Fitness certificates of motor vehicles made valid for 1 yr

By Staff Correspondent

Rly West Zone earns Tk 65.30 cr

34,000 compete for

3,000 RU seats

The Jattya Sangsad Saturday passed two bills - The Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill. and the National Sports Control Board (Amendment) Bill by voice votes.

The Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill provided for making fitness certificates of all types of motor vehicles valid for one year, and relaxation ban on movement of over 12 years old buses and minibuses, and over 15 years trucks and tank lorries on inter-district routes.

It replaces an ordinance promulgated following a strike observed by motor vehicles owners in July 1990. An agreement was signed between the government and the Bus Truck Owners Association on September 19 and the ordinance was meant for implementing terms of the agree-

Fifteen members spoke in opposition to the bill.

They argued that the bill which was promulgated by the previous government under pressure would only give licence to owners and operators of motor vehicles to recklessly operate motor vehicles causing more accidents.

They observed that the government should instead strengthen the Road Transport Authority and stop corruption in respect of issue of fitness certificates and driving licences. They alleged that fit-

Newspaper holiday May 1

The offices of all the newspapers will remain closed on May 1 on the occasion of May Day, reports BSS.

There will be no issue of newspapers on May 2.

Essay contest

By Staff Correspondent

Hilful Fuzul Sangsad will arrange a essay competition on the life of Hazrat Muhammad (S), role of youth organisation against drug and role of youth in establishing democratic society, says a Press release,

The competition will include three groups-Ka, Kha and Ga. School level students upto Class X will be treated for Ka Group, College level students upto HSC for Kha group and graduates and masters level students for Ga

group. The interested students are requested to contact Hilful Fuzul Sangsad, 35/4, Kazirbagh, Wari, Dhaka.

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ness certificates can now be bought as motor vehicles inspectors do not check vehicles before issuing fitness certifi-

In reply, Communication Minister Col (retd) Oli Ahmed who piloted the bill in the House said that steps have already been taken to strengthen the procedure for issuing fitness certificate through proper checking.

He said that during the rule of the previous government Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) was not adequately equipped to properly discharge its functions.

He said already committees have been formed to guard against violation of traffic rules by operators of motor vehicles and emission of black smoke. Instructions have also been is-sued to check operation of vehicles without fitness. Steps are underway to stop overload-

RAJSHAHAHI, Apr 28

About 34,000 students applied

for admission into first year

honours classes for 1990-91

session in Rajshahi University

more than 11 students sought

admission for one seat.

Percentage for admission of

application forms this year in

many times more than the

applied for admission to Arts

Faculty, 6,018 for Science

Faculty, 4,300 for Commerce

Faculty and 7,479 for Social

Science Faculty. The rest are

subjects. It has introduced

Another report adds

the form of government. Story on Page-1.

The university teaches 38

Of the total students, 5,920

previous sessions.

in other faculties.

pharmacy this year.

According to an estimate,

for 3,000 seats, reports BSS.

ing, and to make owners, operators and pedestrians aware of traffic rules.

Communication Minister said that the government would fill all vacant posts of motor vehicles inspectors in districts. The bill was passed by a voice vote.

MPs who took part in the discussion on the bill were: Mustafizur Rahman, Principal Nazrul Islam, Azizur Rahman. Rahmat Ali, Khan Tipu Sultan, Dhirendra Debanath Sambhu, Sudhangsu Sekhar Haldar of Awami League, Shamsur Rahman, Enamul Hug, Latifur Rahman and Sheikh Ansar Ali of Jamaat, Abdur Razzak of BKSAL, Shahjahan Straj of JSD (Siraj). Ziaur Rahman Khan of BNP and Independent member Nurul Islam Moni.

The national Sports Control Board (Amendment) Bill seeks to rename the board as

Bangladesh Railway West Zone

earned Taka 65.30 crore dur-

ing the last nine months of the

current fiscal year, an official

higher than that of the corre-

sponding period of the previ-

This earning is 28 per cent

During this period

Bangladesh Railway West Zone

carried on crore 58 lakh pas-

sengers and earned Taka 19

crore while Taka 3.40 crore

lakh 34 thousand metric tons

of goods and earned Taka

33.50 crore. The railway also

earned Taka 1.60 create from

estate revenue and Taka 7.80

crore from sundires, the

The railway carried nine

was earned from parcels.

handout said on Sunday.

