

CAMPAIGN FOR JUST ENERGY TRANSITIONS Barishal 2024



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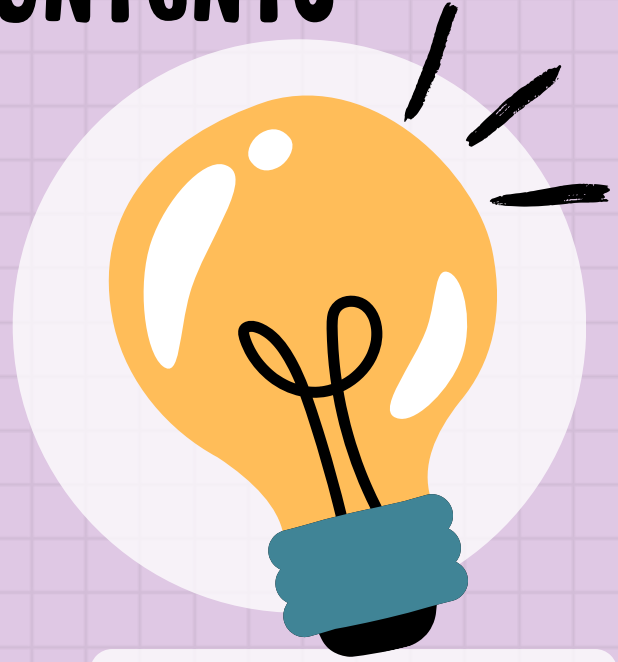


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21 January 2024 BWGED Annual Strategic Meeting in Khulna

Tauhedul Islam Shahazada chief executive of Prantojon Trust had participated and revealed his organisational activities in BWGED Annual Strategic Meeting 2024.

Mr Shahazada and a Campaign Intern Rtr Md Omar Faruk actively engaged the 3 days long BWGED Annual Strategic Meeting 2024.

That annual Strategic Meeting 2024 played an important role in creating a memorable and impactful gathering. The connections made and the exchange of ideas during the meeting will undoubtedly contribute to the growth and success of the Working Group.

In that strategic meeting the mentionable setting was the stage for a year of innovation, collaboration, growth, knowledge diversification and commitment to progress in renewable energy transition. Leaders from diverse backgrounds and organizations had gathered to chart the course for a future filled with possibilities in green energy transition.



12 February 2024—IEPMP & Energy Literacy Training

A training on IEPMP and Energy Literacy was held today in Barisal. jointly organized by development organizations PRANTOJON, CLEAN- Coastal Livelihood and Environmental Action Network and bwged.



10 February 2024

Chinese New Year celebration in Barishal Demand for investment in renewable energy instead of investment in LNG and coal.

Development Organization PRANTOJON, Bangladesh Working Group for Ecology and Development-(BWGED) and Coastal Livelihood and Environmental Action Network (CLEAN) jointly held a demonstration at Kirtankhola river in Barishal on Saturday 10th February to demand investment in renewable Energy instead of LNG and coal on the occasion of Chinese New Year 2024. Organized exhibitions.

The speakers in the discussion said to express gratitude and extend best wishes to China, we, the entire Bangladeshi society, through various initiatives, celebrate Chinese New Year. Chinese investment has been playing an important role for the dynamism of our country's economy for a long time. We are grateful and indebted to you for this. As we love you (China), we are celebrating your "Lunar Year 2024" in such a grand manner, we hope that your hand of cooperation will be extended to us. Some negative aspects of these investments made us think. Human rights violations, environmental damage continue in Chinese invested projects. Some negative aspects of these investments made us think. Human rights violations, environmental damage continue in Chinese invested projects. In addition, the invested debt has to pay for LNG and coal imports and capacity, and the country is slowly turning into a fragile economy.





13-15 3 February 2024
 3 Day Long Environmental & Social
 Impact Assessment (ESIA) Training in
 Barishal
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 2024 has been

organized to PRANTOJON with the support of CLEAN-Coastal Livelihood and Environmental Action Network and BWGED. Talking about the Campaign.

