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Siege once again Gas Export Pros And Cons

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CHITTAGONG

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the rooftop of the BBA Faculty. Seeing the ICS cadres with guns in the scene BCL men also im-

ported their cadres and arms. Both the rival groups exchanged more than 100 gunshots at that time. After the fight ICS men ransacked at least 100 rooms of

became an essential item but it also became a much-abused item, as housewives have never learned

how to economise on its use. But that is a social problem not a tech-

nical one and could have been solved long ago through a public

education programme. Once gas was available to houses from the

various gas stations around the city, the way was also opened for

small industries to grow and one of the first, was the conversion to

gas of the many brick kilns dotted around the city. Other gas-based

industries also grew up among them the first chemical process industry in the private sector. In

other words from these early be- ginnings, Bangladesh never

looked back and now regards natural gas, not only as its main

source of energy, but its most precious natural resource and

since its discovery off shore, its importance to the national econ-

omy has increased. Future projects: Back in 1975 when a team of

Commonwealth consultants went in search of suitable gas-based

industries, they presented a num- ber of possibilities only a few of

(BCL) captures Shahjalal Hall, Shah Amanat Hall and Shahid

Abdur Rab Hall. But after October 1 all halls are now under the grip of ICS.

During most of the period of Ershad government Jatiya

Chhatra Samaj (JCS) captured all the halls. At that time BCL

helped ICS to establish their power in the university halls, ac-

ording to our sources. With the help of BCL ICS captured the

halls and in that clash JCS leader Hamid lost his wrists of both

hands in 1986. At that time the cademic activities of Chittagong

University were suspended for 14 months. After that ICS rules

their power in the halls till 1998. Aminul Islam, a student of

Statistics Department lost his life in a clash between ICS and

All Party Students Alliance (APSA) on April 28, 1989. Faruq

Zaman, an honours student was killed by ICS when they at-

tacked a procession of APSA while APSA celebrating their

victory in the election of Chittagong University Central

Students Union (CUCSU) on December 22, 1990. Nurul Huda, Musa, an activist

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