 8.44 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) as a benchmark. "We are asking them why their prices differ by Tk 3-4 instead of Tk 0.30-0.40," he said. Activities to reduce system loss will be visible by next June, he added.

Addressing the recent gas price hike for new industries, Kabir said it was set based on the marginal cost.

Energy expert Ijaz Hossain said Bangladesh's energy crisis began in 2019 when gas production declined and oil replaced gas,

increasing the government's energy subsidy burden. "Gas reserves were depleting, but exploration was ignored, while LNG import was preferred at a time when the government should have gone for aggressive production," he said.

He noted that local production stood at 2,786 million cubic feet of gas a day (mmcf) in 2019 but has now fallen to 1,800 mmcf. Future governments should promise to keep production around 2,000 mmcf by exploring at least 10 wells a year, he said.

Bangladesh will also need to import 2,600 mmcf of LNG after 2030 and build two new floating

storage and regasification units (FSRUs), he added.

Dr Shamsul Alam, energy adviser to the Consumers' Association of Bangladesh, said Bangladesh is shifting towards becoming an LNG-importing nation, with domestic gas's share expected to fall from 75 percent to 25 percent by 2030.

Dr Golam Moazzem, research director at the Centre for Policy Dialogue, called for a new energy policy with a clear transition plan.

He warned that ongoing LNG deals with Qatar and the US could impact the country's long-term renewable energy goals.

# Reform disability

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of DRW and executive director of the Centre for Disability in Development (CDD), slammed the ministry for celebrating the meagre Tk 850 monthly allowance for persons with disabilities as a major achievement.

"The Ministry of Social Welfare is basking in self-satisfaction, believing Tk 850 is sufficient. We have urged them to focus on real empowerment through skills development and employment that could turn Tk 850 into Tk 8,500, but no action has been taken," he said.

Disability development expert Dr Nafeesur Rahman also criticised the ministry for failing to submit periodic reports to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, as mandated under Article 35 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

He said the ministry has submitted only one report since Bangladesh ratified the CRPD in 2007, with the last submission made in 2017.

TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman said the necessary changes must go beyond simply renaming the ministry. "If mindsets, methods, planning, and implementation remain the same, no positive outcomes will follow. Structural and procedural transformation is crucial," he said.

Delivering the keynote address, DRW member Md Jahangir Alam pointed to Bangladesh's international commitments, among them the ratification of the CRPD in 2007, the Optional Protocol in 2008, the adoption of the Rights and Protection of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2013, its rules in 2015, and the National Action Plan on Disability in 2019 involving 35 ministries across 18 priority areas.

Despite this, persons with disabilities remain excluded from key development agendas, he said.

This stagnation undermines Bangladesh's commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly the principle of "leaving no one behind," he added.

Md Jahangir Alam urged

the government to urgently revise how ministries work so that disability issues are included in areas like education, youth, health, and women and children's affairs.

He also urged the government to rename the Ministry of Social Welfare, revitalise the national and sub-national Disability Committees under the 2013 Act, and issue clear instructions to ministries for effective action.

Jahangir recommended restructuring the National Foundation for Development of the Disabled Persons (NFDDP) and equipping it with the necessary resources to strengthen its role in promoting disability rights.

Furthermore, DRW proposed the establishment of a dedicated Disability Budget, allocating funds across sectors such as education, healthcare, employment, and accessibility. They urged that the budget be published annually, similar to the Gender, Child, and Climate Budgets.

The speakers also called for the restoration of a full one percent employment quota for persons with disabilities in government services, separate from the quotas for third-gender individuals and orphans.

In addition, DRW demanded reforms within the NFDDP, ensuring inclusive governance and meaningful participation from persons with disabilities, and advocated for the integration of disability sports into mainstream sports governance.

Highlighting the political importance of disability inclusion, DRW Convener Monsur Ahmed Choudhuri said that approximately 21.5 million people in Bangladesh live with disabilities.

"Many political parties, including new ones, are preparing for the upcoming elections. I urge you to remember that at least half of these individuals have the right to vote. Ignoring their rights will impede the country's progress. Political parties must include disability issues in their election manifestos as a part of their commitment," he said.

# Ban AL, punish

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Naser Khan, Nabil Yusuf, Musa Ibrahim and others spoke at the event, calling for reforms and elections to a Constituent Assembly alongside the ban.

At Jahangirnagar University, hundreds of activists from the university unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal staged a demonstration demanding justice for students allegedly attacked by members of the banned Bangladesh Chhatra League during protests in July and August.

The protesters marched from the university's Transport Square and later

submitted a memorandum to Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr Mohammad Kamrul Ahsan, demanding the trial of the attackers before the upcoming Jahangirnagar University Central Students' Union (JUCSU) elections.

JU Chhatra Dal Convener Zahir Uddin Mohammad Babar warned of tougher movements if justice is not delivered.

[Our correspondents in Jahangirnagar University, Gazipur, and Narayanganj contributed to this report.]

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# Drops of water, waves of suffering

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take it anymore. But my family needs water," she says.

This invisible labour contributes to what experts call "time poverty" -- the loss of valuable hours, especially for girls.

"I'm in class ten, but collecting water takes up my study time. I often have headaches and feel exhausted. But if I say no, it causes fights at home," says Antora Chakma, a tenth-grade student.

