

Rajshahi Board

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Rahman of the same college (Raj 915) stood first in Commerce group securing 766 marks.
A total of 11,934 students of Science group came out successful, of whom 2,081 passed in first division, 5,593 in second division and 4,260 in third division.
The pass percentage in Science group is 74.63 while it is 63.86 in Humanities group and 79.82 in Commerce group.
A total of 23,908 examinees passed in Humanities group, of whom 484 passed in first division, 7,326 in second division and 16,098 in third division.
The number of pass in Commerce group is 6,349. Of them 84 students passed in first division, 2,256 in second division and 4,009 in third division.
The percentage of pass among the male students is 70.03 while it is 65.53 among the female students.
Rajshahi College dominated the merit lists of the three groups. Of the 20 top positions in Science group the students of the college obtained nine positions while in Humanities and Commerce groups they secured 14 and 16 positions respectively. Rajshahi Cadet College, Rangpur Cadet College, Pabna Cadet College and Govt Azizul Huq College are among the other institutions which followed the Rajshahi College with several students in the merit lists.



Eden Girls College students brought out a broom procession in the city yesterday demanding expulsion of the principal and for restoration of congenial academic atmosphere in the college. — Star photo

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Prime Minister Begum Zia said the government will take necessary steps for expansion of electricity to the southern areas for the growth of tea plants for fish preservation. The development of roads and communications would also be considered, she said.
The Prime Minister further said, some parties are out to create obstacles disrupting the ongoing development programmes as they do not believe in welfare of the people. Expressing determination she said, "We will fulfil our pledges one after another and implement the 19-point programmes."
Sounding a note of warning against those involved in irregularities she said those found responsible for corruption will be taken to task.
Turning to some of the local problems of Barguna she said that the establishment of a tourism centre at Kuakata was under development plan of the government.
Nurul Islam Montu addressing the function said that his joining in BNP would mark the beginning of his political career. He said the nationalist force alone can fulfil the needs of the people.
Spelling at length his experiences as a parliament member during the past government he said that he was subjected to pressures to join Jatiya Party.
About the current political situation of the country Montu said, some forces are active to keep the government always busy so that it cannot give attention to development activities.
Those who joined BNP along with Nurul Islam Montu include eleven Union Parishad Chairmen, some former union parishad chairmen and local leaders of different parties of Barguna.
Among others, JCD leader Belal Hossain, Najimuddin Alam, AGS, DUCSU, Moniruzzaman Khokan, Jubodal leader Nazrul Islam and local BNP leaders Mulkic M Ayub and A K M Akhteruzzaman spoke on the occasion.
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The Foreign Minister said the Indian action was not in pursuance of the communiqué which the opposition charged.
He refuted opposition allegation that BNP government had entered into secret accord with India. "It's not in the vein of BNP to bow down and compromise on national interest nor it believes in hush-up of any matter."
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The 11th para of the communiqué says: Taking into account the problems being caused due to a largescale illegal immigration of people across their borders, they expressed their determination to stop illegal movement of people across the border by all possible means including strengthening of existing arrangements and mutual cooperation in this regard.
In a blistering attack on the government for pursuing "a bankrupt foreign policy," Hasina said "the people want to know what other secret deals the Prime Minister has made with India during her visit, besides signing the communiqué."
She was also bitterly critical of the Foreign Minister and the Foreign Office and asked what they did when even some Indian newspapers wrote against the push-back operation.
Hasina asked the Foreign Minister to explain the words "large scale" and "illegal immigrants" which he uttered in his statement in parliament Monday initiating the discussion on the push-in by India.
Responding to the Indian action, she said many people crossed the borders from both sides of India and Bangladesh since 1947 and began inhabiting the two countries permanently.
Recalling the exodus of refugees to India during the 1971 liberation war, Hasina made it clear that the refugees who took shelter in India returned to Bangladesh after independence.
The opposition leader said the push-in operation sparked off unrest and tension along the border. She warned that the present government will have to bear the responsibility of any failure in tackling the situation in bordering areas with India and Myanmar.
"People will never take the risk of losing independence and sovereignty due to the folly of the BNP government. Awami League as well as the people will not accept it."
Hasina demanded settlement of the complex situation with the neighbouring countries through mutual discussion.
In her 30-minute speech, Hasina referred to bilateral issues with India, new move of constructing road and erecting barbed wire fences along the Indo-Bangladesh border and the refugee problem with Myanmar.
She said the government has failed to resolve the sharing of the Ganges water and the problem of Myanmar refugees.

