

JU Hons admission tests timings

By JU Correspondent

Admission tests to the first year Honours classes of Jahangirnagar University under four different units for 1992-93 academic session begin tomorrow (Saturday).

Examinations will be taken in two shifts: Morning shift from 10 am to 1 pm and day shift from 2 pm to 5 pm.

On the first day, examinations of the 'Gha' unit (Life Science) will be held. Applicants bearing serial numbers from 32001 to 35097 will appear in the morning shift while serial numbers from 35098 to 38900 will appear in the day shift tests.

Applicants of the 'Ka' unit (Science Faculty) bearing roll numbers from 1 to 3779 will appear in the morning shift while roll numbers 3780 to 9975 in the day shift examinations on April 25.

In the 'Ga' unit (Arts and Humanities Faculty) tests roll numbers 24001 to 27015 will appear in the morning shift while the rest in the day shift on April 26.

Tests of the 'Kha' unit will be taken in two days. On April 27 applicants of the Social Science Faculty bearing roll numbers from 12001 to 15162

will appear in the morning shift while roll numbers 15163 to 18364 in the day shift test. Applicants bearing roll numbers from 18365 to 22000 of 'Kha' unit will appear in the day shift of April 28.

Meanwhile, authorities have asked the concerned to enquire about the seating arrangements prior to the admission tests.

Bodies of two girls found

By DMCH Correspondent

Police late Wednesday night and Thursday recovered bodies of two teenaged girls from Sayedabad and Gulshan areas in the city.

Demra police recovered the body of an unidentified girl from a suitcase lying at Sayedabad Bus Terminal Thursday morning.

A police sergeant on duty saw a big suitcase left at the south-east corner of the bus terminal and on suspicion he informed Demra police who, subsequently recovered the body of the girl from the suitcase.

Police suspected that it was a case of murder and an unnatural death case was lodged with Demra Police Station.

In another incident, Gulshan police recovered the body of Anwara Begum, 17, from a canal in Gulshan late Wednesday night.

Anwara was identified as the daughter of one Shawkat Ali. But no detail about her death was available until last night.

An unnatural death (UD) case was lodged with Gulshan Police.

C & F agents urged to end strike

The authorities have urged the Customs Clearing and Forwarding (C and F) agents to come to terms for bringing an end to their present work stoppage at Zia International Airport in the greater interest of the nation, reports BSS.

Although the week-long strike could not affect the export-import activities very much but it (strike) should end for the betterment of all concerned, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism, Managing Director of Bangladesh Biman and Chairman, Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) stated yesterday at a joint press briefing held at ZIA.

Habibur Rahman, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism said "we are ready to listen and reach an understanding with the C and F agents." Despite our all out sincere efforts they seemed not to be "interested to have dialogue," he added.

The CAAB Chairman said the authorities are ready to accept Taka 18 thousand as office rent per month from the C and F agents instead of Taka 27 thousand, the rate earlier fixed by the government. "We are ready to negotiate, but they (C and F) seemed to stay in the cargo complex either free or pay very little," he added.

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Movement

From Page 1 Col 4 continue pressing the government to fulfil its prior commitment relating to the Jamaat chief's trial.

Suranjit Sengupta of the Gonoatantri Party told this correspondent that despite the High Court's decision to restore Golam Azam's citizenship, the cause of the struggle for trying him as a war criminal remained unchanged.

"A political problem cannot be resolved in the Court of law", Suranjit observed saying "the Indian Supreme Court's order could not protect demolition of the historic Babri Mosque in Ayodhya".

Barrister Moudud Ahmed MP of the Jatiya Party (JP) while commenting on the legal aspect of the High Court order said, "the judgement was a correct one which was delivered within the purview of the existing laws of the land".

The JP leader also observed that the judgement would be noted as historical, "because it relates to a very important fundamental right of the citizen of the country".

Moudud observed that the judgement would also help resolve a political issue centering around Golam Azam. He said, "If the judgement was otherwise, it would have made Golam Azam a stateless person resulting in more complication in the political arena of the country."

Crippled ATP plane reaches Dhaka safely

Star Report

One of the engines of an ATP Aircraft Flight (No 406) went out of order 15 minutes after it took off from Sylhet A G Oamant Airport at 4:30 pm Thursday.