On April 25, 2024, a diverse coalition of civil society members, affected communities, and three environmental and social organizations—Prantojon Trust, COAST, and Bangladesh Working Group on Ecology and Development (BWGED) organized a symbolic protest campaign in Barisal, challenging the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) safeguard policy. The campaign, titled "Protect People and Planet Over Profit", aimed to highlight



the shortcomings and flaws in the ADB's safeguard framework and expose its failure to protect the rights of affected communities and the environment due to large-scale development projects. Through this innovative symbolic campaign, climate activists asserted that the ADB's safeguard policy poses a "threat to gender, environment, and livelihoods". They argued that the ADB continues to invest in fossil fuels and other false solutions, and thus, a just and equitable energy transition must be ensured by guaranteeing environmental and social safeguards, labor standards, and transparency and accountability.

Demanding the Asian Development Bank to prioritize people and the planet over profit by revising its safeguard policies

Protesters in Barishal Demand G7 Nations Cease Fossil Fuel Financing on the eve of 50th Summit.

11 Jun 2024: On the eve of the G7 Summit 2024, Barishal city activists, community leaders and concerned citizens gathered for a symbolic knee-drenching protest at the Kirtankhola river in Barishal at 10 am on 11 June 24 to protest the ongoing investment of the G7 countries in fossil fuels. Organized by PRANTOJON,



the Coastal Livelihood and Environmental Action Network (CLEAN) and the Bangladesh Working Group on Ecology and Development (BWGED), the protest called for an immediate end to fossil fuel financing, highlighting the urgent need for climate action.

The G7 is a group of seven countries, including the USA, UK, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, and Italy. The 50th G7 summit will be held from 13 to 15 June 2024 in Italy. Despite their public commitments to combat climate change, G7 nations continue to channel billions into fossil fuel projects, exacerbating the climate crisis and its impacts on vulnerable communities worldwide. The protest in Barishal aimed to shed light on this contradiction and demand accountability from the world's most powerful economies. The Executive Director of Prantojon, Tauhedul Islam Shahzada said The protest is part of a global campaign all over the world against G7 finance for fossil fuel. The protestors demanded to stop "Climate Crime" by immediately ceasing all financial support for fossil fuel projects globally. They also asked to redirect funds to renewable energy initiatives that ensure a sustainable and equitable energy transition.

Barishal Demonstration Urges AIIB to Shift Focus from Fossil Fuels to Renewable Energy



On Monday, September 25th, at 10 AM, a youth assembly was organized in front of Barishal District School by COAST, Prantojon, and BWGED to protest against the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank's (AIIB) investments in fossil fuels. Speakers at the event asserted that Bangladesh is suffering environmentally and economically due to the AIIB's investments in the fossil fuel sector. None of the AIIB's investments in Bangladesh support renewable energy, which is unacceptable in the face of the climate crisis. The AIIB's investments are destroying lives and increasing dependency. The speakers demanded that the AIIB divest from fossil fuels and finance carbon emission reduction.

Welcome the Decision to cancel Accelerate Energy LNG Terminal, Approved Under a Special Act in Payra.

Barishal, Sunday, October 20, 2024: A press conference was held today in Barishal, welcoming the government's decision to cancel the Accelerate Energy LNG terminal project in Payra as part of its efforts to protect the environment, maintain economic balance, and realign energy policies in Bangladesh. The terminal was approved under the 'Speedy Supply of Power and Energy (Special Provisions) Act, 2010'. The conference was organized by Prantojan Trust, Forum on Ecology & Development Barishal (FED), Coastal Livelihood and Environmental Action Network (CLEAN), and Bangladesh Working Group on Ecology & Development (BWGED).



BARISHAL ADVOCATES RALLY FOR WORLD BANK TO PRIORITIZE RENEWABLES



Ahead of the annual meeting of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington, D.C., PRANTOJON, Coastal Livelihood and Environmental Action Network (CLEAN), and Bangladesh Working Group on Ecology and Development (BWGED), Forum on Ecology and Development Barishal (FEDB) jointly organized a unique campaign in Barishal. The goal of the campaign was to draw the attention of World Bank policymakers to the need for increased investments in renewable energy, such as solar and wind power, while rejecting funding for so-called clean energy projects like carbon capture and storage (CCS), which are still linked to fossil fuels.

Rally in Barisal demanding implementation of the 14-point citizen's demands for a just energy transition.

