

# SSC exams : 974 more expelled

By Staff Correspondent

At least 974 examinees and a teacher were expelled for adopting unfair means on the fourth day of this year's Secondary School Certificate (SSC) Examinations held Monday under Dhaka, Rajshahi, Comilla and Jessore Boards.

The teacher was expelled at the Shahjadpur centre at Sirajganj district under Rajshahi Board. Monday's examinations were held on English second paper.

Of the total expelled students, 252 were expelled from Dhaka Board, 361 from Rajshahi Board, 286 from Comilla Board and 75 Students from Jessore Board.

Out of the total 252 expelled students under Dhaka Board, 44 were expelled from Mymensingh District, 35 from Tangail, 32 from Madaripur, 24 from Netrokona, 26 from Kishoreganj, 18 from Rajbari, one from Narayanganj, five from Munshiganj, five from Manikganj, 14 from Faridpur

and 11 from Sherpur District. Under Rajshahi Board, 80 students were expelled from Bogra District, 72 from Rangpur, 19 from Rajshahi, seven from Natore, 11 from Naogaon, 30 from Pabna, 37 from Sirajganj, 50 from Gabandha, 12 from Nilfarni, 33 from Thakurgaon and 10 from the Panchagar District.

The expulsion figures under Comilla Board are, Chittagong 36, Cox's Bazar 27, Bandarban 8, Noakhali 36, Feni 31, Comilla 73, Chandpur 21, Sylhet 23, Maulvibazar 17, Sunamganj four and Hobiganj 10.

Out of the total 75 examinees expelled under Jessore Board, 25 students were expelled from Jessore District, one from Jhenaidah, four from Magura, one from Narail, 32 from Kushtia, two from Chuadanga, one from Bagerhat, one from Barisal, one from Bhola, three from Pirojpur and four from the Jhalakathi District.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia addressing the inaugural ceremony of 'Fourth Bangladesh Population and Health Project' at Osmani Memorial Hall yesterday. —PID photo

# Rival Mujahideen

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A ceasefire announcement by the Pakistan government had no apparent effect on the fighting.

Heavy shelling was reported around the southern suburb of Darul Amman as well as in the city centre. Three rockets slammed into Kabul Airport shortly after the empty plane landed.

Shells sent plumes of smoke rising from a ridge over the Bala Hissar Fort which Soviet-made Mig-21 fighters had bombed earlier in the day in an attempt to knock out anti-aircraft guns manned by Hezb troops.

Skirmishes were reported elsewhere in the inner city and a Western bomb disposal expert reported that a rocket that failed to explode had landed in the International Red Cross Hospital grounds.

News began to filter in that Pakistan and Saudi Arabia had brokered a ceasefire, and hopes were high late Monday in the embattled capital.

But intense fighting raged on with troop commanders in the streets saying they were unaware of any agreement to

hold fire.

In the afternoon, Uzbek militiamen allied with Masood said they had heard of "no such thing" and continued to hold some 100 Hezb troops they had taken prisoner.

A Pakistan Foreign Ministry spokesman announced in Islamabad that a complete ceasefire had been agreed by Hekmatyar and Masood. Both their forces entered Kabul Saturday and have fought for control since Sunday.

Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Saudi Arabia's Prince Faisal al-Turki mediated the ceasefire in talks via special radio hookup with the two top commanders, the spokesman said.

A news agency under Hekmatyar's control said in Pakistan that the faction would accept the agreement, but on condition that militias were expelled from Kabul.

The main battle early Monday was for a strategic garrison and national guard armoury at Bala Hissar Fort in the southern suburbs, just under the ridgeline being

Masood's six-member council, along with the bulk of Kabul's military claimed control of the city Saturday.

The alliance holds the airport, the presidential palace, the radio and television stations, the ministry of defence and large swathes of the city's suburbs — many of which are relatively unaffected by the fighting.

