

CU degree results announced

CHITTAGONG, Mar 6: The Controller of Examinations today announced the results of BA and BSS pass examinations of 1992 held in May and June 1993 under the University of Chittagong, reports BSS.

A total of 16,133 candidates appeared at the BA pass examination as regular candidates of whom 8,959 came out successful.

Of them, one secured first division, 1,511 second division and 7,447 third division.

The percentage of pass is 55.5.

Legal notices on tobacco companies

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers' Association (BELA) has served legal notices on two leading tobacco companies for their alleged violation of advertisement regulations.

A statement of the BELA on Saturday said notices were served on the Bangladesh Tobacco Company Limited and the Dhaka Tobacco Industries.

The notices pointed out that many of the cigarette advertisements of the two companies did not comply with the existing laws and created threats to the public health, particularly to the children.

The lawyers' association called for withdrawing and correcting the advertisements which did not carry the statutory warning.

BNP UK unit told to hold confce

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) high command has asked its United Kingdom chapter to hold a conference within three months to streamline the overseas unit.

The standing committee of the party met in the capital yesterday to review reports of squabbling by members of the London committee.

Some of the members of the existing convening committee were also present at the meeting chaired by party chairperson Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office.

Canadian official in city

Canadian Secretary of State for Asia-Pacific Raymond Chan arrived here yesterday afternoon on a 3-day official visit to Bangladesh for talks on economic cooperation.

The main objective of my visit is to promote cooperation between Canada and Bangladesh, Chan told UNB at the airport.

Additional Foreign Secretary Khairul Anam received the Canadian State Minister at Zia International Airport.

He hoped that the visit would further strengthen the existing friendly relations between the two countries.

During his stay here, the Canadian State Minister will discuss with Bangladesh ministers and senior officials bilateral matters including economic cooperation and assistance and trade.

Asked if he would discuss Canadian investment in Bangladesh, Chan said my country will explore economic cooperation.

Chan, who flew in the city from Cambodia on the second leg of his tour of the Asia-Pacific region, will meet Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman today.

He will visit some Canadian-supported development projects in Savar area. He will address a press conference on Tuesday before leaving for Tokyo.

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gave the call for independence on the day to materialise the long-cherished dreams of the nation, she said.

The people of the country became united following the historic call and embarked on the Liberation War. Sheikh Hasina said, adding that the people, in fact, became more courageous by the call of the great leader.

Sheikh Hasina expressed her gratitude to the martyrs of the Liberation War and prayed for the salvation of their departed soul.

In observance of the day, the Awami League will hoist national and party flags atop the party office at 6 in the morning and garland the portrait of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at the Bangabandhu Bhaban at 9:00 am.

A discussion meeting will also be organised by the party at its central office at 2:30 pm.

Meanwhile, the Bhasha Sainik-O-Rajbhandi Parishad and Bangabandhu Gobeshana Parishad in a joint statement yesterday demanded telecasting and broadcasting of the historic speech on the day.

The statement was signed by Gazdul Huq, Mustafa Sarwar, Sheikh Wahidur Rahman and Rashed Asheki.



Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury attended the *Namaz-e-Janaza* of slain police sergeant Hasanul Farhad at the Rajarbagh Police Line Mosque yesterday. Food Minister Mir Shawkat Ali and leaders of various political parties as well as senior police officials attended the *Janaza*. Farhad was killed Saturday during an armed clash by rival student factions in the city's Jagannath University College. — PID photo

Sergeant Farhad laid to rest

Police Sergeant Hasanul Farhad, the victim of Saturday's fierce gunbattle at the Jagannath University College, was laid to rest at Mirpur graveyard yesterday, reports UNB.

Namaz-e-Janaza for him was held thrice. The first Janaza was held at about 12 noon at Shahjahanpur Railway Colony where Farhad used to live, the second one at Baitul Mukarram after Jhor prayers while the third one at Rajarbagh Police Line Mosque at about 2 pm.

JS mourns death

Parliament yesterday condoled the death of police officer Hasanul Farhad who was gunned down during a gunfight between two factions of the pro-government student organisation at the Jagannath University College on Saturday, reports UNB.

The House observed one-minute silence and offered special prayer for the deceased.

DUCSU elections

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students with permission from the authorities can stay in the dormitories.

