Sircar visits

SSC exam

centres

ddin Strear Sunday visited a

number of SSC examination

centres at Savar Adhar

Chandra High School, Mirpur

Gtrls High School, Hazrat Shah

All High School and Mirpur

Ideal Girls School, reports

talked to the invigilators and

examinees and enquired about

the examination. He found that

the examination was going on

peacefully and law and order

situation in and around the ex-

amination centres was normal

Parliament Niamat Ullah Sabu

and Al-haj Harun-al-Rashid

sstoner of Dhaka Nazmul Alam

Siddigi accompanied the

Ex-AL minister

gives up politics

Minister Dr Mofiz Chowdhury

Sunday said he had given up

politics and now engaged in

literary and scientific works,

Chowdhury has already trans-

lated into Bengali seven

tragedies of Shakespeare.

Urdu gazals of great poet

Ghalib, ancient Greek dramas

of Euripedes, Sophocles. His

original works include

Shabhaye. Durniti-O-Biplob and

some scientific books. He is

also connected with social and

Mantri

Bangabandhur

Now in his early 70s Dr

reports UNB.

Former Awami League

Minister during the visit.

Mollah and Deputy Commi

Local Members of the

The Education Minister

Education Minister Jamiru-

Ties with Spain

to grow

Bangladesh Santiago Sales pre-

sented his credentials to

President Abdur Rahman

Biswas at Bangabhaban Sunday,

the Ambassador said that his

country committed to develop

further relationship with

transformation of Bangladesh

he said that this was an exam-

ple of political maturity and

Referring to the political

This country deserves the

understanding and admiration

of all in the new situation of

democratic self-fulfillment in

the world of rapid changes, he

Certain quarters

out to misguide

Presenting his credentials,

reports UNB.

democratic spirit.

Spanish Ambassador to

Dhaka Day by Day

Of Guns and Gunmen

by Ekram Kabir

No, it is not the West Bank or Gaza Strip, nor are these the streets of Croatia. It is the campus of the good old Oxford of the East -Dhaka University.

The world esteems the students of this University as the trail-blazers of all the successful national movements. But they shouldn't let anybody label them as 'Gunslingers'.

It has become very difficult growing up as an educated person in this democratic country where democracy is scarcely practiced in the real sense of the term. Oh, yes - it is 'democratic' since the University students have the freedom of choice to carry guns and to re-

lease the ammunition dump over any body they wish.

Muzzle-loaders are plenty, as the campus is dazed by the gruesome reverberations of gunshots and recent recoveries by police while raiding some of the dormitories.

The role of guns on the University premises are various. Death, among them. is the most demoniacal, as it ended in Motn Hassan Raju's funeral in mid-March. Sometimes students find themselves so obsessed with weapons that

teachers at gun-point.

Besides the gunbattle among two rival political parties and among the two wings of a party under the same banner, the firearms are used for many other petty reasons. Strange but true, guns play an active role in personal relationships also. A gun-happy student suddenly happens to fall in love with the selected object of his attentions, who has a faithful lover for some time already. Without the least compunction, the zany gunman defiantly wins the hands of the lady by displaying his persuasive tool. Bewildered, the real beau becomes a truant school boy and there begins the grand passion of a newly adulated couple.

The kinds of firearms musclemen use at the University are revolvers, SLRs, cut-rifles, pipeguns, hand grenades and chargers. These are

at Family Lounge of Dhaka Club.

Energy Commission, Dhaka at 5 pm.

have been requested to attend.

requested to attend.

Rangnekar.

• What's on today •

Rotary Club of Dhaka Central

Club of Dhaka Central will be held today (Monday) at 1.00 pm

Public Relations Assoc.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Bangladesh

All the members of the Executive Committee have been

An emergency meeting of the Executive Committee of

The meeting will consider providing assistance to the re-

All the members of the Executive Committee of the Samity

A day-long senior and mid management training pro-

RAPPORT

gramme on 'Managing Performance' will be inaugurated by M

Mosharraf Hossain, Managing Director, Rapport Bangladesh

Ltd to-day (Monday) at 9:30 am at Hotel Purbani International.