The Hezb, which has the support of a group of ethnic Pashtun government military officers and their weapons, but no planes, holds the ministry of interior, several downtown areas and several strategic ridgelines in Kabul, which is veined with barren, rocky hill formations.

The Hezb also controls scores of paramilitary police posts, but had lost the Ariana Hotel, which had been used as a command post, diplomats and Jamiat sources said.

There was no way of gauging casualties in the fighting, but residents and journalists in the Bala Hissar area said they were heavy, with no ambulances available to take them out.

# Population

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The Prime Minister thanked the World Bank and other donor countries and agencies including Canada, Germany, EEC, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Australia, Denmark, Sweden, Japan, USAID, UNICEF, ADB, WHO, UNFPA, UNDP, Finland and China for giving aid to the project.

The function was addressed by Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal ibne Yusuf, Health Secretary Syed Ahmed, and action chief of World Bank Frank Thornley.

The Health Secretary gave a brief resume of the project.

The Fourth Population and Health Project is a major part of the Fourth Five-Year Plan of the government. The project contains 61 sub-components in the Health and Family Planning Sectors and reflects the participatory government-donor approach to strategy and programme formulation.

The project which extends over a five-year period (1992-96) would be implemented through major areas of concentration, including family planning and maternity and child healthcare service, delivery nutrition and women's programme.

In essence, the aims of the project include increasing contraceptive prevalence, improving maternal care and ensuring safer deliveries and improving the efficiency and effectiveness in planning and delivering health and family planning services so as to achieve the above goals more rapidly.

The executing agencies of the project are UNFPA, UNICEF and WHO.

# BCL (N-S) suspends activities on DU campus

Political activities of the Dhaka University unit of pro-JSD Chhatra League has been suspended following an internet clash, reports UNB.

Party sources said the Chhatra League (N-S) President, Nazmul Huq Prodhan, in consultation with other central leaders, ordered the DU unit activists Sunday night to cease from the campus politics for an indefinite period.

The decision came amidst conflicts and clashes between two rival factions within the unit for the last three days. They traded gunfire on Sunday.

Meanwhile, varsity sources said tension was still prevailing on the campus with the two belligerent groups face to face and ready to press triggers.

The two sides tried to show down their strength and positioned themselves in Mohsin and Surjans Hall premises this afternoon.

But police rushed to the hall gates and prevented re-eruption of the skirmish.

# Sher-e-Bangla

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Jatiya Foundation jointly organised the meeting at the mazar of the late leader on the occasion of his 30th death anniversary.

Speaking on the occasion Mohammad Abdul Khaleq, Secretary General of Sher-e-Bangla Jatiya Smriti Sangsad called for paying tributes to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur who is the father of the nation.

Among others, Professor Syed Moksud Ali, Prof Mahjibur Islam and Barrister Amrur Islam also spoke on the occasion.

BSS adds: Sher-e-Bangla A K Fazlul Haq inspired the Muslims of this soil to rise as a self-confident nation when they were being oppressed by the tyrannical rule of zamindars, eminent philosopher Dewan Mohammad Azraf said Monday.

Addressing as the chief guest a discussion on Sher-e-Bangla held at the Islamic Foundation auditorium here, Dewan Mohammad Azraf said Sher-e-Bangla had saved the poor peasants from the wrath of zamindars who used to exploit them in the name of various taxes.

# Son hanged for killing father

**From Our Correspondent**

BARISAL, Apr 27 : A son hanged to death at the district jail in the early hours today for killing his father.

Muhammad Shaheb Ali, a rickshawpuller of Harikhal village in Nolchithi upazila of Jhalukathi district, became the first man to be executed in Barisal jail since independence, according to district administration officials.

He was convicted of killing his father, Muhammad Ali Khan, in February 1988 and was sentenced to death by Jhalukathi District Judge Muhammad Abdul Hadi on August 27, 1988.

Shaheb Ali appealed to the High Court bench but it was subsequently rejected on May 1990.

