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Lingering LNG crisis may drag power cut woes

Worried over public outrage, Palli Bidyut Association asks for protection for its offices, grid

ASIFUR RAHMAN

Bangladesh's energy crisis has deepened again as LNG supplies have fallen again amid rough weather in the Bay, pushing total gas availability to a three-week low and worsening the power shortage with prolonged outages in rural areas.

The country's total gas supply fell to around 2,100 million cubic feet per day (mmcfd) yesterday, against a daily demand of about 3,800 mmcfd, according to officials concerned.



Of the supply, domestic gas fields contributed around 1,630 mmcfd, while the two floating LNG terminals together supplied up to 410 mmcfd.

This is the lowest overall gas supply since the terminal operated by the US-owned Excelerate Energy faced an accident on July 21 and halted supply.

Although the terminal partly resumed operation on August 5 and increased overall LNG supply, the Summit-operated terminal started reducing supply since August 10 as they were unable to unload LNG from tankers.

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Workers sit idle at a factory in the Ruhitpur BSCIC Industrial Estate in Dhaka's Keraniganj as frequent and prolonged power outages severely disrupt production. The photo was taken yesterday. PHOTO: MEHEDI HASAN

Govt goes for long-term US LNG supply

Approves 12-yr deal with Gunvor for 117 cargoes

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The government yesterday approved a 12-year deal to import 117 LNG cargoes from US-based Gunvor USA LLC amid growing energy demand and supply uncertainty.

Under the agreement, Gunvor will deliver the cargoes between 2026 and 2038.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase chaired by Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury.

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Success in school fails to carry girls forward

Females outperform males in SSC, HSC exams but lag in universities, employment

ABDULLAH HEL BUBUN

Girls have consistently outperformed boys in school examinations for nearly a decade, but that academic advantage fades as they move into higher education and the workforce.

Despite higher pass rates and more GPA-5s in public exams, women remain underrepresented in universities, formal employment, civil service recruitment and management positions, according to data from government agencies and international organisations.

The contrast is particularly stark in the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report 2025, which ranked Bangladesh first in the world for female enrolment in primary and secondary education, but 125th for female enrolment in tertiary education.

In this year's Secondary School Certificate examinations, female students once again outperformed boys.

Girls recorded a higher pass rate than boys across the country's nine general education boards and also secured more

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Fakhrul BNP's presidential candidate

Announcement today

SAJJAD HOSSAIN

The BNP is set to announce party Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir as its presidential candidate today after party Chairman and Prime Minister Tarique Rahman gave him the green light, according to party sources.

Fakhrul, who is also the LGRD minister, emerged as the party's final choice after Tarique discussed the issue with senior BNP leaders several times over the past 10 days and sought their views, the sources said.

Tarique will meet members of the BNP Standing Committee at the Secretariat today before the party formally announces the decision.

A party source said Tarique is likely to disclose the candidate's name at the meeting and consult senior leaders on selecting suitable figures to propose and second the presidential candidate.

"At the meeting, the prospective candidate's signature will be taken, and a delegation will be sent to

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