Sponsored by RAPPORT, the programme will be conducted by

an eminent management expert of the sub-continent Sharu S

Management Training Course

Manager for the top and senior executives of Sena Kalyan

Sangstha will be held to-day Monday from 4:30 pm at the SKS

Board Room. Sponsored by Rapport Bangladesh Limited, the

Engineers Institution

Bangladesh Dhaka centre will be held today (Monday) at 7.00

The 212nd Council Meeting of Engineers Institution,

course will be conducted by Sharu S Rangnekar.

pm at the Council Room of IEEB.

A special management training course on the 'Role of a

Public Relation Association (BPRA) will be held today

(Monday) at the Committee Room of Bangladesh Atomic

Mymensingh Zilla Samity

Mymensingh Zilla Samity will be held today (Monday) at 5.00

pm in the office of the samity at 384, Moghbazar (2nd Floor),

cently cyclone-effected people of Mymensingh District.

The 401st weekly regular general meeting of the Rotary

the types retrieved by police during the raids. When asked if the recoveries were authentic, police sergeant Ershad, with a professional smile, denied the SLRs and hand grenades recovery. He assured, "we simply recovered some cut-rifles and hand made tiny bombs which are better known as cocktails."

But the newsmen saw for themselves the recovered weapons and reported accordingly. There were real hand grenades which are usually kept in the safe custody of the military. Even more, there were pictures in the newspapers of the bullets which fit in SLRs.

However, the news-heading "Gunshots rock the DU campus" or words to that effect appeared in the newspapers at least fifteen times during March '92 before the Eid holidays.

The question that bugs us is the source from which these weapons flow in. Obviously the jingoism of political parties is one of the root reasons why the students pick up killer weapons instead of books, as if the weapons are the forbidden fruits of Eden. These students are hardly aware of the fact that

they are used as

Works Minister Rafigul

Islam Miah Sunday called for

all-out efforts to curb drug

abuse for building a healthy

and sound society, reports

at a national seminar on 'Drug

Abuse' organised by the

Smoking and Intoxicant

Preventive Human Association

(SIPSHA), the Works Minister

said the United Nations had

identified drug abuse as the

worst enemy of the mankind

misuse of dangerous drugs like

heroin had started in the

country since 1980's and by

Leather policy soon

Banks asked

to encourage

shoe makers

announce a leather policy to

boost the export earnings of

the country's leather industry,

the Industries Minister

Shamsul Islam Khan said here

high-officials of different na-

tionalised commercial banks,

private banks and financial in-

stitutions at Shilpa Bhaban.

He was addressing the

Saturday, reports BSS.

The government will soon

He pointed out that the

and civilisation.

Speaking, as the chief guest

rural development works. Dr Chowdhury said he had ever thought of joining Jatiya Party as reported in Dainik Bangla and some other dailies on July 19, 1990.

Biswas greets President of Togo President Abdur Rahman

Biswas Sunday selicitated General Gnassingbe Eyadema, President of the Republic of Togo on the occasion of its Independence Day, reports

now it had taken the form of

an epidemic vitiating the soci-

drugs has spread in such a

manner that it has posed a

greater threat to the civilisa-

tion than the atomic bombs

and weapons", the minister

different social and voluntary

organisations like SIPSHA, in

preventing misuse of drugs

Barrister Rafiqul Islam Miah

called upon the audience to

take a vow to make the society

free from such dangerous

National Museum, the func-

tion was presided over by the

Chairman of SIPSHA

Khandokar Soleman Ahmed,

the seminar was participated

in by the Chief Engineer of

Shafiuddin, Director of

Narcotics Control, Dhiraj

Kumar Nath and President of

Bishwe Muslim Seba Sangstha

Alhaj Maulana A K M Abdul

tributed awards to 17 persons

for their role in the anti-

smoking and anti-drug drive.