The flight, however, reached safely the Zia International Airport, Dhaka with all its passengers including Rashed Khan Menon MP of the Workers Party.

"It was possible because of the captain's skillful piloting", commented Menon who returned to the capital after attending party programmes in Sylhet.

Tribal student shot dead

KHAGRACHHARI, Apr 22: A tribal college student was shot dead when he along with others allegedly tried to snatch away a rifle from an on-duty Ansar at Mohakhari thana on Monday, reports UNB.

The dead was identified as Nishith Chakma (18), a first year student of Rangunia College in Mohakhari thana, police sources said.

Power Development Board sources said a group of agitated youths gheraoed the sub-station and assaulted the Resident Engineer Ananta Singh Chakma following a load-shedding in the area.

The agitators attempted to snatch away a rifle from the Ansar while he was rushing to rescue the Engineer. During the tussle, an agitated youth was shot dead when an Ansar opened fire to disperse the mob, PDB sources added.

Immediately with the spread of the news a procession was brought out to protest the killing.

Politicians failed to do anything for people: Kamal

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Apr 22: Convenor of Democratic Forum Dr Kamal Hossain stressed the need for unity of all pro-liberation and democratic forces to formulate a new formula in order to change the lot of the common man of the country.

Dr Kamal was addressing a discussion meeting at a local cinema hall here this evening as part of his country-wide tour before the much talked about grand national conference where he was likely to float a new party.

Dr Kamal said that the ideals of the Liberation War would not be fulfilled until the common man saw changes in their economic conditions.

Criticising the politicians, he said that they could not give anything to the eleven crore people in 22 years after Liberation War which cost an ocean of blood. People did not get anything in two years even after the fall of the autocratic regime, he added.

Organised by the city and district units of Democratic Forum, the discussion meeting was also addressed, among others, by Sheikh Abdul Aziz, Barrister Aminul Islam, AU Ahmed, Nurjahan Morshed and Kazi Abdus Salam. Advocate Enayet Ali presided over the meeting.

Injunction on Sonargaon Hotel stayed

By Staff Correspondent

The temporary injunction on the Sonargaon Hotel authorities as appealed by Charuta (Pvt) Ltd has been stayed by the District Judge Court Sunday until further orders.

The injunction prevented the hotel authorities from issuing any work order for the hotel's interior decoration to the firm save the Charuta (Pvt) Ltd. Charuta filed the aforesaid suit claiming that being the lowest bidder they were entitled to get the contract for the renovation work of Sonargaon Hotel. It also sought for an order permanently restraining Sonargaon Hotel and Hotels International Ltd from awarding the contract to anyone other than the plaintiff.

The contract for the said job was however, awarded to Nasreen Zamir & Associates.

It was submitted on behalf of Sonargaon Hotel that Charuta (Pvt) Ltd was the second lowest bidder whereas, Nasreen Zamir & Associates was the lowest bidder and made a technically superior offer which was accordingly accepted by the Board of Directors of the Hotels International Ltd, the owning company of Sonargaon Hotel.

Besides, there was no legal obligations to accept even the lowest offer particularly if (it was not) otherwise found suitable or competent.

Barrister Rafiqul Haq and Barrister Akhtar Imam appeared for the appellants, Sonargaon Hotel and Hotels International Ltd.

HC verdict on Golam Azam

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Provisions) Order (PO-149 of 1972), that is on March 26, 1971 by fulfilling all three conditions required by Article 2 of the said order. He was born in Bangladesh; was a permanent resident on March 25, 1971 and on March 26 continued to be so resident.

The Court observed that the principles of natural justice were applicable in all administrative proceedings and that before condemning a person he must be heard and that even God gave a hearing to Adam.

As Golam Azam had not been asked to explain his position, Justice Choudhury said, the impugne notification was void from the beginning for non-compliance with the principles of natural justice.

"The disqualification notification as issued by the government is declared to be bad in law, in violation of the principles of natural justice and passed on irrelevant considerations not within the scope of Article 2' of the Temporary Order, he added.