The meeting also decided that the students shall neither chant slogans nor conduct any campaigning inside or in front of the classrooms.

Besides, no statement which is libelous, indecorous or likely to tarnish the image of the university should be circulated as election material.

The students' organisation must officially inform the Proctor of their programme of election campaigning on the campus.

Before starting their campaign the student organisations must take permission from the Provost of the hall concerned. Also, the students' bodies or any individual should not hinder the election related activities, such as submission of nomination papers and campaigning.

The DUCSU election commissioner or the hall election commissioners may take necessary measures if any candidate is prevented from submitting nominations papers.

The authorities will also take steps against any person found misbehaving with the officials involved in holding the polls.

Besides, according to the Code, all the students of the university shall keep their identity cards with them. The authorities have urged all concerned to maintain peace and discipline for the smooth conduct of the polls.

Foreign Ministry

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the desk officials concerned are seemingly reluctant to send them abroad, it is learnt. The excuses often given for not availing of the offers are "shortage of personnel."

The Foreign ministries in most countries in the region send their officers abroad for higher training on a regular basis.

Most of the junior officers, specially the Assistant Secretaries, are being deprived of the opportunities for higher training. This is also affecting their efficiency.

At least 19 Assistant Secretaries, out of 32 now working in the Foreign Ministry, have not been nominated for overseas courses although a dozen offers were received in the last few months.

Informed sources say, the senior officers are however, getting scholarships and training programmes.

The case should rather be opposite, a veteran diplomat commented as he said, the juniors need to sharpen their professional knowledge.

Training programmes for diplomats are offered by a number of countries including France, the UK, the Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland, Australia and the US. The course duration varies from four to thirteen months.

Blasphemy : Sikhs offer \$5 lakh for Pak writer's head

CHANDIGARH, Mar 6: Two Sikh groups in Punjab have announced a reward of 483,000 dollar for killing a Muslim writer whose book they claim is blasphemous about founders of the Sikh faith, reports AP.

The groups said Pakistani writer Sadiq Hussain's book on freedom fighters contained profane remarks about some of the 10 founders of the Sikh religion, newspapers reported Sunday.

A statement issued Saturday by Ramesh Singhla, chief of the youth wing of the governing Congress Party of Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao, said 10 million rupees (322,000 dollar) would be given to anyone who assassinates Hussain.

The statement said Hussain's book was aimed at maligning the leaders of the Sikh religion, a 15th century blend of Hinduism and Islam.

Another reward of five million rupees (161,000 dollar) was announced by the outlawed Sikh rebel outfit, The Lower Sikh Court. Posters announcing the reward of the little-known group were found pasted in Sikh shrines across the state, newspapers reported.

The posters, written in Punjabi language, said that the book belittled the contribution of the religious leaders.

Meanwhile, G S Tohda, chief of a body governing Sikh shrines has asked Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto to confiscate Hussain's book, Tarikh-e-Mujahideen (History of the Rebels).

In his letter to Bhutto, which was published Sunday in The Tribune newspaper, Tohda said the Urdu-language book is "nothing but a bundle of lies aimed at distorting the Sikh religion, history and culture."

Tohda said Hussain had distorted the lives of the religious leaders and even called one of them a bandit.

More than 17 million people practice the Sikh religion and most of them live in Punjab. The men usually sport a turban and bear the surname Singh, which means Lion in Punjabi language.

India plans to thwart Pak

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If carried by whatever majority, the Indian motion, which under the rules of procedure will be taken up first, shall nullify the Islamabad resolution completely ruling it out of the agenda order paper, the sources said.

There is, however, a risk factor attached with his move of resorting to technical procedural tactics. If you lose the vote, then you face the risk of losing twice — once on the no-action motion and second time, possibly, on the Pak resolution," the sources pointed out.

The tabling of a "no-action" motion, the sources emphasised therefore, may be decided as a last resort if the number game appeared to be going in favour of Pakistan when the commission resumes its session tomorrow.

There is very strong thinking in the Indian camp that the Pakistani resolution should be taken head on and defeated decisively with the help of friendly countries. The Indian delegation sources claimed enough support to score a win.

But they said India cannot afford to be oblivious of the possible support to Pakistan from the OIC especially when a large number of other countries appear determined to abstain.