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Petra Kelly, co-founder of the German Greens Party and her companion Gerd Bastian, who were found dead at their home Monday. —AFP/UNB photo

Greens Party founder found dead

BONN, Oct 20: Petra Kelly, one of the founders of Germany's 'Green Movement', was killed by her companion, former army general Gerd Bastian, who then shot himself in the head, police announced in a news conference Tuesday, reports AFP.
The bodies of Bastian, 69, and Kelly, 45, were discovered late Monday in their Bonn home.
The bodies of Kelly and Gerd Bastian, 69, had been in the house "for a quite a while" and bore wounds of unspecified origin, prosecutor Wolfgang Komp said.
"All hypotheses are possible, from suicide to murder," he added.
Kelly, 45, had led the huge protest campaign against the deployment of US nuclear missiles in Germany in the early 1980s.
Her companion, Gerd Bastian, 69, was a former army general and leading figure in the Greens Party.
The two were among the first Greens to be elected to parliament in 1983 and served in the legislature until 1990.

House again fails

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Bench contention that the paragraph could not be announced unilaterally saying: "This sovereign parliament can do anything."
"Nothing is immutable except the Holy Quran."
Referring to the Maastricht Treaty, he said, "The Euro heads of government put their signatures on it... still they're having difficulty in getting the treaty ratified by their peoples."
The party's International Affairs Secretary Abul Hasan Chowdhury had also made this point inside the House.
"Just because the Prime Ministers of Bangladesh and India signed a joint communiqué does not mean that the sovereignty of this country has been surrendered to New Delhi," the firebrand Awami League MP told the House.
According to lobby sources, at the closed-door discussions the Opposition representatives stuck to their position, with the ruling party men refusing to concede.
Later, talking to The Daily Star, a senior Awami League MP rejected the Treasury

DUJ meets today

An emergency meeting of the Executive Committee of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) will be held at 11 am today (Wednesday), reports UNB.



Jamaat activists run towards the Secretariate breaking police barricade yesterday. —Star photo

Bush fails again to score

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said the issue wasn't avoiding the draft but whether Clinton's answers were part of a "pattern" of evasive answers. Perot came to Clinton's defense, saying, "I don't look on it as personally relevant."
Iraq: Perot alleged that Bush had in effect told Saddam Hussein he could seize northern Kuwait and then "we went nuts" and to war when the Iraqi leader seized the entire emirate. Bush responded angrily, saying it was a matter of "national honour" to deny Perot's allegation. Clinton gave Bush credit for his war leadership but said Bush should own up to "coddling" Saddam even after he used mustard gas against his own people.
Their debate series over, Clinton and Bush began on Tuesday what promises to be a heated and hectic campaign finish.
Bush headed south Tuesday for a train tour of Georgia and South Carolina to try to rebuild a crumbling Republican base. Clinton looked to solidify leads in Illinois and Wisconsin before a swing through Western states that were once thought solid Republican territory.
Vietnam draft: Clinton said he did not regret his opposition to the Vietnam War, but said he wished he had done a better job responding to questions about the steps he took to avoid the draft. Bush