They were Chief Engineer A K

M Shaffuddin, Director T and

Khurshid Alam Khasru, Dr

Dilwar Rana, Moslehuddin,

Board Kabiruzzaman,

The Works Minister dis-

Public Works, A K

Held at the Auditorium of

He appreciating the role of

The misuse of dangerous

Drug abuse worst enemy

of mankind: Minister



The activists of Harkart-Ul-Jehad-El-Islami, Bangladesh brought out a procession in the city Sunday celebrating Mujahideen victory in Afghanistan. -Star photo

JS finance body concerned at bank loan recovery system

The sixth meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Finance was held in the city Sunday with its Chairman State Minister for Finance Mojibur Rahman in the chair, reports

for investment in 20,202 in-

dustrial projects of which 22 are medium scale and 20180

411.28 crore.

Of the total sanctioned pro-

The Committee was in

measures the recovery position of the outstanding loan was not

The Committee also discussed issues relating to their financial institutions and took some concrete decision for future follow-up.

The meeting was attended by State Minister for Textile Major (Rtd) Abdul Mannan. State Minister for Civil Aviation Abdul Mannan, Nurul Islam Mont, Sardar Shawkwat Hossain Bakui, Major (Retd) M Akhtaruzzaman, Alhaj Syed Abul Hossain, and Abul Hasan Chowdhury Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Finance, Managing Director of Sonalt Bank and other high officials of the Ministry of Finance and Parliamentary Secretariat were present.

Raozan thermal station to generate power by Apr '93

The under construction 210-megawatt thermal power station at Raozan in Chittagong will go into commercial production by April next year, Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources Dr Khondakar Mosharraf Hossain

said in the city Sunday, reports

While speaking at a review meeting on "State of gas supply in the gas-based Power station," the Minister directed Petrobangla to ensure supply of gas to the Raozan Power Station by February next so that it could go into steam in

Referring to lack of planning and management in the power sector during the past regime, the Minister said as a

Information Minister Naz-

mul Huda said in the city

Sunday that Bangladesh was

cager to see solution to the

Rohingya refugee problem on

the basis of mutual unders-

tanding and cooperation,

Huda said this when visiting

Myanmar Information Minister

Brigadier General Myo Thant

called on him at his office

pressed their optimism in

finding a solution to the prob-

lem on the basis of goodwill

and good neighbourly relation-

tion had come with the inten

tion resolving the refugee

problem with sincerety.

Gen Thant said the delega-

Both the Ministers ex-

reports BSS.

consequence of that 18 out of the 52 power stations had to be shut down for repair and maintenance.

The minister said the government had already taken up an action plan to repair the idle power station on an emergency basis to bring down loadshedding.

In this context, the Minister asked Petrobangla to remain alert and maintain normal and uninterrupted supply of gas to power stations run on gas.

Dr. Mosharraf Hossain mentioned that despite the country's annual power demand of around 200 mw, no new power station became operative since 1988 resulting in the present critical situation.

Huda recalled a similar sit

, uation of Rohingya refugee in

1978-79, which he said was

solved through mutual cooper-

ation. In this connection, he

said, Rohingya refugee has

posed a big burden on poor

of joint efforts between

Bangladesh and Myanmar for

establishment of industries

transfer of technology and ex-

change of cultural pro-

an exchange of views on devel

opment of mass media and

broadcasting activities between

the two countries. Myanmar

Ambassador to Dhaka was pre-

sent during the discussions.

Both the ministers also had

He said there was prospect

Bangladesh economy.

grammes.

'Dhaka seeks Rohingya

solution thru' mutual

understanding'

The past government failed to take any step to meet the growing power needs, he added.

The Energy Minister said the present government after coming to power had taken realistic measures in power production and management which was likely to meet the increased demand for electricity in future.

Arrest killers of Zarif: BCL

Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-A) Sunday demanded arrest and trial of the killers of Kazi Mohammed Zarif, Vice President of BCL (S-A) City Unit and President of Tejgaon Thana Unit, reports BSS.