This is where the contingency may arise, they added.

In such a case, the sources said, India may make a suo moto statement through the chair assuring the commission greater transparency on the human rights situation in Jammu and Kashmir and allowing it to become part of the proceedings.

Bus owners urged not to realise extra fare

The government yesterday urged the owners of service buses, mini-buses and owners' association not to harass the passengers by realising fare from them in excess of what is fixed by the government, reports BSS.

Referring to the practice of realising excess fare from bus and mini-bus passengers going home and returning to towns and cities before and after Eid-ul-Fitr, the government in a handout said it is a punishable offence.

changes who have international direct dialling facility.

What then is the real role of the T & T Board? In all of its advertisements, "Customer Service is our only goal," they say. Yet here is a clear case of negligence of their basic function. If the subscribers were, in fact, in violation of their contracts with regards to non-payment, they should have been notified in time with a grace period of seven days. The decisions on the fate of their applications were taken not in presence of the applicant, but in camera and the verdict handed down in the form of an execution order instead of a chance to review, understand and appeal. The execution order came at noon, and was performed immediately just before officers of the Gulshan Exchange were scheduled to leave, which left the subscribers without any word on what to do.

And if there are aborted international trunk calls, why penalise the customer when the T & T Board can't provide their basic duty — a clear telephone connection? Remember that there is another big problem with international calls not addressed in this issue — why 1-minute 1-second is actually considered to be 2 minutes. Customers expect to pay as they use the telephone line, exactly. Why should they be asked to pay more than their fair share? Why not, indeed? Would any customer or T&T official care to discuss this?

Arthorin Adalat (Amendment) Bill passed

The Jatiya Sangsad yesterday passed the Arthorin Adalat (Amendment) Bill, 1994 (Commercial Court for Recovery of Financial Loans Bill), reports BSS.

State Minister for Finance Mojibur Rahman sought the leave of the House for immediate consideration of the bill, which was earlier introduced by the minister in the House on February 23.

The bill was later passed by the voice vote.

The bill seeks to amend the Commercial Court for Recovery of Financial Loan Act 1990 to give coverage to the Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank and other financial institutions to recover their unrealised loans by filing cases in the court.

The amendments tabled earlier were not moved by the opposition members as they were absent in the House.

Avoid meet that includes Jamaat, WP asks Menon

By Staff Correspondent

The Workers Party of Bangladesh yesterday asked its lone representative in Parliament, Rashed Khan Menon, not to attend any meeting where Jamaat participates.

A meeting of the central committee of the Workers Party (WP) resolved that religious fundamentalism was the enemy of democracy and the Awami League (AL)-led opposition's current liaison with Jamaat would eventually weaken democracy in the country.

Asking Rashed Khan Menon not to forge any unity with the Jamaat, the WP central committee said in a resolution that liaison with the Jamaat in the name of parliamentary politics would ultimately help the fundamentalist party get the recognition of the general masses.

The WP resolution also criticised the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) for "its friendship with the Jamaat."

Sheraton Hotel incurs loss

By Staff Correspondent

The Dhaka Sheraton Hotel started incurring losses after it took over from the Intercontinental Corporation in 1984, an audit report released in Parliament said.

The Sheraton Hotel incurred a net loss of Tk 80.67 lakh till 1991. It had earned a net profit of Tk 5,34,14,826 in four years since 1980 when the hotel was run by the Intercontinental chain, the report of the Auditor General placed before the House said.

According to the report, the unequal terms of the management contract were the major causes for the loss. The Sheraton Hotel management's agreement, signed with the holding company Bangladesh Services Ltd in 1984, is valid until 2003.

The audit report pointed out that if the present agreement remains it would not be possible for the Bangladesh Services Ltd to check the mounting losses.

Under the management of the Sheraton chain, the hotel has shown only very small profits for 1989 and 1990, the report said.

PM: BGMEA

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dustrialisation, you will see the reflection of it in the forthcoming national budget, she added.

The Prime Minister greeted the newly elected members of the executive committee and assured that her government would try to remove their problems after proper scrutiny.

But, she reminded them that her government was a democratic and transparent one and that was why each and every decision had to be taken after long thought.

Redwan Ahmed listed the problems of the export-oriented garment industries including VAT, customs, electricity, risk and duty bond, wastage rate of imported raw materials, banking, quota policy and insurance related problems.