Mantu supporters

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Mantu supporters who returned were officially attached to the hall.
The Mantu group activists did not threaten any residents, even their rivals, to leave the hall, sources said.
Sources close to Mantu group said that the return of the activists to their dormitory was in line with the university's rehabilitating students to their respective halls.
Campus sources said that residents of the Jagannath and Salmullah halls were nervy apprehending violent incidents in the noon but, by the afternoon, they became relaxed to a great extent as there was no violence.
"But a tense was prevailing in the hall."
The Mantu group returned to the hall informing the hall Provost, sources said.
Meanwhile, some BCL (M-I) activists along with some of their leaders went to the Salmullah hall yesterday afternoon and talked with the Mantu supporters on maintaining peace in the dormitory, campus sources said.
A large number of police guards were posted in the strategic points around the hall to fight violence.

The Midnight File

Russia suspends withdrawal of troops from Baltics

MOSCOW, Oct 20: Russia has suspended the withdrawal of some of its soldiers from the three Baltic states, despite pressure from the former Soviet republics to pull out all the troops, news media said Tuesday. There are approximately 150,000 former Soviet troops in Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia. The Russian Defense Ministry said it had underestimated the number of homes it could build in Russia for troops returning from the Baltics. It is also building homes for soldiers returning from East Europe, reports AP.

Honecker to go on trial Nov 12

BERLIN, Oct 20: Former East German leader Erich Honecker will go on trial November 12 for manslaughter in the deaths of people trying to escape from his country even though he suffers from liver cancer, officials announced Tuesday, reports AP.

Seen from the Gallery

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Prime Minister Khaleda Zia took her seat at 8:45 pm, but decided against taking the floor as well, keeping well intact her record of total non-involvement in major foreign policy debates in the House.
She might have asked herself "to speak or not the speak?" while she sat quietly, but when the Prince of Denmark refuses to play Hamlet and deliver his eagerly-awaited soliloquy, things cannot but turn a little melancholy.
Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman re-discovered his own boisterous self yesterday, proving he is much more at home with impromptu speeches, interjected with witty observations, than with written texts prepared by mid-level officers of the Foreign Ministry.
"How can I take this body of mine anywhere surreptitiously?" asked the six feet-plus minister, in reply to Sheikh Hasina's allegations that he had concluded the treaty with Myanmar on repatriation of the Rohingya refugees under cover. "I do everything in public, I don't do anything behind curtains."
He didn't say if "everything" really meant everything.
Deputy Leader of the House Badruddoza Chowdhury thought he had a point when he attracted the House's attention to Article 18 of the joint communiqué issued on behalf of former president Hussain Muhammad Ershad and the then Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi in 1984.
That article, Chowdhury pointed out, referred to "movement of peoples across their borders", similar to Article 11 of the Khaleda-Rao communiqué which had truly been taken to the cleaners by Opposition members during this discussion.
Hasina however reminded the House that the 1992 communiqué had referred to "illegal immigration of peoples" which was different from mere "movement of people".
The definition of immigration, illegal or otherwise, is "coming to settle into another country". (In yesterday's Gallery, the definitions of 'refugee' and 'immigrant' were

Kamal

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travel-weary Dr Hossain said that since he no longer had any specific responsibilities in Awami League, he would assess the new situation arising out of the council session and would decide his future activities.
When asked if he was planning to float a new political organisation, Kamal Hossain said: "I am still in the Awami League and I have taken no decision as such."
He reiterated that he did not accept the post of a member in the Advisory Council of the party because "the concept of Advisory Council is not acceptable."
When asked why he did not attend the AL council sessions where he could clarify his stand, on party policy, Dr Hossain said: "Party council is not a forum for debate... I have said everything at the Working Committee meeting which preceded the council."
Asked to comment on the Indian "Operation Push Back" issue, Dr Hossain, a former foreign minister of the country, said, "It is a diplomatic failure of the present government."
Dissident Awami League leader Mostafa Mohsin Montu and his followers, and some other political colleagues of Dr Hossain greeted him at the airport on return.

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