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National Sports Council. Opposition bench members

who took part in the discussion on the bill said that more changing of the name would be meaningless if the government did not ensure an over all transformation of the sports arena. They complained that sports organisations were plagued by corruption and indiscipline. All sports federations and the National Sports Council should be run by elected executives, they suggested urging the government to free the sports organisations from machinations of coterie

Mirza Abbas, State Minister for Youth and Sports told the House in reply that the government would soon announce a national sports policy by taking into account opinions of veteran sportsmen and sports organisers irrespective of party

Independent member Maj (Retd) Haftzuddin Ahmed, Treasury bench member Lt Gen (Retd) Mir Shawkat Ali, and Opposition bench members Mohiuddin Ahmed, Abdur Rouf, Rashed Khan Menon, Mizanur Rahman Manu. Jahangir Hossain, Sheikh Hasunur Rashid, Abdul Matin Khashru, Rashed Moshrraf, Khademul Islam and Prof. Rafigur Islam took part in the discussion on the bill.

Morning walkers welcome New Year

The morning walkers of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar held a function near the Sangsad Bhaban on Friday to welcome the Bengali New Year, reports

Presided over by eminent banker Lutfar Rahman Sarkar was also addressed by eminent educationist, Dr Mustafa Nur-ul Islam.

Artistes rendered Tagore. Nazrul, modern and patriotic songs in the three-hour function which was largely attended.



Tel bey-kardos at the key board at the residence of the US Ambassador W. B. Milam.

Romance on the keynotes

To hear Beethoven and Chopin in Dhaka is a rarity. To have it played with finesse, expertise and grandeur, as did Richard Tetley-Kardos on Friday at the US Ambassador's residence at Gulshan was indeed a great pleasure. His music remained passionate. lyrical and full of excitement. He had warmth, variety and was intensely romantic.

Tetley-Kardos played Chopin's Barcarolle, Beethov-en's Sonata, Op57 (Appassionata) Allegro Assai. F.W. Rust's Sonata D major, Allegro was included in the evening's feast. After the intermission there was Debussy's Poissons d'Or (Goldfish) and Feux d'Artifice (Fireworks). Wagner, Liszt and La Marche were also played with supreme mastery.

By the time Tetly-Kordas was 13 he was acclaimed by the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra. Before the age of 20 he was the toast of the West Coast. Through performance in the Radio and Television, he won country-wide praise and adoration. He gave about a thousand performances at the Radio City Music Hall before an average audience of three million people. By the time of his Carnegie debut he had given endless performances of Liszt, Rachmaninoff and Gershwin.

In Japan, he played in 20 cities and worked for Nippon Victoria and Columbia Records. He has played before excited crowds in India, Pakistan and Hong Kong.

As for his connection with Europe, his playing was met with such tremendous success that he stayed on there and continued to perform in Europe for a decade.

On his return to US he was proclaimed as one of the best planists of his time.

He has played solo in USA, France, Germany, Japan, Switzerland, Egypt, Tunisia, Argentina, Mexico. Panama, Peru, Costa Rica, Guatamala and Brazil.

As suited his talent and disposition, he was once the Professor of Piano at the Ohio State University.

If he had to live with only one composer all his life, Tetley-Kardos said he would go in for Beethoven as he is totally fascinated with his "classicism and romanticism". He also cares a great deal for Chopin. Schubert and Schumann. He concentrates on the period between 1770 and 1870. With the exception of pianists like George Gershwin and Sergei Prokofieff, he has little interest in the composers of the twentieth century.

The plantst who had published his work at 17, hates manuscript writing, and deeided to be "a very good pianist" rather than a "half-good composer".