Barisal, November 4, 2024: A protest program has been organized by the Just Energy Transition Network (JETN), ActionAid Bangladesh, Prantojon, and other environmental organizations at Barisal Central Shaheed Minar on November 4, 2024, at 10 AM to draw the attention of policymakers towards the 14-point citizen's demands for a just energy transition, including fuel governance, green and affordable energy, green jobs, women's participation in a just and green energy transition, fuel efficiency, fuel conservation, environmental and community protection.



“Shame on World Bank” – Protest Campaign Against Fossil Fuel Dependency Urged by Global Bank



07 November, Barishal: In a powerful demonstration of commitment to sustainable energy and climate justice, PRANTOJON, Coastal Livelihood and Environmental Action Network (CLEAN), and Bangladesh Working Group on Ecology and Development (BWGED) have launched a protest campaign against the World Bank's recent endorsement of LNG gas supplies to Bangladesh. The event, held in Barishal, gathered environmentalists, local leaders, community members, and youth activists deeply concerned by the World Bank's promotion of fossil fuels, which contradicts global climate goals and Bangladesh's need for renewable energy solutions.

On the occasion of the G20 meeting, Barishal Youth counter position in favor of renewable energy in Bangladesh

In keeping with the main theme of the G20 summit in Brazil in 2024, "Building a just and sustainable world", PRANTOJON, Coastal Livelihoods and the Environment Network (CLEAN), and Bangladesh Working Group on Ecology and Development (BWGED) have launched this campaign. Jointly organized a youth counter stand program on Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 10 am at Bells Park, Barishal, emphasizing the need for sustainable energy systems. Where investments in renewable energy and reduction of dependence on fossil fuels are called for.



DEMANDING PERMANENT CANCELLATION OF LNG-BASED POWER PLANTS

A massive human chain was formed today 28 November 2024 at 10 AM in front of Ashwini Kumar Town Hall, Barisal, jointly organized by PRANTOJON, Coastal Livelihood and Environmental Action Network (CLEAN), and Bangladesh Environment and Development Alliance (BWGED), demanding the permanent cancellation of all LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas)-based power plants approved under the Special Powers Act 2010, which are currently suspended. Mr. Ranjit Dutta, General Secretary of CAB, presiding over the human chain, said, "These



Mr. Tauhedul Islam Shahazada, The Executive Director of PRANTOJON said, "These projects have been approved without any environmental assessment, which violates international standards. If the suspended projects are not permanently closed, they will cause further environmental disasters." He urged the government to work towards sustainable development by canceling unnecessary and environmentally destructive projects.

“EVERY DROP COUNTS—STOP CLIMATE POLLUTION, ENSURE WATER SECURITY”



On the eve of COP29, scheduled to commence in Baku, Azerbaijan, on November 15, 2024, a powerful advocacy campaign was organized in Barisal, Bangladesh. The campaign, jointly organized by Prantajon, Coastal Livelihood & Environmental Action Network (CLEAN), and the Bangladesh Working Group on Ecology and Development (BWGED), aimed to urge global leaders to take immediate action to combat climate pollution and ensure safe water access.

The demonstration, held on November 14, 2024, at Barisal District School Crossing, highlighted the dire consequences of climate change and pollution on water security in various regions of Bangladesh, particularly

Barisal. The participants emphasized how recurrent floods, river erosion, rising salinity, and the scarcity of clean water have severely impacted the lives of local communities.

Touhidul Islam Shahjada, Executive Director of Prantajon, stated, "The water security crisis is intensifying due to climate pollution. We expect global leaders to take swift and effective decisions to address this issue and increase investments in renewable energy."



PRANTOJON Session at 2nd Conference on Bangladesh Energy Prosperity 2050: Environmental and Social Governance for Just Transition:-

In this session, Mr. Tauhedul Islam Shahazada, Executive Director of Prantojon, Presented on Safeguarding the Local Environment and Communities from the Negative Impacts of Energy Projects at Kalapara Upazila in Patuakhali.

The session was enriched by contributions from the following speakers:

Sharif Jamil, Coordinator, Waterkeepers Bangladesh; Advocate S. Hassanul Banna, Legal Coordinator, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA); Noor Alam Sheikh,

Coordinator, Mongla Nagorik Samaj; Engineer Shahnewaz Chowdhury, Activist, Banshkhali Coal Power Plant. The session was focused on diving into the essential components of environmental and social governance (ESG) that are pivotal for achieving a just transition to a sustainable future. This session will examine how ESG frameworks can ensure that the transition to renewable energy and sustainable practices is equitable and inclusive, benefiting all segments of society.