# Hijackers

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College Hospital (DMCH) and Mohakhali Chest Diseases Hospital for treatment.

Mongol Mia was also sent to the DMCH. He is the son of Yunus Mia, a resident of Nakhla Para. He received a bullet on his leg while he was crossing the road at Tejgaon Industrial Area during the shooting.

Mustafa



Haron



Rashid

Acting on a tip—several hijackers were snatching belongings of passers-by near Gau Sulazam Mosque at Gulshan, police rushed to the spot said Gulshan police.

When police found three youngmen in an autorickshaw near the Gulshan Shooting range, police challenged and tried to nab them, but the youngmen hurled crackers and opened fire at police. Immediately police fired back and Golam Mostafa died on the spot at about 11:15 am, police confirmed.

The other two hijackers tried to escape by the same autorickshaw towards Tejgaon where police nabbed them after injuring both the hijackers.

Police said, five cases were registered with Tejgaon and Gulshan police stations against them.

# Mideast talks resume in Washington

WASHINGTON, Apr 27: Arab and Israeli negotiators opened a fifth round of Middle East peace talks today under prodding from the United States to "get on with it", reports Reuter.

Edward Djerejian, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, said in a speech to the Washington Institute on near East Policy on Sunday evening that it was time for the parties to stop posturing and negotiate seriously.

"They've got to get on with it and we hope to see that in this round," Djerejian said.

# Medical candidates call off hunger strike

**By Staff Correspondent**

The admission seekers in the country's eight medical colleges, who went on a hunger strike on (Saturday) to demand cancellation of the examination alleging leakage of question paper Monday evening called off their strike.

The withdrawal followed a meeting between the Health Minister Chowdhury Kamal ibne Yusuf and leaders of the agitating students at the Secretariat Monday, officials sources said.

They said that during the 45 minutes talks with the minister, the eight-member delegation of the admission seekers produced some evidences in support of their allegation.

Sources said that the minister was "partially convinced" of the allegation and assured that the matter would be looked into.

A decision on the MBBS admission test would be reached within two or three days after submission of report by a three-member committee formed on April 21 at the instruction of the minister.

Admission test of the medical colleges took place on April 10.

# Half-day hartal observed in Gaibandha

**From Our Correspondent**

GAIBANDHA, Apr 27 : Half-day hartal was observed here Monday at the call of Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee protesting Sunday's alleged 'terrorism' of Jamaat-e-Islami in which 25 persons were injured.

A procession of Nirmul Committee Monday paraded the main road in support of hartal.

Agitated processionists ransacked a boarding house at School lane.

Later a protest meeting was held at Muktijoddha office presided over by unit commander Nazrul Arefin Tarek.

Speakers at the meeting demanded the execution of the verdict of Gono Adalat on Golam Azam and called for banning Jamaat-e-Islami in the country.

# Tribal, non-tribal conflict

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The Awami League chief said the problem in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) was created after the assassination of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib in 1975 and it now took a serious turn.

"Why this CHT is being identified as a separate area," she asked. The CHT is rich with natural resources but its development could not be done because of the problem, she said.

The opposition had on many occasions tried to raise discussions on the CHT issue in parliament. Hasina said and blamed the government for trying to suppress the problem.

The government cannot remain silent, she said. "Peace is essential for the development of CHT... Any conflict between brothers cannot bring welfare to the people of the region."

As Hasina reached the lush-green, ragged Khagrachhari, bordering the Indian state of Tripura, hundreds of tribals

# Diarrhoea death toll rises to 289

**By Staff Correspondent**

The death toll rose to 289 as 12 more people died of diarrhoea in 24 hours ending Monday in six southern districts of the country, according to the Health Ministry officials.

Officials at the control room of the Directorate General of Health, Monday said that 976 people of Barisal, Patuakhali, Bhola, Barguna, Bagerhat, Khulna, Jhalakathi and Pirojpur districts were attacked by the epidemic in the last 24 hours.

