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UNIFORM ADMISSION TEST

## DU opts out

Academic council forms body for making guideline for evening courses

DU CORRESPONDENT

After Buet and CU, Dhaka University and Rajshahi University yesterday decided not to adopt the uniform admission test proposed by the governing commission last December.

The DU Academic Council at a meeting last night decided that the university will continue to enrol students through its own method of admission tests, said several professors who attended the meeting. Buet and Chattogram University made similar decisions earlier.

The DU authorities also decided to suspend for five weeks the enrolment procedure in the evening courses.

The DU Academic Council at a meeting last night formed an 18-member committee, led by Pro Vice Chancellor (education) Prof

Nasreen Ahmad, to formulate a guideline for the evening courses in five weeks.

"Issuing admission advertisements and fresh enrolment will remain suspended during the time," DU Vice Chancellor Prof Md Akhtaruzzaman told reporters after the seven-hour meeting at Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban.

"After the committee submits its report, it will be placed at the university academic council meeting. We will take further steps considering the nation's need, capacity of the university and in light of the guideline," the VC said.

Other members of the committee include Pro VC (administration) Prof Muhammad Samad, deans of 13 faculties, and directors of Institute of Business Administration and Institute of Education and Research.

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Bangladesh batsman Mushfiqur Rahim is overjoyed after scoring his third double-century on the third day of the one-off Test against Zimbabwe yesterday. Mushfiqur is the only Bangladesh batsman to have multiple double-centuries in Tests.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED



## Mushfiqur sparkles on day of records

SPORTS REPORTER

It was a day of records for Bangladesh and Mushfiqur Rahim as the experienced cricketer took himself to a new height by smashing a Bangladesh-record third double-hundred while skipper Mominul Haque also scored his ninth Test hundred.

The hosts were eyeing a win in the Test match against Zimbabwe as they

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IF BANKS GO BANKRUPT

## Govt mulling Tk 2 lakh coverage for depositors

AKM ZAMIR UDDIN

The finance ministry mulls providing a single depositor a maximum of Tk 2 lakh within six months of a bank's closure.

Currently, a depositor is supposed to get maximum Tk 1 lakh under the deposit coverage.

The ministry is considering the move amid criticism from different quarters as it initially did not widen the ceiling of insuring the deposits in the draft Deposit Protection Act, 2020, which will replace the existing Bank Deposit Insurance Act, 2000.

As per the draft act, a depositor will get back Tk 2 lakh within six months of

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## 9 in 10 children suffer violent disciplining

Finds BBS-Unicef survey; still no let-up in child marriage

REJAIL KARIM BYRON and NILIMA JAHAN

Nine out of 10 children experience some form of violent disciplining by their caregivers, according to a recent survey by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) and Unicef, released yesterday.

The percentage of children aged between one and 14 years who experienced physical punishment and/or psychological aggression by caregivers was 88.8 percent in 2019; this figure was 82.3 percent in 2012-2013, according to the Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) 2019.

The survey was carried out on 61,242 households from all 64 districts, between January 19 and June 1 last year.

The BBS survey also indicated that Bangladesh

still has to go a long way in reducing cases of child marriage as data shows more than half of the women aged between 20 and 24 years were first married before the age of 18 (51.4 percent), while 15.5 percent were married before the age of 15.

Although the rate of institutional child deliveries has increased -- with 53.4 percent of women giving birth in a healthcare facility, compared to 31 percent previously -- Bangladesh is facing a massive boom in the number of caesarean sections, commonly known as C-sections.

According to the survey, 36 percent of women aged 15-49 years who gave birth in the last two years had a C-section; this figure was 19.1 percent in 2012-13.

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## DIGITAL SECURITY ACT HC questions two sections

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule asking the government to explain why sections 25 and 31 of the Digital Security Act, 2018 should not be declared unconstitutional.

The bench of Justice Sheikh Hassan Arif and Justice Md Mahmud Hassan Talukder came up with the rule following a writ petition jointly filed by nine people on January 19, challenging the legality of the two sections that they claimed hamper the

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## It was suicide, not murder

PBI says after probe into Salman Shah's death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After 24 years of his death that sent shockwaves across the country, the Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) has concluded that iconic silver screen actor Salman Shah was not murdered, but died by suicide in 1996.

PBI chief, DIG Banaj Kumar Majumder made the disclosure at a press briefing yesterday, pointing out five reasons behind Salman's death.

"One of the reasons behind his death was his romantic relationship with film star Shabnur that led to a familial dispute," Banaj told reporters.

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US President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump sit next to a charkha, or spinning wheel, as India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi looks on during their visit to Gandhi Ashram in Ahmedabad yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

## Malaysia PM resigns in shock move

AFP, Kuala Lumpur

Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad resigned yesterday in a shock move after his political allies sought to form a new coalition in a bid to block the succession of leader-in-waiting Anwar Ibrahim.



It followed weekend political drama that saw an attempt by Anwar's rivals within his own "Pact of Hope" coalition -- which stormed to a historic election victory in 2018 -- and opposition politicians to form a new government.

That coalition would reportedly have excluded Anwar, Mahathir's presumptive successor and a former opposition icon who was jailed for years on questionable sodomy charges, blocking his ascent to the premiership.

Anwar and Mahathir -- the world's oldest leader, aged 94 -- have a notoriously stormy relationship but joined forces to

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## India, US united in fighting terror

Says Trump while addressing 'Namaste Trump' event in Ahmedabad

PTI, Ahmedabad

India and the US are committed to defend their people from radical Islamic terrorism, resolved to significantly expand defence ties and are working on a "fantastic" trade deal, said US President Donald Trump yesterday while asserting that his country "loves" and is "loyal" to India.

Addressing a huge crowd at 'Namaste Trump' event at the Motera stadium here, the US president, accompanied by his wife Melania and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, talked about India's great tradition of embracing individual freedom, rule of law, dignity of every human being and where people worship side-by-side in harmony.

On his maiden visit, Trump, who was welcomed by Modi on his arrival here, said his country will remain a "loyal" friend of India and called the Prime Minister an "exceptional leader" who works day and night for the country.

"India and the US are committed to fight terrorists and their ideology; that is why my government is working with Pakistan to crack down on terror groups," Trump said in the presence of his family -- daughter Ivanka, son-in-law Jared Kushner -- and top brass of his administration.

"The US will always be faithful and loyal friend of India. Thank you for the spectacular welcome," he added.

He also announced that the two countries will firm up defence deals worth \$3 billion today and that the US will become India's premier defence partner.

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25<sup>th</sup> February

**Hamidur Rahman Sinha**

In Remembrance of Our Founder

Always Dazzling in Our Memories

26 years ago on this day, 25<sup>th</sup> of February, our beloved founder, Hamidur Rahman Sinha passed away leaving his family, relatives and friends with loving memories to cherish and honor.

His exemplary leadership, wisdom, knowledge, foresight and approach towards life, still inspire us to pursue the mission of excellence he set for us. We are humbled and proud to carry the values he embedded in the heart of ACME.

We also fondly remember Late Noorjahan Sinha, beloved wife of our founder, who was a constant beacon of inspiration to him, supporting him to lay the foundation of ACME in 1954.

To commemorate the day, special Dua Mahfil will be held today, Tuesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2020, after Dhuhr Prayers at Corporate Office, Court de la ACME, 1/4 Kallayanpur, Mirpur Road, Dhaka-1207 including all Sales Centres throughout the country and Dhamrai Factory. All the relatives and well-wishers are cordially requested to attend the Dua Mahfil.

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