The 2nd Conference on Bangladesh Energy Prosperity (BEP) 2050 is a flagship platform to shape the future of Bangladesh's energy and power sector. With a vision to achieve 40% renewable energy by 2041, the conference emphasizes reducing reliance on fossil fuels and imports by investing in local renewable energy industries. It aligns national energy policies with global climate commitments while promoting economic stability and energy security.

A CALL TO REMOVE OBSTACLES ON THE PATH TO 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY TRANSITION BY 2025

On the eve of the New Year, PRANTOJON, CLEAN, and the Bangladesh Working Group on Ecology and Development (BWGED) jointly organized a renewable energy campaign in front of Ashwini Kumar Town Hall, Barishal at 10:00 AM 31 December 2024. This unique campaign was organized to encourage people to overcome all obstacles in achieving 100% renewable energy and promote the use of renewable energy in the new year. Speaking under the



chairmanship of Mr. Ronjit Dutta, General Secretary of CAB, the speakers said that Bangladesh has faced numerous obstacles in its journey towards renewable energy transition for many years. These obstacles include complex approval processes, financial constraints, infrastructural weaknesses, and policy



gaps. This initiative will identify these obstacles and raise specific demands to address them. Mr. Shubhankar Chakraborty said it is imperative to establish a centralized approval process to streamline the approval process for renewable energy projects and eliminate bureaucratic delays to expedite project implementation. At the same time, he demanded initiatives to integrate renewable energy into the national grid more effectively through smart grids and net energy metering (NEM).

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

TOTAL ENGAGEMENT

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ELECTRONIC MEDIA +1%

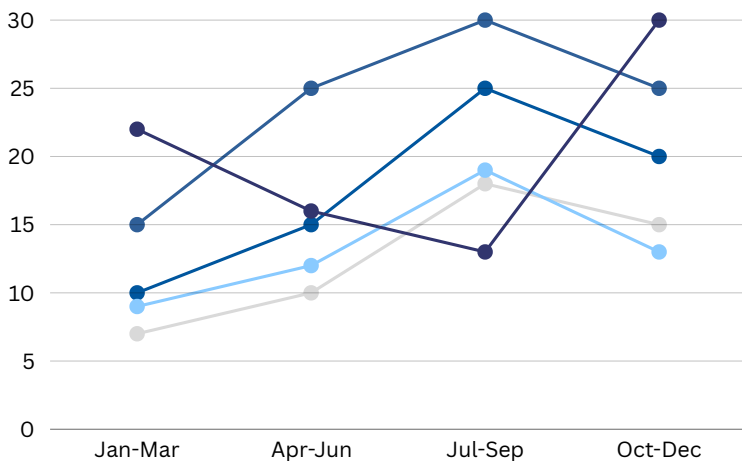
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TOTAL PARTICIPANT

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MEN : 748

WOMEN : 228

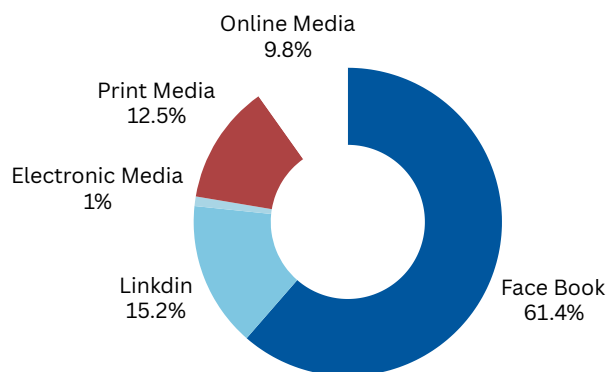
TOTAL AWARE

5856

DIRECT AWARE : 4880

INDIRECT AWARE : 976

Total Session



জীবাশ্ম জ্বালানিতে বিনিয়োগের বিরুদ্ধে অন্যরকম প্রতিবাদ

বিশ্ববাসীরা পায়রা ১ হাজার ২০০ মেগাওয়াট এলএনজি পাওয়ার প্লান্ট নির্মাণের সিদ্ধান্ত বাতিলের দাবি জানিয়েছেন পরিবেশবাদীরা। গতকাল বরিশাল পেশিয়ার শহীদ মিনারের ডেভেলপমেন্ট এ নদীর তীরে আয়োজন করা হয়। প্রাক্তন, সৌদিয়া শাইডিংয়ের আন্তর্জাতিক পরিবেশবান্ধবী ও নদীর তীরে আয়োজন করা হয়। প্রাক্তন, সৌদিয়া শাইডিংয়ের আন্তর্জাতিক পরিবেশবান্ধবী ও নদীর তীরে আয়োজন করা হয়।