With the latest victims, the total number of affected people in the region was 22,130, they added.

Our Barisal correspondent says: 15 persons died of diarrhoea during the last 48 hours in the six southern districts of greater Barisal, according to health officials here.

A total of 593 new cases were reported in Barisal district and five persons died during the period.

In Patuakhali, 299 persons were affected and five died while 235 others were inflicted by the ailment in Barguna but no deaths were reported in the district in the last 48-hour period.

In Bhola, 271 new cases of diarrhoea and one death were reported, 148 fresh cases and two deaths were reported in Jhalakathi and 137 new cases and another two deaths were reported in Pirojpur during the period.

According to health officials, the death toll in the five districts has risen to 260 since the current diarrhoea wave

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struck the area about a month ago. A total of 17,578 people have been affected by the disease so far.

A total of 98 medical teams were working in the region. Experts pointed out that scarcity of drinking water in the areas was the primary cause for the spread of the disease.

The Health Secretary and the Chairman of the Red Crescent Society visited the affected districts recently.

# SAARC

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has been its lack of follow-up. In recent years there has been a sharp decline in activities under the IPA," he said. "There has arisen a fatigue with meetings that produce no results but reports."

"We must ensure that the malaise is not transmitted to other areas of SAARC cooperation... If the disease spreads, SAARC will become ineffective and irrelevant," Herat said shortly after inaugurating the three-day meeting.

The unusual criticism by a senior SAARC Minister reflected the purpose of the conference which was convened especially to discuss ways of making SAARC function "businesslike" and effectively.

The charge has been made that SAARC has become too formalised, too full of ritual, an engine that is never switched off, but lacking adequate motive power to move forward," Herat said.

# UN involvement

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Dhaka wants a safe and honourable return of all the refugees so far crossed into Bangladesh to flee persecution in homeland.

According to sources, Myanmar officials during the talks have assured that they will get back their rights and live as members of Myanmar society.

Meanwhile, recent reports from Cox's Bazar and Bandarban districts, where more than 2.25 lakh refugees have been temporarily sheltered say that the memories of persecution are still fresh in most refugees' mind.

Star Correspondents who returned from Cox's Bazar Saturday reported that most of the refugees they had talked to were frightened by the talk of repatriation.

The Myanmar team is scheduled to leave for home this afternoon.

# The Midnight File

## Kabul radio observes news blackout

ISLAMABAD, Apr 27: Kabul Radio observed a complete news blackout late Monday as fierce fighting reportedly raged in the Afghan capital. The radio, controlled by Commander Ahmed Shah Masood's forces, broadcast only Persian songs most of the day, monitors here said, reports AFP.

## Ghali ends Iran visit

TEHRAN, Apr 27: UN Secretary General Boutros-Ghali wound up a 24-hour visit to Iran Monday dominated by the situation in Afghanistan. He told reporters after meetings with President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani and Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati that the United Nations and Iran shared the same goals in the war-ravaged country, reports AFP.

## Moscow medics threaten full-scale strike

MOSCOW, Apr 27: Thousands of doctors, nurses and other health workers in Moscow stopped prescribing medicine Monday and threatened a full-scale strike unless the government raises salaries and buys more medicine and equipment. The refusal to issue prescriptions or other medical documents to patients is only the first phase of a three-stage walk-out by the city's health workers, said Vyacheslav Mikulin, head of the strike committee, reports AP.

## BJC deals may deprive country Tk 35 crore

Deals are allegedly underway to sell huge raw jute by the Bangladesh Jute Corporation to foreign buyers at undercut price that may deprive the country of at least Tk 35 crore.

Sources both in BJC and business circles told UNB Monday some officials of the corporation were planning the sale of about 4 lakh bales of stockpiled jute below the export price check rates.

Merchants from Britain and Pakistan are expected to arrive here next week to finalise the deals.