Regarding the contentions of the Attorney General that the petitioner was a collaborator the Court held that collaboration was not made a ground for disqualification to be a citizen of Bangladesh under Article 2 of the Order.

As such, Justice Choudhury said, the matter of collaboration could not come in this regard as correctly held by the previous two Judges, who had held that Golam Azam was not guilty of being a collaborator.

Earlier, in August last year, the writ was heard by a Division Bench of the High Court which gave a split verdict.

On that occasion Justice Ismail Uddin Sarkar upheld the government notification disqualifying the petitioner from being a citizen of Bang-

ladesh while Justice Badrul Islam Choudhury held that the impugne notification was illegal.

On the matter of conduct, Justice Choudhury held that subsequent amendment with retrospective effect to a law could not reopen decided cases, while noting that conduct was incorporated into the Temporary Order by Article 2(b) 35 days after the issuance of the impugne notification, June 22, 1973.

He also referred to Article 35 of the Constitution which indicates that penal law cannot be made with retrospective effect.

On the finality clause of Article 3 of the Temporary Order, which allows for the government to remove doubt in respect to Article 2 and which decision shall be final, the Court held that the finality clause means final as to facts not as to law.

The Court has the power to examine whether the government decision was made in accordance with law, Justice Choudhury said, and this has been the settled position of law in England, India and Pakistan.

With regard to delay in filing the writ, the Court held that the delay had been reasonably and sufficiently explained by the petitioner and as such there was no delay.

"I found that the petitioner has reasonably explained the delay in filing the writ before this Court and therefore it could not be said it suffers from inordinate delay," Justice Choudhury added.

In view of the findings, the Court set aside the impugne government notification and the show cause notice issued under the Foreigners' Act and held that these were void, illegal and issued without lawful authority.

The court noted that the second impugne order passed

under the Foreigners' Act, under which the petitioner was being detained at the Central Jail, stated that Azam being a foreign national had been arrested for the security of Bangladesh.

However, Justice Choudhury added that this matter was not argued in the Court and was pending in another Court.

"This Court will not pass any order as to the legality of the detention" of the petitioner as the matter is pending before another Court, the learned Judge said.

Golam Azam was arrested under Foreigners' Act on March 24 last year. His detention was extended four times on April 21, September 12 last year, January 16 and April 15 this year.

Azam left Bangladesh on November 22, 1971 during the Liberation War and went to Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and England till he came back to Dhaka on July 11, 1978 with a Pakistani passport to see his ailing mother.

He filed an application for restoration of his citizenship in prescribed form to the Ministry of Home Affairs on November 8, 1978.

The writ petition was filed on behalf of Prof Golam Azam by his son Abdullahi Momen Azmi challenging the notification of April 18, 1973 that had disqualified Golam Azam as a citizen of Bangladesh on charges of collaboration with the Pakistan occupation army during the nation's Liberation War in 1971.

After the split judgement on the writ by a High Court Division the Chief Justice, Shahabuddin Ahmed constituted a Single Judge Bench for disposal of the writ.

Attorney General Aminul Haq appeared on behalf of the State.

Rules for jobs

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asserted. The State Minister said, the foreign employment can help open various avenues in focusing and representing Bangladesh in the outside world. Taking this into consideration, the present government introduced a simplified and time-befitting policy for foreign employment, he said.

According to the new policy any person can compete directly for any post in any foreign or international organization except foreign missions in Bangladesh and NGOs for which prior permission from the government would be necessary. Selected persons can normally join the service by informing the government.

The meeting was informed that the government servants could also avail the simplified approach of the new policy by keeping lien of his service for five years.

The meeting was attended by Mohtuddin Ahmed MP (AL), Dr T I M Fazle Rabbi MP (JP), Syeda Begum Sajeda Chowdhury MP (AL), and Md Shamsudohha MP (CPB).

SSC exams

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candidates and 18 invigilators were expelled. The number of expulsions under the board are as follows: Gabandha — 108 examinees and 8 invigilators, Dinajpur — 90 examinees and one invigilator, Naogaon — 19 examinees and 9 invigilators, Rangpur — 52 examinees, Sirajganj — 28, Thakurgaon — 21, and the rest from six other districts. The Rajshahi Board officials were, however, not informed about the situation in four other districts under the board.