His present tour took him to Taiwan. Philippines and to Bangkok. The musician, who grew up in Los Angeles, enjoyed meeting the local students in the Far East and has great praise for the Japanese and Taiwanese players. From Dhaka he proceeds to Calcutta.

A bachelor, Tetley-Kardos lives with his 17-year-old cat and nine-year-old dog at Guadalajara in Mexico. He leads an active life in giving recitals and teaching. As for his impressions of Dhaka, he said there was so much more to it than the floods and cyclones that one always reads about. "I loved the developing downtown," he remarked.

"I find little difference in audience. They have the same love and involvement. When met the veiled women of Morocco in the audience I was convinced that music was truly universal and eternal," he

Zubin Mehta remains one of his favourites even though he does not belong to Tetley-Kardos fond period of the nineteenth century. -F. Haq

WFW President Dr Najma

Convenor of the conference,

and Mrs Rasheda K

Chowdhury, General Secretary

of WFW, also spoke on the oc-

rate of female education was

responsible for the overall

backwardness of society. The

adult literacy rate for male was

43 per cent in the country

while in the case of female it

tives from government and

non-government organisations

are participating in the three-

day conference.

A total of 142 representa-

was 22 per cent, he added.

Prof Siddiqui said the low

Mrs Roushan Jahan,

SAARC meet on tourism begins in Colombo

A three-day meeting of experts from SAARC countries on tourism begins in Colombo Monday, official sources said in Dhaka Sunday, reports BSS. A four-member Banglades team has left Dhaka Saturday to attend the meeting. The members of the team are

Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism Dauduzzaman Chowdhury Director of Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation Rashidul Hug. President of Association of Travel Agents of Bangladesh(ATAB) Dr HBM lobal and ATAB Vice President Feroze Ahmed.

Delegates at the meeting. sponsored by the SAARC secretariat, Kathmandu, will consider the proposal for institutionalised cooperation among the tourism industries of the SAARC countries.

Seminar on sanitation tomorrow

A day-ling seminar on promotion of rural sanitation in Bangladesh will be held on April 30 at a city hotel, reports

The seminar, sponsored by Development Cooperation (SDC) in collaboration with UNICEF and the Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) is being organised by interchain project consultants, an SDC press release said in Dhaka Sunday. reports BSS.

Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives, Abdus Salam Talukder, will be the chief guest while Mushfigur Rahman, Secretary of the Local

Government Division and Cole Dodge, Resident Representative of UNICEF will be the special guests on the

The seminar will be participated, among others, by representatives of the UN and donor agencies, government authorities including Planning Commission, NGOs and private producers involved in sanitation activities in Bangladesh. Swiss Charge d'Affaires A.

Mehr shall also address the gathering.

JN varsity

167 women rescued

The Leader of the House and Prime Minister, Begum Khaleda Zia, Wednesday told the Jatiya Sangsad that the Government had recovered 167 women out of 170 while they were being sent abroad illegally from January 1989 to December 1990, reports BSS.

She was replying to a question from Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim (AL-Gopalganj).

Replying to a supplementary, Begum Zia said the government had constituted special squads in curbing women trafficking. Besides the government was also investigating into the incidents of women trafficking, she added.

Begum Zia requested the members to provide the government with information on women trafficking if they have

Replying to another supplementary from Abdus Sobhan (Jamaat-Pabna), the Prime Minister said the persons responsible for women trafficking were being tried as per the law of the land.

Call to remove man, woman disparity Former Presidential Advisor study group, the inaugural

Chowdhury.

Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui session was presided over by said that disparity between man and woman in all spheres of national life could be removed only through education, reports BSS. "Pragmatic education at

least at primary level is indispensable for every male and female. Prof Siddiqui said while addressing as chief guest the inaugural session of a three-day conference on 'education and gender equity' at the auditorium of the National Museum in Dhaka on Sunday.

Organised by Women for Women (WFW), a research and

Menon's call to uphold ideals of May Day

By Staff Correspondent

Rashed Khan Menon, General Secretary of Bangladesh Workers Party, in a statement on Sunday said this year's May Day has a special significance for the working people as the country is now free of autocracy.