Doctors say the symptoms these women describe match musculoskeletal strain and long-term postural damage.

"Carrying water on the head, especially across hilly terrain, puts compressive stress on spinal discs and weakens the vertebrae over

time," says Dr Jetendriya Tangchangya, a physician at Rangamati Medical College Hospital.

"We frequently treat women with chronic back pain, knee problems, and early signs of spinal disc herniation," he adds.

But the suffering goes beyond the physical.

"Beyond the pain, we often see signs of anxiety, depression, and extreme fatigue," Dr Tangchangya notes.

"This isn't just a water crisis -- it's a public health crisis."

Recognising the issue, the Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) has installed four tube wells and two rainwater harvesting reservoirs in the most affected areas.

"Fetching water isn't just

a household chore here -- it leads to chronic illness, gender-based violence, and missed opportunities," says Mitu Chakma, project coordinator of MJF's PREA initiative in Rangamati.

"Our goal is not just to provide water but to restore dignity and time to these women," she says.

MJF is also advocating for sustainable water sources by protecting village common forests (VCF) and natural streams. In partnership with local communities, it has developed management plans for two VCFs.

"To truly address this crisis, we need local-level plans with participation from marginalised communities, which can then be implemented by local authorities," says Mitu.

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NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH  
HIGH COURT DIVISION  
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)  
COMPANY MATTER NO. 523 OF 2025

1. Premier Cement Mills PLC. (Transferee-Petitioner)  
2. Premier Power Generation Limited (Transferor-Petitioner)  
3. National Cement Mills Limited (Transferor-Petitioner)  
– VERSUS –  
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms (Respondent)

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that an application under Section 228 read with Section 229 of the Companies Act, 1994, being Company Matter No. 523 of 2025, for sanctioning the Scheme of Amalgamation for the amalgamation of Premier Cement Mills PLC (the "Transferee-Petitioner") with Premier Power Generation Limited, and National Cement Mills Limited (collectively the "Transferor-Petitioners"), whereby the entire undertaking of the Transferor-Petitioners as going concern is proposed to be transferred and vested in **Transferee-Petitioner**, with the Transferee-Petitioner being the surviving entity, was filed and moved before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. After the preliminary hearing, Mr. Justice Ahmed Soheli, Hon'ble Justice of the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh vide Order dated 24th March 2025 was pleased to admit the application and directed the Petitioners to convene separate meetings of all the shareholders and creditors of the Petitioners, for the purpose of placing the Scheme of Amalgamation, proposed to be made between the Petitioners, before the shareholders and creditors and approving the same. The Hon'ble High Court Division was also pleased to direct the Petitioners to file an Affidavit-in-Compliance within 23rd June, 2025.

Under the circumstances, by dint of this Notice pursuant to the Order of the Hon'ble High Court Division, all members and creditors of the Petitioner companies are hereby requested to attend the meetings at **City Hall, Agrabad Access Road, Chittagong-4100, Bangladesh**, on the following dates and times for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, approving the Scheme of Amalgamation proposed to be made between the Transferee-Petitioner and Transferor-Petitioners:

Company Name	Type of Meeting	Date	Time
1. Premier Cement Mills PLC	Members	21.05.2025	02:30 p.m.
	Creditors	21.05.2025	10:00 a.m.
1. Premier Power Generation Limited	Members	21.05.2025	04.30 p.m.
	Creditors	21.05.2025	11:30 a.m.
3. National Cement Mills Limited	Members	21.05.2025	03:30 p.m.
	Creditors	21.05.2025	11:00 a.m.

All members and creditors are requested to attend the said meetings either in person or through a duly appointed person by completing the proxy form or by authorization letter.

Anyone interested to contest the application may appear before the Hon'ble High Court Division in person or through an Advocate on the date on which it is heard. A copy of the application may be collected from the registered offices of the Petitioner companies.

Yours faithfully,

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Premier Cement Mills PLC

T.K Bhaban, 13 Kawran Bazar, Dhaka 1215 (the "Company")

NOTICE OF CREDITORS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to an Order dated 24 March 2025 of the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, comprising of His Lordship, Mr. Justice Ahmed Soheli, Hon'ble Justice of the High Court Division, a creditors' meeting of all the creditors of the Company will be held on **Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 at 10.00 AM at City Hall, Agrabad Access Road, Chittagong-4100, Bangladesh**, to transact the following business:

"To consider the approval, with or without modification, of the Scheme of Amalgamation for the amalgamation of Premier Cement Mills PLC ("Transferee-Petitioner") with Premier Power Generation Limited and, National Cement mills Limited (collectively the "Transferor-Petitioners"), under Section 228 read with Section 229 of the Companies Act, 1994, whereby the entire undertaking of the Transferor-Petitioners as a going concern is proposed to be transferred and vested in the Transferee-Petitioner, with the Transferee-Petitioner being the surviving entity."

All creditors of the Company are requested to attend the said meeting either in person or through a duly appointed person or by completing a proxy form or by authorization letter.

Date : April 27, 2025  
Issue: Dhaka

Kazi Md. Shafiqur Rahman, CMA  
Company Secretary

A copy of the Scheme of Amalgamation may be collected from the undersigned.

Premier Power Generation Limited

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National Cement Mills Limited

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Date : April 27, 2025  
Issue: Chittagong

Golam Kibria, FCMA  
Chief Financial Officer & Company Secretary

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