

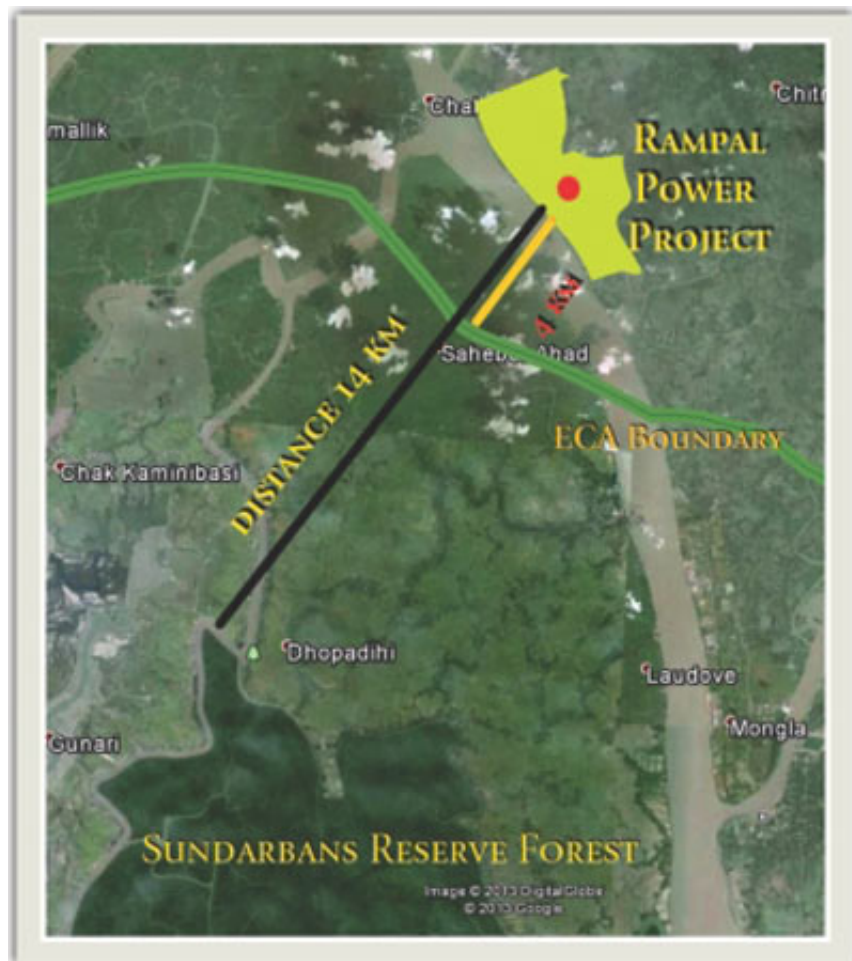
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'Cancel Rampal plant by Sept 23'

Oil, gas protection committee to start long march Tuesday

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Map shows the distance between the Sundarbans and the power plant site

National Committee on Protection of Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Ports on Saturday reiterated its demand for cancellation of the government decision to construct Rampal power plant in Sundarbans.

“Cancel all destructive activities against Sundarbans, including the construction of Rampal coal-based power plant, by September 23,” said Prof Anu Mohammad, member secretary of the committee.

“There are many options to generate power but Sundarbans has no alternative,” he said.

He was addressing a press conference to reveal the committee’s preparation prior to their long march towards Sundarbans Tuesday protesting the government decision.

“Sundarbans saves us. We have to protect Sundarbans showing respect to its contribution,” said Prof Mohammad further urging the “concerned” people of India to stand by Bangladeshis in a bid to protest the government’s decision.

He also called upon the government to solve the power crisis according to the seven-point recommendation placed by the committee earlier.

The long march will begin from Jatiya Press Club premises at 9:00am on Tuesday (September 24), which ends with a rally at Gigray in Sundarbans on September 28.

The body recently declared to hold a rally towards Sundarbans if their demand to cancel the

Rampal project is not met by Monday September 23.

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