

## Test exams for students of class VI, VIII from next year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a bid to maintain the standard of education, the government has directed the authorities to introduce test examinations for the students of class six and eight next year.

The 'class six pre-test' will be held after a month of students' enrolment in the class and the 'class eight evaluation test' will be held before the annual exams, an education ministry release said yesterday.

"The test exams will be introduced at all lower secondary, secondary, technical educational institutions and madrassahs," the release added.

The government has formed separate district and upazila examination evaluation committees for smooth holding of the examinations.

Deputy commissioner (DC) will be the president of the district examination committee while thana nirbahi officer (TNO) will head the upazila committee. District education officer (DEO) and Upazila project officer will act as member secretaries of the committees.

The district committee will comprise TNOs of all upazila, chairman of sadar upazila, and headmaster/headmistress of all upazila government schools and district government schools. In addition, two educationists will be co-opted onto the committee by the DC.

The district examination committee will prepare question papers and announce exam schedule.

The exams for the students of a district will be held at the designated exam centres simultaneously.

There will be 100 marks in the test exams for students of both the classes - 20 marks each for Bangla, English and mathematics; 15 marks each for environment (social) and environment (science); and 10 marks for religion.

The duration of the exams will not cross two-hour mark and students will have to answer all types of questions - multiple choice questions, objective and essay type questions.

District evaluation committee will conduct the examinations in the metropolitan cities, the release added.

Every educational institution will prepare tabulation sheet after evaluating the answer scripts and send it to examination evaluation committees.

The entire process of examination and evaluation will be completed in a month.

The examination fees will not exceed Tk 10 for each student.

### 14,573 arsenic victims identified

UNB, Dhaka

The number of arsenic affected persons is 14,573 as per official figure, parliament was told yesterday.

But, no arsenic affected person died in the country, Health Minister Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain said replying to a question of M Faruk Khan (Awami League - Gopalganj).

## A real partnership in ties has been built

### Outgoing US envoy tells PM

UNB, Dhaka

This is for the first time a real partnership in relations between Washington and Dhaka has been built up following pragmatic policies and steps of the present government, said outgoing US Ambassador Mary Ann Peters.

The US ambassador made the comment when she paid a farewell call on Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday.

After completing her three-year tenure in Bangladesh, Mary Ann Peters will leave for the USA on Thursday. Her next assignment will be in Germany.

The US ambassador said development relations and cooperation between Bangladesh and the USA in science and technology, environment, trade, peacekeeping and other sectors grew stronger

under the present government.

She said the US government deeply appreciates Bangladesh's strong position against terrorism as well as its policy position in international arena and wide participation in peacekeeping missions.

Peters further commented that Bangladesh made real breakthrough in economic and social sectors during the 19-month rule of the present government, as a lot of uplift efforts has changed the scenario of development.

Appreciating various measures taken to establish governance and law and order, the US envoy said the cabinet's approval of the draft bill on the formation of an independent Anti-Corruption Commission again proved the government's commitment to good gov-

ernance.

"As a departing ambassador, I go back with great faith and hope in the potentials of Bangladesh and brighter future of the country," she was quoted as saying.

Peters said her evaluation about Bangladesh is not of her alone, as extending assistance by the World Bank, IMF and other development partners to Bangladesh bears the testimony.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia said she too was hopeful and optimistic of a better future for Bangladesh, and would do whatever is needed to lead the country to that end.

In this respect, she sought cooperation and support from the people of Bangladesh and from the friendly foreign countries, including the USA.



Leaders of the Islami Oikya Jole led by Mufti Fazlul Huq Amini called on Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday.



### Mahbub Anam's 2nd anniversary of death today

Today is the second death anniversary of Mahbub Anam, former editor of the now-defunct Bangladesh Times, says a press release.

He passed away on this day in 2001 at the age of 70. He had been suffering from cancer of the pancreas.

Born on March 28, 1931, Mahbub Anam became the editor of the Bangladesh Times in 1991 and served with distinction till 1996.

He was a senior vice-president and executive committee member of the Bangladesh Editors' Council. He was actively involved with the Bangladesh Sangbadpatri parishad, the Bangladesh Press Council, and the Bangladesh Sangstha Porichalona Board.

Mahbub Anam actively took part in the language movement in 1952. He was jailed for his role in the movement as general secretary of Rastabhaba Sangram Parishad. He was also the acting publication secretary of the Jukta Front on behalf of the Awami League in 1954 and served as the general secretary of Salimullah Muslim Hall of Dhaka University in 1954-55.

