



A sign reading "No Gas" is placed at the entrance to a filling station in the capital, where a supply crisis of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) due to some technical issues left pumps dry for most of the day. The photo was taken in Paribagh yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

City kitchens go cold amid gas crisis

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a roadside restaurant as he had no gas supply at home.

He said food prices had risen overnight: on Friday, a plate of rice cost Tk 15, but it cost him Tk 20 yesterday.

Aminul Islam, a manager of the restaurant, blamed the rise in price for liquefied petroleum gas for the menu getting pricier.

Since the middle of last month, the standard 12-kg LPG cylinder has been selling for Tk 2,000 to Tk 2,500, up from Tk 1,350.

The number of people buying food from his restaurant surged. "We used to cook 20kg of rice daily, but today

we had to cook 30kg," Aminul added.

Ferdousi Jahan Rose, a homemaker from Mohammadpur, said her family could not cook anything yesterday morning. "We reheated whatever food was left in the fridge with an electric oven. It wasn't enough for the four people, but we somehow managed," she said.

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and the damaged pipeline under the Turag repaired, said Kazi Mohammad Saidul Hasan, general manager (operations) of Titas.

But water has entered the pipelines of households in several localities including Mohammadpur, Dhamondi, Lalmaida and Aminbazar as a result of the punctured pipeline under the Turag.

However, water that entered household gas lines remains a major challenge. We have flushed water out of some lines, but it has re-entered in some cases. At this stage, it is not possible to say exactly when the problem will be fully resolved," Hasan told The Daily Star.

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but later got up and attempted to flee. During the chaos, his mobile phone fell, which the shooters took before fleeing.

The footage also shows a bearded man standing beside the shooters.

The day after the murder, Musabir's wife filed a case with Tejgaon Police Station against four to five unidentified individuals. Following this, the DB launched an investigation.

Multiple DB teams carried out coordinated raids early Saturday in Gazipur and Manikganj, according to DB officials. Zinnat was arrested from Gazipur's Boatbazar area, while Billal and Riaz were picked up from Manikganj.

Billal is the bearded man seen in the CCTV footage; he planned the

murder, which was later executed by shooters Zinnat and Rahim, with Riaz acting as an associate, according to the DB officials. The suspects had previously attempted to kill Musabir but failed.

Rahim, who remains on the run, is Billal's brother.

Several other individuals have been taken into custody for interrogation as part of the investigation.

Contacted, DB Chief Shafiqul Islam denied that any "shooter" had been arrested.

Around 60 people have been

questioned so far in connection with the murder, but no arrests have been made, said Shafiqul, also an additional commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

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Sundarpur Union of Fatikchari upazila.

On Friday, the family members went to Salalab to visit a shrine. While returning, the car carrying five people hit a camel and overturned on the road, leaving three dead and two injured.

"We assured the family of providing maximum support if they want to bring the bodies back to Bangladesh," said Sayed Mohammed Ibrahim, Fatikchari upazila nirbahi officer.

Shaful is a businessman in Oman and has been residing in the Middle Eastern country for a long time, his business partner Muhammad Parvez told local reporters.

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"Over the last week, I have gone through a very different kind of experience. People at home and abroad have sent their good wishes and prayers. When I spoke to people on the streets, many told me they were praying for me," she told reporters after attending the hearings.

Meanwhile, at least 16 Jatiya Party candidates regained their candidacy yesterday through appeal. They include Abdul Hannan from Sharifupur 3, Mostafa Jamal from Narsingdi 1, and Salmaan Khoka from Narayanganj 4.

Hearings were held for five candidates of Islami Andolan Bangladesh, and all five regained their candidacies.

At the same time, one candidate each from Bangladesh Congress, Islami Oiika Jote, Jagga, AB Party, Insaniyat Bangladesh, and Bangladesh Supreme Party; two each from Bangladesh Jasad and Basad; and three from Bangladesh Khilafat Majlis, as well as 15 independent candidates, also had their candidacies restored.

Pro-AL teacher

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duty unethically," said Sohanur Rahman, an executive member of Cucusu.

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learned of their move, he attempted to flee the venue. He was later handed over to the proctor's office, according to Sohanur.

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Japan PM mulling snap election in coming weeks: reports

AFP, Tokyo

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