The members of the BGMEA said Bangladesh ready-to-wear garments export could fetch 3 billion dollars in 1995 compared to 1.8 billion dollars in 1993.

Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister A N M Eusuf was present.

Huda regrets

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ments of the opposition members.

Just an hour before Huda's statement in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday Opposition chief whip Mohammad Nasim told reporters that they still wanted the Information Minister to apologise for his remarks. Merely expressing sorry with not do, he said.

The Midnight File

Serbs agree to open 2 air corridors to Tuzla

SARAJEVO, Mar 6: Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic agreed today to open two air corridors to the besieged Muslim enclave of Tuzla in northern Bosnia but reports of fighting elsewhere cast a shadow over fragile truce accords.

"We have agreed on the use of two air corridors to Tuzla, one leading from Zagreb, the other from split," said Yasushi Akashi, the special UN envoy to former Yugoslavia, reports Reuter.

Gunmen kill 11 in S Africa

BHAMBAYI (South Africa), Mar 6: Masked gunmen moved methodically through this community of tin and wood shacks near Durban early Sunday, leaving in their wake smoldering homes and 11 dead. The massacre, which residents said was yet another eruption of a feud between the African National Congress and its main black rival, was the third mass killing linked to politics in the region in the past six weeks, reports AP.

JS may be prorogued

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night maintained that Huda's statement was short of the unconditional apology they were demanding. They will discuss the issue when they meet at ten this morning.

Giving his reactions to the Information Minister's statement in the House yesterday, Opposition Chief Whip Mohammad Nasim told this correspondent last night that the statement made no qualitative change in the situation.

Meanwhile, the Speaker is expected to allow a one-hour discussion on the Hebron massacre in the House today. According to the JS rules of procedure, a resolution will be adopted on the issue following the discussion. Ruling party sources said the resolution would be taken condemning the incident.

Sources in the Parliament Secretariat said the Speaker would entertain the Opposition notice demanding a discussion on the Hebron issue for debate in the House. An MP belonging to the Jamaat-e-Islami moved the notice first. Should the Opposition stay away today, the chair would allow the notice on the subject submitted by

Khalilur Rahman of the treasury bench for the discussion.

The JS yesterday adopted the Financial Court (Amendment) Bill, 1994 by voice vote after the one-hour question-answer session.

The House also took up for discussion the vote of thanks on the presidential speech.

Deputy Speaker Humayun Khan Pannu, who presided over yesterday's sitting, adjourned the House at 2:05 pm to resume again at 10 this morning.

UNB adds: Parliament is likely to go into a long recess after its sitting today to buy enough time for bringing an end to the deadlock created by the continued boycott by Opposition.

Ruling party sources told UNB last night that the ball was now in the Opposition court, and expressed the hope that they would return to the House in view of the Information Minister's regret for his remarks.

The sources said they would continue their efforts to end the deadlock through parleys with the Opposition leaders during the Eid holidays if they decide not to turn up in the House today.

Raid on smugglers at Ctg port : one killed

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Mar 6: The Customs officials of an anti-smuggling team this evening reportedly shot dead one Akam Uddin, 26, during a raid at the outer anchorage of the Chittagong port.

Akam reportedly received bullet wounds while he was going for fishing in the sea. He succumbed to his injuries on way to the Chittagong Medical College hospital.

Civil service

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The PAES was completed in 1989 after a long delay. The government stalled review and implementation of the PAES recommendations for a long time. After the BNP government came to office the UNDP conducted a Public Administration Sector Study. In addition to these, a committee of four Secretaries has prepared its own report and recommendations on the basis of study of the British administrative system.

As many donor countries kept pointing out, all of these studies and recommendations have originated within or are reviewed within the government circle with very little outside participation. In the meeting that was held last Thursday, the donors very emphatically said that they want more open discussion on administrative reform. Otherwise it will be a reform delivered by a particular interest group, they fear.

According to a high government official, the Thursday meeting on administrative reform has succeeded in convincing the donors about the sincerity of the government efforts in this area. The Establishment Secretary has informed the donors that a seven-member Cabinet committee under the chairmanship of Communications Minister Oli Ahmed will have an action plan for reform ready by the end of this year.

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