He said the working people should take the oath to push forward the struggle of the toiling masses in the light of democracy.

Three held in city

By Staff Correspondent Demra police arrested

Ratan Chandra Das (30) and recovered 94 bottles of Indian phynsidile from his possession on April 25. While Mirpur police on April 24 nabbed two fugitive accused Majibur and Shamimur Rahman.

Demra police on April 26 recovered one VCP and other stolen articles from one Tofazzel Hossain Tapan. A case was filed in this connection

Body recovered, killer father arrested

By Staff Correspondent

girl following the confession of her killer father. Beauty five months back.

Demra police on Thursday recovered the decomposed body of a one-and-half-year-old

Md Wahid, a rickshawpuller, killed his daughter He was drunk. After this long period, he became repen-

deed. Wahid was arrested.

tant and told police of his mis-

teachers condemn terrorism The Teachers' Association

of Jahangirnagar University on Thursday strongly condemned the different terrorist activities by so-called students specially the threat to the life of Dr Arefin Siddiqui, of Dhaka University and forcing former VC Prof Abdul Mannan to withdraw the expultion order. reports BSS.

In a joint statement, Prof Enamul Haq Khan and Dr. Alauddin Ahmed, Fresident and General Secretary respectively of the JUTA, said, education and terrorism could not co-exist and they called upon those students who had created glorious chapters in different movements to root out the ambushed arms holders.

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Boat with smuggled

cigarettes seized

CHITTAGONG, Apr 28: A ship of Bangladesh Navy has apprehended one mechanised boat from high seas south-west of Cox's Bazar and recovered 500 master cartons of smuggled foreign cigarettes worth about Taka two crore during routine patrol on April 25, an ISPR press release said today, reports BSS.

BFUJ Secretary-General Amanullah Kabir speaking at a discussion meeting at Taher

auditorium in city on Sunday. The meeting organised by the Five-party Alliance, focussed on

Bangladesh Navy personnel also arrested all the 11 crew members of the boat who were later handed over to the police while the smuggled cigarettes were deposited with the local customs authorities.

Meanwhile, with the active support and information given by the Bangladesh Navy, the Chittagong police authority carried out a surprise raid in the town and arrested the ring leader who is alleged to be the kingpin behind cigarettes smuggling in the country, the press release said.

VC's removal demanded

One hundred and three lawyers of Chittagong District Court have called for removing the present Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University saying he has become a disputed person and failed to run the University peacefully. a statement in

Chittagong on Sunday they

said, the university remained

closed for more than four

months but the situation did

not improve as a result of

which the university could not be reopened. Saifuddin Barrister

Advocates Muhammad Ibrahim, Showkat Hussain, M. Shamsul Alam, Shamsuddin Ahmad Mirza, Tariq Ahmed, Nurul Islam, Kabir Qurashi Talukdar, Dastagir Reza, Abul Kalam Chowdhury, Abdus Sabur and Nasiruddin were among the signatories to the statement.

Bangladesh Sramik Kalyan Federation leaders and Islami Chhatra Shibir. Chittagong University branch leaders in separate statements also called for removal of the Chittagong University Vice Chancellor to ensure peace and order on the campus.

Final M A exams postponed

Chittagong University authority on Sunday postponed the Master Degree final examinations of 1988 and First year BBA (Hons) of 1990 due to unavoidable circumstances, a university press release said. The examinations were scheduled to commence in the first week of May.

Fresh time-table of the ex-

Form our Chittagong Office aminations will be announced CUJ's appeal to

Chittagong Union of Journalists (CUJ) on Sunday called upon the management of the Bangladesh Observer to stop repression on Journalists and other employees of the

Observer management

A meeting of CUJ, held at press club in Chittagong with its President Mr. Akhtarunnabi in the chair, presented the violation of court order by the Management of the paper regarding the dispute between management and journalists.

government to intervene in the matter for an amicable settlement.

The CUJ called upon the

Ist yr MBBS classes begin May 2

Classes of the first year MBBS and BDS for session 1990-91 of the Chittagong Medical College will commence on May 2, a college press release said.

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