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People's Right to Know

PSC forced to cancel leaked test



Students demonstrate against the leakage of the 24th Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) preliminary test questions on the Dhaka University campus yesterday.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday forced Public Service Commission (PSC) to cancel the preliminary civil service examinations following widespread protest over leakage of question papers.

The cabinet yesterday made the move after discussion the test scam.

The PSC then called an emergency meeting and scrapped the tests taken on February 28 to recruit officers in different cadre services.

This is the first time that a civil service exam was cancelled. Over 1.20 lakh candidates appeared in the test against 4,450 posts.

"Although there was no evidence of leakage of questions, the PSC decided to cancel the test to remove any confusion and controversy," said a PSC press release last

The PSC Chairperson Prof, ZN Tahmida Begum was not available

The PSC got embroiled in a controversy after multiple choice questions of the 24th Bangladesh Civil Service exams were leaked, copies of which were freely sold at between Tk 100 and Tk 10,000 per

A Dhaka University student took SEE PAGE 11 COL 2



magnificent 124 off 128 balls against South Africa at Kingsmead yesterday. It was his ninth one-day hundred.

Monde Zondeki, 20, his replacement, conceded 35 runs off six Zondeki was not alone in being expensive, however, as Atapattu classic batting.

over of the innings.

Atapattu anchors

Sri Lanka

Sri Lankan opening batsman Marvan Atapattu hit a flawless

century as he and veteran Aravinda

de Silva caned the South African

bowling attack in a crucial World

Cup Pool B match at Kingsmead on

Atapattu (124) and De Silva (73)

shared a 152-run fourth wicket

stand to lift Sri Lanka to 268 for nine

from 50 overs after winning the toss

stay in the tournament, dropped

veteran fast bowler Allan Donald

but the gamble did not pay off as

South Africa, needing to win to

in the day-night match.

AFP, Durban

He went to his ninth one-day international century off 112 balls and scored his 124 off 128 balls with 18 fours, many the result of immaculate timing as he bisected fielders patrolling the boundary.

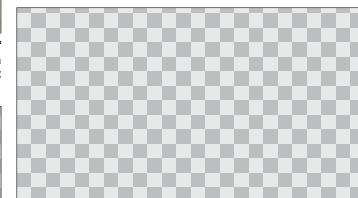
before unleashing some powerful shots, including pulled sixes off Makhaya Ntini and Andrew Hall. He also hit six fours in a 78-ball innings.

De Silva, 37, started slowly

Atapattu and De Silva were both caught playing forcing shots within the space of three deliveries after putting on 152 off 143 balls.

Four more wickets fell as South Africa were able to restrict the Lankans to 25 runs off the last five

Jacques Kallis was easily South SEE PAGE 11 COL 3



BNP lawmaker demands removal of CEC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A ruling party lawmaker yesterday demanded in the Jatiya Sangsad removal of Chief Election Commissioner MA Syed. The Speaker then gave a ruling

suggesting the lawmaker to take

recourse to law. Rising on a point of order, Shahidul Haq Jamal of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) sought the parliament's protection in view of

bothered the legislator. He read out a news item published yesterday in daily Dainik Dinkal which quoted the CEC as

former judge) why he (the former judge) did not "hang" Jamal (the MP), who was accused in five cases earlier. The case was tried in the judge's court.

The Chair noted that asking any judge or magistrate for capital punishment to any MP does not come under the jurisdiction of a CEC. Speaker Jamiruddin Sircar found the CEC's remark anticonstitutional. To inform the House, the Chair read out the constitutional provisions on func-

He referred to Articles 118, 119, 123, 139(1), 96 (3) 46(5) of the

formation of the EC, its function,

council and so on The Chair explained that the President can form a supreme judicial council to investigate the CEC's conduct and if the probe is positive in terms of mental or physical disorder or moral turpitude, then only the President can

tenure, removal of its members.

formation of supreme judicial

The Speaker said, "Although we usually do not take newspaper report into cognisance, but as you raised the issue, we look into the

A 90 per cent hit

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The leaked questions of the 24th Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) examinations match with over 90 per cent of the original test questions.

The Daily Star obtained a set of leaked questions. The first one is What is the name of the aborigines of New Zealand?" The same appeared as the second question of the set No. 3 of the BCS preliminary

The second question of the leaked paper is: "Which country has Black Cat commandos?" It was the number 11 question in the exams.

questions like "Who is the builder of *Paharpur* Buddhist temple? Who is the author of Kashboner Konya? Who is the author of Shashvato Banga? Or what is the atomic number of

And they all matched with the original questions.

The leaked paper contains questions on English grammar, mathematics, geography, history, general knowledge and geometry.

'Govt did not demolish lawyers' podium'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law Minister Moudud Ahmed told the parliament vesterday that the government did not demolish the podium erected on the Supreme Court premises by lawyers for their

Police demolished the podium raised in front of the Chief Justice's office building upon a general diary (GD) filed with the Commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) by the

Supreme Court registrar, he said. The law minister noted that in the 1972 Constitution, there was a SEE PAGE 11 COL 6



Hearing adjourned

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Hearing of the Shazneen case has been adjourned till March 9.

Kazi Rahamat Ullah, Judge of the Second Special Tribunal for Prevention of Women and Children Repression, Dhaka yesterday adjourned the hearing following time petitions by the prosecution and the defence lawyers

After hearing both the sides, the court granted the two petitions and

Shazneen Tasnim Rahman, 15, the youngest daughter of Latifur Rahman, Chairman of Transcom, was raped and murdered at their Gulshan residence on April 23, 1998.