Under the Comilla Board a total of 362 examinees were expelled and three invigilators suspended.

The number of expulsions under the Comilla Board are as follows: Chittagong — 113 examinees and three invigilators (suspended), Comilla — 104 examinees, Chandpur — 30, Maulvibazar — 27, Brahmanbaria — 25 and the rest from five other districts.

In 15 districts out of 17 under the Dhaka Board a total of 257 examinees were expelled. The number of expulsions are as follows: Mymensingh — 46 examinees, Tangail — 33, Netrakona — 31, Sariatpur — 22 and the rest from 11 other districts.

In 16 districts under the Jessore Board, a total of 101 examinees were expelled and one invigilator was expelled. The number of expulsions are: Jessore — 24 examinees, Barisal — 15 examinees and one invigilator, Kushtia — 14 examinees and the rest from other districts.

In the last two days of SSC examinations a total of more than 1500 examinees and 16 invigilators were expelled across the country.

A total of 679,010 candidates are appearing at the SSC examination this year from 611 centres.

The Midnight File

Italian PM resigns

ROME, Apr 22: Italian Prime Minister Giuliano Amato announced his resignation today at a session of the Chamber of Deputies. His resignation follows a national referendum which voted overwhelmingly for reform of the Italian political system and comes amid an ever-widening corruption scandal which has undermined the governing four-party coalition, reports AFP.

Pakistan rejects Indian charge of Bombay blasts

ISLAMABAD, Apr 22: Pakistan today rejected as "incorrect and mischievous" Indian charge that it had apparently conspired in last month's bombings in Bombay that killed 250 people. Indian Interior Minister Shankarrao Chavan told parliament in New Delhi on Wednesday that a conspiracy appeared to have been hatched by Pakistan in conjunction with an alleged Dubai-based Bombay underworld boss, Dawood Ibrahim, reports Reuter.

Treurnicht dead

CAPE TOWN, Apr 22: Andries Treurnicht, the founder and leader of the pro-apartheid Conservative Party whose opposition to reform earned him the nickname "Dr. No," died Thursday, the party said. He was 72. The party's chief whip, Frank le Roux, said Treurnicht died in a Cape Town hospital several days after undergoing heart bypass surgery. He gave no other details, reports AP.

Saifur: \$1.8 b aid

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April 1991 cyclone is a commendable achievement for which credit is due to the government's economic policy-makers and its political leadership."

Macro-economic stability provides the basis for accelerating the implementation of much needed structural reforms, the WB's CEM titled "Bangladesh: Implementing Structural Reforms" says.

Fiscal adjustments in particular successful tax reform, have removed the previous shortage of taka resources that constrained full implementation of the Annual Development Programme (ADP), the WB report observed.

The WB report also appreciated the accelerated pace of reforms in fiscal 1993 saying good progress has been achieved in removing non-tariff restrictions on trade, rationalising tariff rates, improving export incentives, opening new sectors to private sector initiatives, deregulating private investment, relaxing exchange controls and preparing reforms of business laws.

The World Bank suggests that Bangladesh government should also sustain its expenditure rationalisation efforts, maintain the momentum of its tax reforms and strengthen its administration of the Value Added Tax.

Accelerating public investment and raising its efficiency is the most important short run priority and second priority is to enhancing external competitiveness through a continued commitment to a flexible exchange rate policy and bold labour market reform to link wage increases to productivity improvements, the WB report suggests.

However the Bangladesh delegation at the meeting will highlight the achievements and cite causes for a bit slow progress at the micro level during the current fiscal.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia's economic spokesman Saifur Rahman will press for new commitments of project aid of 1400 million dollar, commodity aid of around 435 million dollar and food aid of around 200 million dollar, a level that is essential to support the government's efforts to raise the GDP growth rate over six per cent in the forthcoming fiscal, Finance Ministry sources say.

But for Finance Minister Saifur Rahman the forthcoming 20th meeting of the Bangladesh aid group would be a tough session and representatives of the donor countries and agencies will not be so generous this time.

In a changed world aid climate after the collapse of the former Soviet Union and unification of Germany.