বরিশালে জীবাশ্ম জ্বালানির বিরুদ্ধে প্রতিবাদ

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নদীতে পরিবেশকর্মীদের বিক্ষোভ

জি-৭ ভুক্ত দেশগুলোর চলমান জীবাশ্ম জ্বালানির বিনিয়োগের বিরুদ্ধে কীর্তনখোলা নদীর হাটু পানিতে দাঁড়িয়ে প্রতীকী বিক্ষোভ সমাবেশ করেছে পরিবেশকর্মীরা। মঙ্গলবার সকালে নগরী সংলগ্ন নদীতে এ কর্মসূচি পালন করা হয়।



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প্রাক্তন, উপকূলীয় জীবনযাত্রা ও পরিবেশ কর্মজোট (স্লিন) এবং বাংলাদেশ ওয়ার্ল্ড গ্রুপ অন ইকোলজি অ্যান্ড ডেভেলপমেন্টের (বিডবিলডিউজিডি) যৌথ উদ্যোগে অনুষ্ঠিত সমাবেশে বক্তারা, জীবাশ্ম জ্বালানিতে অর্থায়ন অবিলম্বে বন্ধ করে আহ্বান করেন।

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Dhaka Tribune

Rally held demanding shift from fossil fuels to renewable energy

Participants carried banners and chanted slogans, calling for the AIBB to align its investments with the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement



Green activists have stressed the need for increasing reliance on renewable energy and a complete shift from fossil fuels.

আজকের বার্তা - বাংলাদেশের সর্ববৃহৎ প্রাইভেট আর্থনিক ডেইলি

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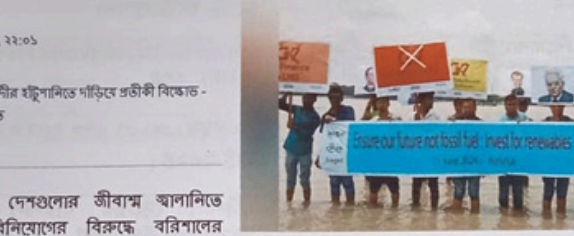
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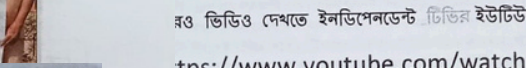


STOP CLIMATE CHAOS

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(১১ জুন) সকালে নগরী সংলগ্ন নদীতে এ কর্মসূচি হয়।

উপকূলীয় জীবনযাত্রা ও পরিবেশ কর্মজোট (স্লিন) এবং বাংলাদেশ ওয়ার্ল্ড গ্রুপ অন ইকোলজি অ্যান্ড ডেভেলপমেন্টের (বিডবিলডিউজিডি) যৌথ উদ্যোগে সমাবেশ হয়েছে। প্রাক্তন, উপকূলীয় জীবনযাত্রা ও পরিবেশ কর্মজোট (স্লিন) এবং বাংলাদেশ ওয়ার্ল্ড গ্রুপ অন ইকোলজি অ্যান্ড ডেভেলপমেন্টের (বিডবিলডিউজিডি) যৌথ উদ্যোগে সমাবেশ হয়েছে।

তারা বলেন, আগামী ১৩ থেকে ১৫ জুন ইতালিতে ৫০তম জি৭ শীর্ষ সম্মেলন অনুষ্ঠিত হতে যাচ্ছে। তারা জি৭-৭ ভুক্ত দেশগুলোর প্রকাশ্য প্রতিশ্রুতি রয়েছে। তারা পূর্ণ এবং বিশ্বব্যাপী এ প্রত্যাহারের জন্য জি৭-৭ ভুক্ত দেশগুলোর প্রকাশ্য প্রতিশ্রুতি রয়েছে।

পায়রা এলএনজি পাওয়ার প্ল্যান্ট নির্মাণের সিদ্ধান্ত বাতিলের দাবিতে প্রচারণা

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