The price of the stock is about Tk 75 crore, but it will fetch only Tk 40 crore if the jute is sold out below the EPC rates, the sources said.

A London company has offered to buy 2,000 metric tons of RWR-grade jute at 195 US dollar and 3,000 metric tons of BWCB grade at 165 dollar per ton. The EPC rates 230 dollar and 175 dollar respectively.

A Pakistani firm has offered to purchase 41,000 tons of different grades of jute 60-80 US dollar below the EPC rates, the sources further said.

They alleged some officials were eager to sell the raw jute of foreign buyers despite higher prices offered by the local businessmen.

Allegation of discrimination among the local buyers is also there, Abdur Razzak Ltd.

## Cabinet permits use of dish antennas

The regular weekly meeting of the Cabinet was held Monday at Bangabhaban with Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia in the chair, reports BSS.

The Cabinet, among other things, decided to permit the use of dish antennas by TV viewers subject to certain conditions.

Ministers, State Ministers-in-Charge of different Ministries and divisions attended the meeting.

Cabinet Secretary, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister and Secretaries of the concerned Ministries and divisions were present.

## Cabinet

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considered for inclusion in the cabinet.

Two young MPs, one former cabinet minister and a businessman were ahead in the race for inclusion in the cabinet, sources said.

Besides, a state minister independently looking after a ministry was expected to be made a full minister while a former bureaucrat would be dropped due to his ageing two state ministers would be excluded due to their inefficiency.

Sources said, the Prime Minister was considering certain options so that the 'Opposition cannot outwit the BNP anymore.'

If no settlement with the opposition was reached the budget session of the Jatiya Sangsad would be stormy, political observers said.

BNP sources said, apart from casual meetings in the rooms of the ministers, there had been no contact with the opposition as yet.

## BUET students agitate against Vice-Chancellor

**By BUET Correspondent**

The leaders of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), BUET unit in a rally Monday called upon the students to stand against the autocratic and arbitrary initiatives taken by the Vice-Chancellor of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET).

The speakers condemned the Vice-Chancellor for his failure to meet the demands of students, teachers and employees of the university. They also warned against any harassment imposed to the students by the Vice-Chancellor.

The rally, held in front of the Registrar building, was addressed by EUCSU VP Mir Ruhul Kabir, JCD BUET unit President S M Jahangir Alam and General Secretary Mustafizur Rahman Manik.

Earlier, JCD brought out a procession and paraded the campus chanting slogans against the Vice-Chancellor.

## TT Energy

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stayed for some days beyond the Bangladesh territorial water demanding advance payment for the freight fearing a deduction in compensation for the tanker's delay from the freight bill by the charter, BSC officials informed.

But after being assured of full payment of freight the tanker reached here, the officials said. The tanker TT Energy sailed from Zabaljana port of the UAE February 1 and was scheduled to arrive Chittagong port February 12 but its journey was delayed due to frequent mechanical troubles.

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## Mahathir

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timber could easily be reduced without making the country "pay for it."

Mahathir criticised the rich North's boycott of Malaysian timber and said, "they are denying us our freedom to make a living, to extract what little wealth we have, and to free ourselves from hunger, disease and poverty."

The Malaysian Prime Minister alleged that the North was still subjecting the 'South to imperial pressure and said "the late Indonesian President Sukarno was right when he talked of Neo-colonialism."

Mahathir announced at the conference that his government undertakes to ensure that at least 50 per cent of the country's land area will remain permanently under forest cover.

A two-member official Bangladesh delegation comprising Dr Md Abdur Rashid, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forest and Kamrul Hasan Sheikh, Acting High Commissioner of Bangladesh in Malaysia, is attending the conference.

Among the 54 participating developing countries, delegations from 35 countries are led by ministers. Besides, all developed countries including USA, UK, Germany, and Canada are attending the conference.

The conference will end Wednesday with the adoption of the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Environment.

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