Zardari takes oath

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advisors the cabinet was brought up to 19, still far shy of the some 50 minister-level officials in the cabinet of Nawaz Sharif, ousted as Prime Minister on Sunday by Ishaq Khan.

Members of Sharif's party predicted turmoil as Mazari tried to fill out a cabinet, saying the 64-year-old political neophyte was trying to bring in people from disparate parties that did not share a common philosophy.

"They won't be able to get along," a member of Sharif's conservative Pakistan Muslim League predicted earlier.

Most of the new cabinet members, were either members of Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party or Muslim League members who bolted Sharif's faction.

Meanwhile, nationwide strike call paralysed business and industry in Karachi today as merchants small and large closed shops.

The shutdown was called for late Wednesday by Mian Habibullah, President of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI).

Business circles said both wholesalers and general merchant groups were participating in the strike along with the All Pakistan Organisation of Small Traders and Cottage Industry.

The Karachi Stock Exchange (KSE) remained closed today.

hoped Toyota car plant, saying he hoped future governments would follow his pro-foreign investor policies.

It was the first time a representative of a foreign government had publicly praised Sharif since his government was dissolved.

"The Nawaz Sharif government created an environment for foreign investment and I hope successive governments will continue the policy," Kulno Muraoko said at the opening of the first Toyota Motor Corporation Plant in Karachi.

Ozal, 66, died in the capital of Ankara of heart failure on Saturday, two days after an exhausting tour of Turkey republics in Asia. After a funeral in Ankara, the body was flown to Istanbul, where the president had wanted to be buried.

He was buried in a plot facing the mausoleum of the late Premier Andran Menderes, who was hanged after a 1960 military coup.

Flags remained at half-staff as the casket was lowered into the grave lined with scores of wreaths. Prayers for the dead were chanted. Ozal's two sons and officials shovelled soil onto the casket.

Govt to appeal

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against the judgement, saying that the matter did not involve any constitutional issues.

Attorney General Aminul Haq, who was not present in the Court on the day, later told reporters that there were other ways to move the higher Courts against the verdict. He said that the government was not satisfied with the judgement and as such asked him to move the Appellate Division.

JUCSU GS manhandled

By JU Correspondent

The General Secretary of Jahangirnagar University Central Students' Union (JUCSU), Shamsul Tabriz Mithu was assaulted by unidentified youngmen in Savar Court premises yesterday.

He was later rescued by the police on duty.

Mithu went there to attend a court summons. His motorcycle was also damaged.

The attack on him was reportedly a sequel to an internal feud between the local and non-local activists of Jatiyatadabi Chhatra Dal (JCD) JU unit.

Following the incident, a section of agitated JCD workers of the university blocked the Dhaka-Aricha highway from 6 pm to 7 pm.

Speaker visits Bashanti Guha

Speaker Shaikh Razaque

Ali yesterday evening visited a private clinic here to see ailing Bashanti Guha Thakurta, who is in coma since yesterday afternoon. Besides the Speaker, a large number of well-wishers came to the hospital to see her who is suffering from serious liver complications. Her condition remained unchanged till 9:30 pm yesterday, reports BSS.

Medical college

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leased after 14 hours Thursday afternoon.

The leaders and workers of the BCL brought out processions in the college compound and kept the main gate of the college under lock and key.

However, there was no report of violent incidents during the strike hours.

Juba Dal, JCD

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severe wounds in his head and hands.

The agitated activists of JCD and Juba Dal damaged eight buses, two private cars and several scooters at the Narayanganj bus terminal to protest the police action, eyewitnesses said.

At least 15 transport workers were injured when they tried to obstruct them from damaging the vehicles.

Shortly after, the angry transport workers enforced a five-hour halt to the movement of vehicular traffic between Narayanganj and Dhaka. The traffic however, resumed at 5:30 pm.

Four of the injured transport workers were given first aid at the Narayanganj Hospital. They were identified as: Golam Hossain, Shahjahan, Babul and Baten.

Chhatra League and the Transport Owners Association lodged two separate cases with Narayanganj police in connection with the incidents.

Meanwhile, the local unit of Awami League and the Transport Owners' Association in their statements strongly condemned the attack on Shambhu and damaging of vehicles and demanded punishment for the persons responsible.

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