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## 19 univs now set for uniform tests

VC meet hashes out details over admission exams, procedures

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In a major development, 19 public universities announced the minimum requirement for appearing in the admission test and question patterns for what officials said would be the first-ever central admission test.

The universities agreed earlier this month to hold the uniform admission test titled "Central Admission Test" to reduce the hassles faced by admission seekers.

Vice chancellors of the 19 universities at a meeting yesterday decided that there will be three exams in the test -- one each for science, humanities and business studies students -- based on Higher Secondary Certificate exams syllabus.

The test will be held at each of the universities and students who passed HSC and its equivalent exams this year and 2019 with a certain CGPA will be eligible to participate in the test.

The new method of admission has been in discussion since 2010 so that an admission seeker doesn't have to travel to different universities in

- » Students need SSC+HSC GPA 6 for humanities, 6.5 for business, 7 for science to qualify for tests
- » Three 100-mark MCQ tests for each group
- » One exam for science, one for humanities, one for commerce students on HSC syllabus
- » Tests to be held at 19 universities
- » Tests to be held when Covid-19 transmission decreases



PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Some of the law graduates who walked out of the Bar Council enrolment exams with their scripts at Mahanagar Mohila College in the capital yesterday. A section of the graduates created chaos at the exam centres claiming the questions were too hard. Many of them had been demanding that the exams be cancelled because of the pandemic.

## Investigate the EC for graft, other misconduct

Eminent citizens ask the president to set up judicial council

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Forty-two distinguished citizens have urged the president to constitute Supreme Judicial Council to investigate allegations of corruption and other misconduct against the Election Commission.

In a letter to President Md Abdul Hamid on December 14, they said the SJC should be formed under article 96 of the constitution.

The SJC comprises the chief justice and two other senior-most judges of the Appellate Division to probe the allegations against SC judges, the Election Commission and other constitutional bodies, and recommend removal of

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## SIR FAZLE HASAN ABED 1 year since his passing, legacy shines through

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today marks a year since the development sector's lighthouse had gone out.



On this day last year, Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, the larger-than-life spearhead of Brac, passed on from this world to the next after suffering from a malignant brain tumour.

In 1972, Sir Fazle had wrapped up his life in London as an accountant to move to his war-torn, newly-liberated country to establish Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee,

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## 12 killed as bus-train collide

Railway officials say gateman left level crossing gate open

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

At least 12 people were killed and eight injured as a train hit a bus at a level crossing near Joypurhat town yesterday morning.

The gateman had left the crossing's gate open, said railway officials following primary investigation.

All the victims were travelling in the bus.

Quoting locals, police said intercity train Uttara Express from Dinaipur was on its way to Rajshahi. When the train was approaching the level crossing in Joypurhat sadar's Purnanpoil around 7:00am, a bus, which was heading towards Dinaipur's Hakimpur, tried to drive through the level crossing.

The train hit the bus and dragged it for around 300 metres, they said.

On information, members from Joypurhat Fire Service and Civil Station, and BGB personal from nearby Joypurhat 29 Battalion rushed to the spot to rescue the victims. Locals also joined them.

Sirajul Islam, station-in-charge of Joypurhat Fire Service and Civil Defence, said they found 10 bodies on the spot while 10 bus passengers were found injured.

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## Chaos at bar council exams

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Claiming the questions were too hard, some candidates of the Bar Council written test yesterday went berserk in different exam centres, preventing others from taking the test and burning their answer scripts.

They also hurled abuse at some examinees, and drove away a number of invigilators to stop the test.

Enrolment in the Bar Council after passing tests allows one to practice law in courts.

Many of the examinees demanded "auto-pass", like it was done for school and college tests, for the four-hour written exam citing the pandemic. They had been demanding the authorities hold viva voce

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