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19 univs gear up 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 uniform admission test.

The universities agreed earlier this month to hold the 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 all the 19 universities and students who passed HSC-level exams this year and 2019 with a certain GPA will be eligible to participate in the test.

The new method of admission has been in discussion since 2010. It was aimed at relieving the admission seekers from having to travel to different

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- » 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

A law graduate comes out of the Bar Council enrolment exam hall with her answer scripts at Mahanagar Mohila College in the capital yesterday. A section of the graduates created chaos at the centres for the exam claiming the questions were too hard and demanding "auto-pass". The woman's face and ID card have been blurred to protect her identity.

Investigate the EC for 'graft, other misdeeds'

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 train rams bus

Gateman of level crossing near Joypurhat town 'left gate open'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

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

The gateman had left the crossing's gate open, said police after primary investigation.

All the victims were travelling on the bus.

The accident happened in Joypurhat's Puranpail area around 7:00am when intercity train Uttara Express from Dinaipur was on its way to Rajshahi, said police quoting locals.

As the train was approaching the crossing, the bus, which was heading towards Dinaipur's Hakimpur, tried to drive through, finding the crossing's gate open, they said.

The train then hit the bus and dragged it for around 300 metres.

On information, members from Joypurhat Fire Service and Civil Station, and BGB personnel from nearby Joypurhat 29 Battalion rushed there. Locals joined the rescue efforts.

Sirajul Islam, station-in-charge of Joypurhat Fire Service and Civil Defence, said they found 10 bodies on the spot

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Chaos at bar council exams

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

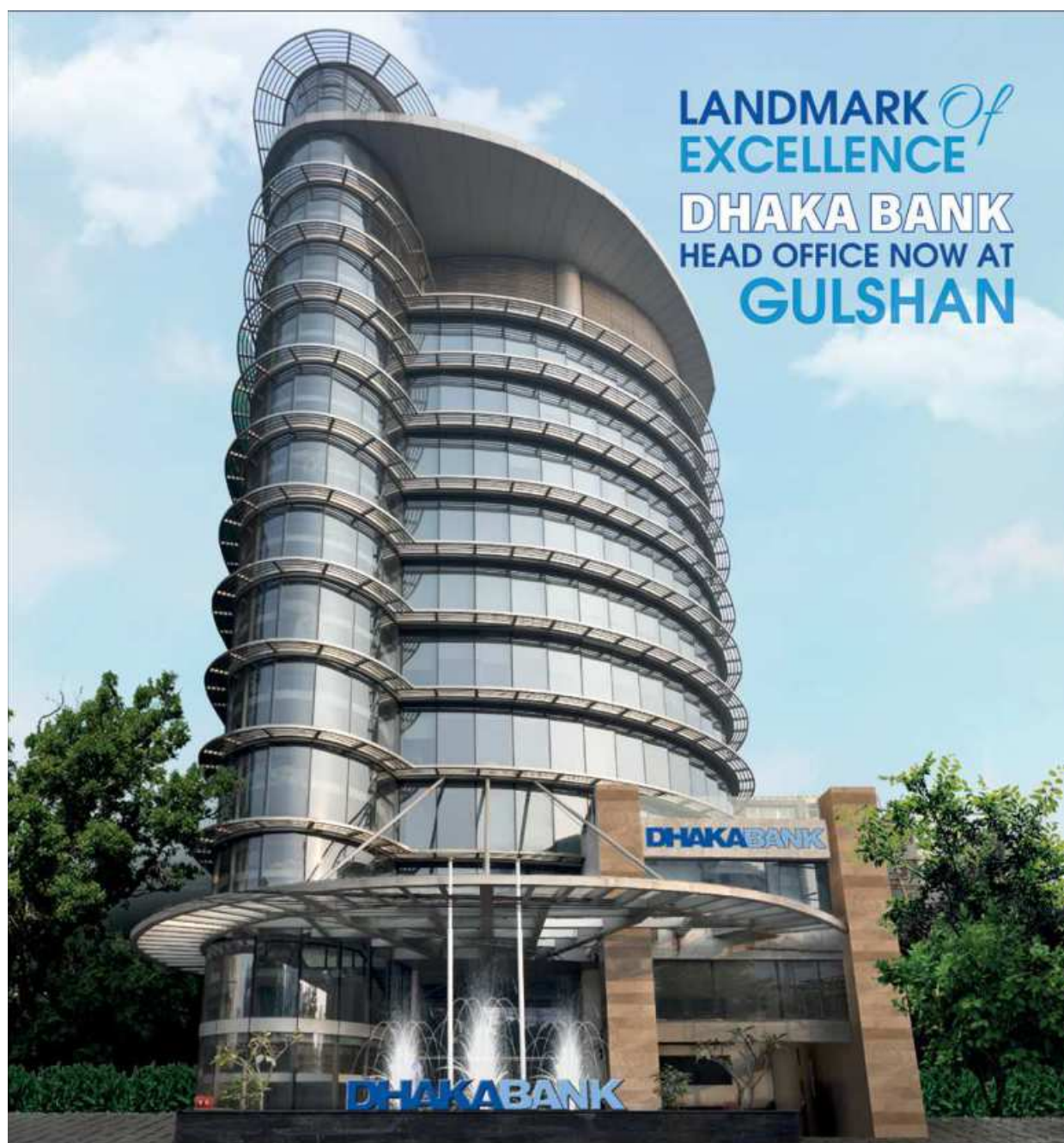
Claiming that the questions were too hard, some candidates of the written test of Bangladesh Bar Council enrollment exam yesterday went berserk in different exam centres, preventing others from taking the test and burning their answer scripts.

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

Enrolment in Bangladesh 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

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