BCL (S-A) took out a mourning procession from Dhaka University campus and held a rally in front of National Press Club. The rally was addressed by President and Senior Vice President of the organisation Shahe Alam and B M Mozammel Huq.

Kazi Mohammed Zarif was shot dead at Suhrawardy Hospital Saturday.

Police sources said Zarif murder case was a sequel to

Rly suspends 2 employees

CHITTAGONG, Apr 26: Bangladesh Railway (East Zone) authorities have suspended Sayced Mahmood, Assistant Engineer-Feni and Abdul Matin from their services for negligence of duty causing derailment of 719-up Paharika Express at Gunabati station Saturday, reports BSS.

CHT people, Says Matin KHAGRACHHARI, Apr. 26 Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury Saturday said restoration of peace in the hill

districts is essential, reports The newly elected democratic government has been trying to resolve the problems of the tribal people . . . it needs your cooperation to and confidence on the government," Matin told a public meeting at

Earlier, the Home Minister flew in here to see for himself the extent of damage caused to

families and held out assurance of all assistance to them and punishment of those responsible for the killing. Condemning the Logang in-

cident. Matin said certain vested quarters were out to misguide the innocent people by spreading falsehood and cookedup stories home and

Nirmul body confce Apr 29

Ghatok Dalal

The central representatives' conference of the Ekattorer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee will be held on April 29 (Wednesday) at the Institution of Engineers.

Three representatives from each district and two from each upazila have been asked

The representatives have been requested to report by Tuesday at the Topkhana Central Office, a committee press release said.

Anisuzzaman, Dr Ahmed Sharif, Badruddin Umar, Mamunur Rashid, Hassan Imam, Shahrier Kabir, Hassan Azizul Huq, Sadek Ahmed Khan, Maulana Abdul Awal, Kazi Nuruzzaman and Jahanara Imam will attend the conference. It will be followed by a cultural function.

Human Rights International (Bangladesh) Saturday asked

The organisation also felt the need for the government

Its observation came in a nent persons, including

They said the people of this country had expected that a democratic government established through a free and fair election

Weather

Rain with gusty wind likely By Staff Correspondent

Meteorological office forecast Sunday that rain or shower accompanied by temporary gusty squally wind is likely at one or two places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions and the regions of Comilla and Sylhet during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Sunday. Weather will remain mainly dry elsewhere over the coun-

Day temperature will remain nearly unchanged during the

Little change in weather would be noticed in subsequent two days. Temperature and humidity recorded in important cities

and towns on Sunday were. Cities/Towns Temperature in degree Celsius Humidity in percentage Min

6 pm 23.4 37.2 Dhaka Chittagong 71 33.4 26.2 40 Rajshahi 39.9 22.0 58 25.5 36.0 Khulna 67 26.8 36.0 Barisal 68 26.2 34.5 Cox's Bazar 32.5 Sylhet 32.9 21.7 Rangpur 39.9 23.0 Jessore

The maximum temperature on the day was in Jessore and Rajshahi. The sun sets in Dhaka today (Monday) at 6-26 pm and rises tomorrow (Tuesday) at 5-27 am.

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A different learning

they matter-of-factly sit for exams holding the mere political pawns waiting to be thrown away after being spent. On the other hand the University Senate which repeatedly practices academic power manipulation in its white, blue and green panels can do little more than to inform police forces and arrange a few raids. This implicit monopoly of gunbattles in the

name of democracy could be stopped once and for all if the concerned people could see the pale anemic hospital faces and feel the frightened flutter of the parents' hearts when they see their sons and daughters off to the University campus to become educated.

Is that day never to came when parents do not have to worry over their childrens' safety in a place where they are sent to learn and to grow up as complete human beings? When will the man-devouring machine be transformed into a man-making machine?

The Committee dwelt on various issues pertaining to effective loan recovery system of all bank loans and expressed deep concern.

It was decided that the concerned Sub-Committee formed in the last meeting would submit comprehensive report on the subject for evolving suitable mechanism.

