



Firefighters work at the site where an energy infrastructure enterprise was hit during overnight Russian missile and drone strikes, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine in the Poltava region yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS/HANDOUT

Moscow hits more gas facilities in Kyiv

REUTERS, Kyiv

Russian attacks have forced Ukraine to suspend activities at several major gas facilities this month, the state energy company said yesterday, leaving Kyiv in need of more imports.

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskiy is due to meet US President Donald Trump today, with potential US energy procurement for Kyiv as well as weapon sales believed to be on the table.

In its latest barrage, Russia launched more than 300 drones and 37 missiles to target infrastructure across Ukraine in overnight attacks yesterday, Zelenskiy said.

"This autumn, the Russians use every single day to strike at our energy infrastructure," he said on X.

Russia has been hitting Ukraine's energy and power facilities for consecutive winters as the war drags

into its fourth year, initially focusing on electricity but this year increasingly targeting gas infrastructure.

Sergii Koretskyi, CEO of state energy company Naftogaz, said there had been six major attacks on gas facilities this month alone. The latest hits damaged facilities in several regions, with operations halted at some, he said.

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His forecasts significantly exceed the estimates of the energy ministry, which forecast imports at 4.6 bcm but stated the need for additional purchases after Russian attacks.

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Star that efforts were underway to trace the accused.

Earlier, fire service Director (Operations and Maintenance) Lt Col Tajul Islam Chowdhury said Alam Traders was on their list of illegal establishments.

He said the warehouse had been served notices three times and the relevant government agencies had also been informed.

The blaze, which broke out at the chemical warehouse and an adjacent garment factory in Mirpur's Shialbari area, killed 16 people and injured several others.

Although firefighters brought the blaze under control on Wednesday, smoke continues to billow from the site three days later.

The toxic fume is gradually fading after heavy use of water, but within 300 to 400 yards of the site, the fumes can still cause severe health effects," said fire service Inspector Ibrahim Bhuiyan.

The site is in a densely packed hub of garment and packaging factories, washing plants, printing presses, and chemical warehouses, interspersed with residential buildings next to the Rupnagar Housing Estate and the Bangladesh University of Business and

Technology campus.

Shahidul Islam, a station officer of the fire service, said nearby factories remained closed yesterday due to safety concerns.

On Wednesday, Shialbari residents were urged to evacuate over health hazards in the area.

Rahela Begum, who lives with her four family members in a nearby lane, said, "But where would we go?"

She said they chose to stay despite the health risks. "I can smell the chemicals in the air and experienced chest pain and vomiting."

Mohammad Hasan, an employee of Mohammadia Food, a nearby puffed rice factory, said power supply to the area had been cut off since Tuesday, and they decided to keep their factory shut Saturday as the air remained filled with toxic fumes.

Meanwhile, autopsies have been completed on 10 more bodies, and DNA samples have been collected. The autopsies were conducted at Dhaka Medical College morgue yesterday, said CID forensic lab examiner Shubh Joy Baidya.

Earlier, Sub-inspector Muklesur Rahman Laskar of Rupnagar Police Station prepared the inquest reports.

He said out of the 10 bodies, seven remained unidentified, estimated to be

aged between 20 and 40. Among the unidentified, one was female and six male.

The identified victims include Mukta Begum, 30, from Naria upazila in Sharifpur; Farzana Akter, 15, from Dharmapasha upazila in Sunamganj; and Farzana Akter, 16, from Madan Netrokona.

Authorities said the bodies will be handed over to relatives once DNA test reports are available.

A four-member team led by Monzur Reza, senior general manager of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation, visited the site yesterday.

The expert team also included Prof Zillur Rahman from the Department of Disaster Science and Climate Resilience at the Dhaka University, and Syed Ahmed Kabir, deputy director of the Department of Environment, along with two others.

Meanwhile, the Fire Service and Civil Defence yesterday formed a seven-member committee to investigate the fire. The committee is headed by Lt Col Mohammad Tajul Islam Chowdhury, director (operations and maintenance) of the fire service.

The Ministry of Labour and Employment had earlier formed a seven-member committee to probe the incident.

no steps have been taken," he added.

In another development, Gonotantrik Shikkharthi Parishad VP nominee Fuad Ratul said although the election was participatory, there was no level playing field from the beginning of the election process.

"We received complaints that security staffers at Shahidullah Hall were campaigning for the Shibir-backed panel," he told a press briefing around 5:30pm.

Besides, several students and candidates alleged that the ink used to mark voters' fingers washed off easily.

Contacted, CEC Prof Nazrul said, "If anyone rubs it [ink] with water or a chemical immediately afterwards, it may fade. However, we have implemented four steps, including verifying voters' names and photos, so there is no risk of fake or multiple voting."

[Our correspondents, Shohanur Rahman Rafi, Tangila Tasnim, and Arifat Rahaman, contributed to this report.]



papers had been signed in advance.

The panel also accused the Islami Chhatra Shibir-backed Sommilito Shikkharthi Jote of vote rigging and using force at several centres.

At a press conference around 3:30pm in the Paribahan Market area, Abir said the polls environment was fair in the morning but turned bad as outsiders entered the campus. "People wearing Shibir-panel jerseys were seen roaming around. Even armed cadres were reportedly stockpiling weapons nearby," he alleged.

The Sommilito Shikkharthi Jote, backed by Chhatra Shibir, accused the university administration and the Election Commission of negligence and blamed a Chhatra Dal leader for spreading propaganda online.

While briefing reporters in front of the Central Library around 2:00pm, the panel's General Secretary candidate Fahim Reza alleged, "Chhatra Dal, Jubo Dal, and BNP outsiders are entering the campus and spreading lies online..."

"We have lodged our complaints with the Election Commission, but

'Ball in Afghan Taliban's court' for permanent truce

Says Pak PM; Iran urges dialogue, diplomacy

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan's prime minister said yesterday that "the ball is in the Afghan Taliban's court" for a permanent ceasefire, a day after a 48-hour truce was called in the wake of deadly cross-border clashes.

"If in 48 hours they want to resolve the issues and address our genuine demands, then we are ready for them," Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif told his cabinet, reiterating that Pakistani Taliban militants should be eliminated and that Afghan territory not be used to plot attacks.

The remarks came a day after the 48-hour ceasefire was announced, following a week of violence along the Pakistan-Afghanistan frontier in which dozens of troops and civilians were killed on both sides.

India under pressure to cut Russian oil imports

REUTERS, New Delhi

Western powers have ramped up pressure on Russia's oil sales amid its war with Ukraine, as US President Donald Trump said India would stop buying and Britain imposed sanctions on top Russian oil firms.

Indian officials are in Washington for trade talks, with the US having doubled tariffs on Indian goods and its negotiators saying curbing Russian oil imports would be key to sealing a deal.

Indian refiners are preparing to shift away from Russian oil, with a drop in purchases possible from December, three sources with knowledge of the matter said, though added they had not been formally instructed to stop buying.

India and China are the biggest buyers of Russian crude at discounted prices that Moscow has been forced to offer after losing sales to Europe following its invasion of Ukraine in 2022.

"I was not happy that India was buying oil, and he (Modi) assured me today that they will not be buying oil from Russia," Trump told reporters on Wednesday. "That's a big step. Now we're going to get China to do the same thing."

India said the country was discussing deeper energy co-operation with the United States, but its foreign ministry said yesterday that it was not aware of any telephone conversation between Modi and Trump a day earlier. Oil prices LCOI were stable yesterday, as traders said it would take time for India to reduce Russian imports.

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