A former Director of the Petroleum Corporation of Bangladesh, Mahbub Anam also served as a senior executive of the Jamuna Oil. He also worked as a senior executive of the then Pakistan Observer.

Mahbub Anam authored numerous books, including 'Adherence versus Distortion' and 'Amra Bangladesh Amra Bangali'.

A recipient of the Sher-e-Bangla Gold Medal and Swadhinata Padak, Mahbub Anam was also awarded the Bhasa Adoloner Bir Shainik Padak by President Ziaur Rahman in recognition of his contribution to the language movement.

Mahbub Anam was the second son of late Abul Mansur Ahmed, an eminent litterateur, veteran politician and editor. He was the elder brother of Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star and publisher of the Prothom Alo.

On the occasion of death anniversary of Mahbub Anam, a milad mahfil will be held at Masjid-e-Takwa in Dhanmondi after Asr prayers. Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the milad.

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## CONDOLANCE

Mrs. Suraiya Hossain, beloved wife of Mr. S. M. M. Hossain, Secretary, Shippers Council of Bangladesh, left for her heavenly abode on the 6th of July. We have arranged a *Doa Mahfil* to pray for the salvation of her departed soul on Thursday, the 10th of July after Maghrib prayer at House 27, Apt B1, Oriental Arcadia, Rd. 44, Gulshan-1. All relatives, family & well wishers are requested to attend.

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## Bullet goes off from bank guard's gun

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A bullet went off unexpectedly from the double-barrel gun of a guard at the Dhanmondi branch of National Bank on Monday, breaking the glass door of the bank and the windowpanes of an adjacent building.

The incident took place at around 4.00pm when the guard was checking his gun in front of the main entrance of the bank.

## Tk 22cr medicines supplied to UZ health complexes last fiscal

UNB, Dhaka

Increased allocation for supply of medicine to upazila health complexes is under special consideration of the government, parliament was told yesterday.

The government spent Tk 22.26 crore to supply medicines to the upazila health complexes in 2002-2003 fiscal, Health Minister Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain said replying to a question of Kazi Sirajul Islam (AL-Faridpur).

He said the government has so far supplied 191 ambulances at a cost of Tk 23.66 crore.

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## Help make Dhaka a clean city: Khoka

BSS, Dhaka

Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka yesterday called upon all to help make Dhaka a clean city by managing its hazardous medical wastes.

He said two covered dump trucks would be procured to dispose of harmful hospital wastes.

The mayor was addressing a seminar on 'Appropriate management options of medical waste for developing countries,' organised by the BRAC.

Presided over by former adviser to the caretaker government and Executive Director of BRAC Abdul Mueed Chowdhury, the seminar was addressed by IUCN Country Director Dr Ainun Nishat, FEJB Chairman Quamrul Islam Chowdhury, Director of Department of Environment Rezauddin Ahmed, Director of Health Dr Saurur Rahman, Dr Itteher Enayeturrahman of Waste Concern, and Tapan Kumar Nath of WHO.

### JCD trying to occupy CGCC with help of police: BCL

CU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) leaders of Chittagong Government Commerce College (CGCC) yesterday alleged that Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) cadres with the help of police are trying to occupy the college.

They made the allegation at a press conference at the local press club in the port city yesterday afternoon.

The BCL leaders said the stability of the campus is now under threat following a series of JCD attempt in last week to capture the college.

The normal academic atmosphere of the college is also seriously hampered, they added.

The BCL leaders also placed a seven-point demand at the press conference including a ban on the entrance of outsiders into college and restoration of its academic atmosphere.

BCL leader Jamal Uddin read out a written statement at the press conference.

Anisur Rahman Imon and Badrul Alam Rasel were present on the occasion.

Khoka said the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) has to collect over 4000 metric tonnes of wastes every day and an annual revenue expenditure of Tk 16 crore is allocated for the purpose.

"We are now considering to raise the conservancy tax a little to improve the waste management for the safety of the citizens," the mayor said and sought cooperation of all stakeholders in improving the waste management.

He said that there is only one dumping ground at Mutual in the city and the DCC is now looking for four more dumping grounds for better waste management.

The mayor regretted that though the private sector was entrusted with the responsibility of waste collection, the performance was not satisfactory.

He urged BRAC, Waste Concern and other NGOs and civil society members to help handle the waste management in the city.

Quamrul Chowdhury called for formulation of an integrated waste management plan side by side enactment of laws and rules to address medical waste issue.

Dr Nishat suggested recycling, re-use and reduction as a policy for medical waste management.



Visitors at the solo painting exhibition of Sadrul Hasan that began at the gallery of West City at Bangla Motor yesterday.

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