The Committee had an in depth discussion on the performance of Sonali Bank, in particular. It was revealed that the bank so far provided loans

are small scale. The total loan amount sanc-

tioned against the projects is Taka 332 crore 98 lakh. The amount of total outstanding loans from the projects is Taka

jects 5549 are running in full swing, 8007 are partially running, and 6646 closed down because of lack of experience of the entrepreneurs, misman agement, marketing problem. loss and for diverting the fund otherwise.

formed that a number of measures have been taken by the bank authorities for realising outstanding loans. It was revealed that despite all these satisfactory

Logang in Panchhari upazila this afternoon. be inhabitants on April 10 when several people were reported to have been killed.

Matin visited the affected

By Staff Correspondent

to attend the conference.

Dr Kabir Chowdhury, Dr

Govt urged to be tolerant to Opposition

the ruling BNP to create an atmosphere congenial to preserving democratic values and human rights in the country, reports UNB.

to have tolerance and respect for the opposition under the parliamentary democracy.

joint statement by 10 promi-Justice Kazi Mahbub Sobhan, Chairman of the organisation.

tend the meeting. Consultation on NGOs' role

All the members of the council have been requested to at-

A regional consultation on the role of NGOs in strengthening local government institutions will be inaugurated at Hotel

Sundarban in the city today (Monday) at 9 am. Jointly sponsored by the NGO Affairs Bureau of the Prime Minister's secretariat, the function will be attended by the Information Minister Nazmul Huda as the chief guest.

Population and Health Project

The fourth population and health project of the country will be launched at the Osmani Memorial auditorium in the capital today(Monday).

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will open the project as the chief guest at 9.30 in the morning.

Reception to 'Gana Adalat' sponsors

Bangladesh Betar-Television Shilpee Sangsad will accord a reception to the sponsors of 'Gana Adalat' (People's Court) at the auditorium of the Community Development Library (House No. 39. Road No. 14/A, Dhanmondi) in the city today (Monday) at 5 pm.

Jana Parishad

The monthly meeting of the central executive body of Bangladesh Jana Parishad will be held today (Monday) at 5 pm at the party's temporary office 115, New Circular Road, Sidweshwari in the city. Discussion on Sher-e-Bangla

A discussion meeting on Sher-e-Bangla A K Fazlul Haque will be held at the premises of Sher-e-Bangla's majar in the city in observance of his 30th death anniversary today (Monday) at 8 am. Sher-e-Bangla Jatiya Smriti Sangsad, Bangladesh Jatiya

Bektitya Gabeshwana Kendra, Bangladesh Manobadhikar Sangathan and Sher-e- Bangla Jatiya Foundation have jointly organised the discussion. Awami League leader Abdus Samad Azad will address the discussion meeting as the chief guest.

summary

5.10 News in Bangla Geeta 5.30 Cartoon: The Great Space Coaster

tional programme) 7.05 Debate 8.00 News in Bangla Fazlul Hoque

10.00 News in English 10.30 Film: Highway to Heaven

Special programme on Sher-e-Bangla A K Katha O Sur (Songs programme)

11.30 Khabar/The News 11.40 Tuesday's programme summary

The Minister dwelt on the Salauddin Ahmed, Md Awlad Hossain, Md Mostafa Allama, prospects of the leather industry said it was high time to go Runufa Hasan, Shahana Kabir, for taking all necessary steps Shahid Ahmed, Bazlur Rahman Hossain Sharif, Fakhrul Islam, to promote leather sector and make it a viable sector for ex-Md Saharum Alam, Ehsanul Hug and Faruque Ahmed. The seminar was followed by a cultural function.

port earnings. Referring to the quality leather and cheap work-force in Bangladesh, Khan said the country's leather industry could be expanded by exploring market for leather-products in Europe and other

countries.

5.00 Opening announcement Al-Quran, Programme Recitation from the

Sports Programme Shikshangon (Educa-

11.45 Closing