

Reduce pressure on power grid: PM Edn instts, mosques can use solar panel system

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina suggested introducing solar-panel system in the educational institutions and mosques in the cities to reduce pressure on the national power grid, as sunlight is emerging as a source of clean energy worldwide, reports UNB.

She stressed the need for expanding the use of electricity from the alternative source to cities while talking to representatives of various banks and institutions who came to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) to donate to the Prime Minister's relief fund in aid to the Aila victims.

The use of solar panel for producing electricity for households is now limited to specific rural areas, and promoting entrepreneurs are seeking its expansion to urban areas as a way of resolving the perennial power crisis in the country.

A total of Tk 74 lakh was donated by cheque by the banks and institutions, namely, AK Khan Company Ltd. and Southeast Bank (Tk 25 lakh each), Real Estate and Housing Association of Bangladesh (REHAB-Tk 12 lakh), First Security Islamic Bank (Tk 10 lakh) and, Rajshahi University (Tk 2 lakh).

Besides National Life Insurance Company donated

Tk 10 lakh for treatment abroad of Tasin Humayun, 12, son of Shaheed Major Humayun Haider, killed in last February's BDR carnage at the Peckhana headquarters of the border force.

The Prime Minister handed over the cheque to the widowed wife of the late Humayun at the PMO.

Prime Minister Hasina thanked the banks and institutions for standing by the families of the martyred army officers and cyclone-affected people of the country's coastal belt.

"The amount of your donations is not the thing that counts. The love and sincerity you showed to the family

members and the cyclone victims is a great example of social service," she said in a word of encouragement to the donors.

The Prime Minister noted that day by day natural calamities are increasing in Bangladesh because of global warming, blamed on excessive emission of greenhouse gases mainly in the developed countries.

She reiterated her directive to the Metrological Department to make weather forecasts not only about the cyclonic storms rather about the impacts of the high tide and ebb tide, full moon and last night of the dark fortnight on the storms.