

Saifur opens computer bureau Rupali Bank asked to submit defaulters' list

The Finance Minister yesterday directed the Rupali Bank management to list the bad borrowers, particularly the major defaulters who swallowed bulk of the bad debts, and send it to his office within a week, reports UNB.

Saifur Rahman also directed the Bank authorities to make a statement of what actions have been taken to recover that public money.

The minister's directives came while speaking as chief guest at the inaugural function of the Computer Bureau at the Rupali Bank head office.

The meeting was informed that the total amount of classified advances (bad loans) as disbursed from the bank stood at Tk 810 crore, including Tk 705 crore given to the private sector.

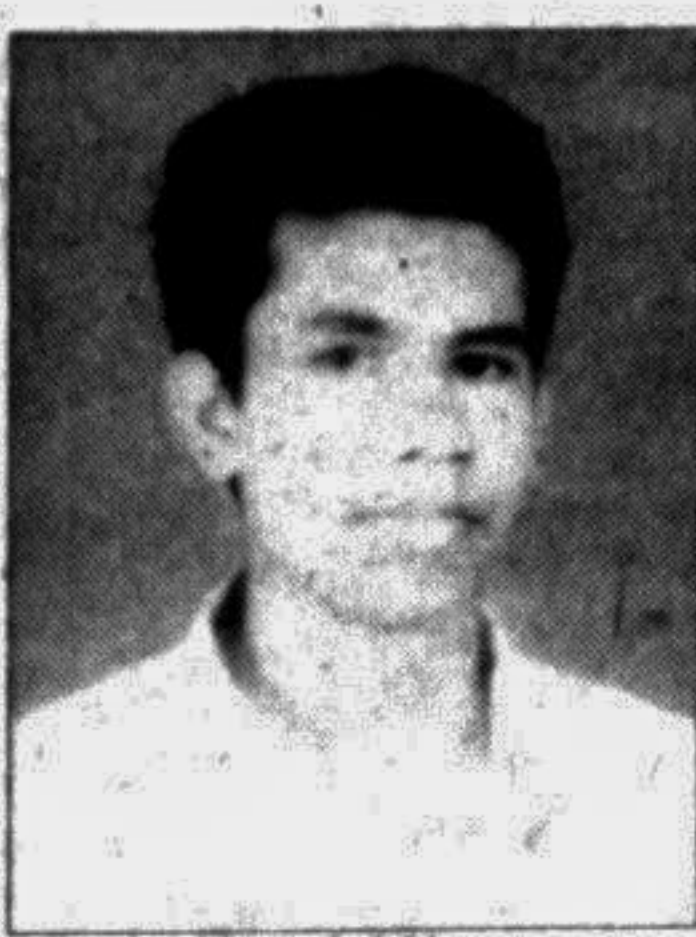
Saifur pointed out that a complete list of the loan defaulters with all the information and data would be recorded in the newly-installed computer system of the bank.

He underlined the need for use of modern and updated technology to disseminate necessary information at various levels of the banking sector.

The Finance Minister said computerised system of bank-



Shamsi Tamara Iqbal
2nd Science group DB



Masudul Hoque
3rd Commerce group DB



Sayema Haque Bidisha
3rd Science group DB

Curriculum should be updated, says Farah

The best among all those who appeared in the HSC examinations of 1994 under the Dhaka Board, Farah Farzana suggested updating the curriculum in the country in consistency with the changing global scenario and to meet the needs of the time.

A student of the Vigarunissa Noon College, Farzana has topped the combined merit list of Dhaka Board securing 969 marks with distinctions in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Statistics.

She said the curriculum followed in our country is still devoid of the developments in various fields which was depriving the students of the latest thoughts and throwing them out of competition in the foreign universities.

Daughter of a civil engineer, A.A. Mohammad Badrud-doza and housewife Ferdous Ara Bilkis of Elephant Road in the city, Farzana wants to study computer engineering at the BUET.

Talking to The Daily Star, she vehemently opposed student politics which she identified as the root of all acts of terrorism and session jam at the universities.

About her success, Farzana said, "Private tutors are a must for outstanding results."

HSC exam results

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Commerce group of the Dhaka Board's HSC examinations.

In the Comilla Board Farzana Hamid of Sylhet Government Girls College obtained the first position in the merit list of the Science group while SM Mohibul Hassan of Comilla Cadet College topped the merit list of the Humanities group and Md Maniruzzaman of Comilla Victoria Government College topped the list of the Commerce group.

Mohammad Firoze Kabir of Rajshahi Cadet College had been placed first in the Science group, Md Nuruzzaman Khan of Rajshahi College in the Humanities group and AFM Raihanul Alam of Rajshahi College in the Commerce group.

In the Jessore Board the top place of the Science group went to SM Monirul Haque of Barisal Cadet College while that of Humanities group to Sheikh Noor Mohammad of Jhenidah College and of the Commerce group to Abu Hossain Md Ahsan of Azam Khan Government Commerce College, Khulna.

A total of 138312 students appeared in the examinations from three groups under the Dhaka Board out of which 59135 came out successful. Of those passed, 16193 got the first division, 34737 second division and 8205 third division.

Bangladesh festival of arts opens in India

NEW DELHI, Dec 20: The two-week long Bangladesh festival of arts in India opened at the Mavalankar auditorium here this evening with a call to strengthen the cultural relations between the two countries, reports BSS.

The call for further promoting the cultural ties was given jointly by the visiting State Minister for Cultural Affairs of Bangladesh Prof Jahannara Begum, and Deputy Minister for Education and Culture of India Kumari Shejla in their respective speeches at the inaugural function of the festival.

A 70-member team comprising three performing art groups of dance and music, drama and magic is here to perform in different cities.

A composite cultural programme by the three groups kept the packed auditorium spellbound.

The state minister said, "Although our two countries have separate identities, they have similarities in so many respects. As proud members of the SAARC, we are both committed to developing South Asia into a zone of peace where culture and creativity would thrive and prosper."

The Midnight File

Berlusconi govt resigns today

ROME, Dec 20: The government of Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi will resign on Wednesday, Deputy Prime Minister Giuseppe Tatarella told television today. "The government will resign tomorrow," Tatarella, a member of the far right national alliance, said on TG3 public television news. "The election campaign begins tomorrow," reports Reuter.

US presses DPRK to return American pilot

SEOUL, Dec 20: US officials pressed North Korea to return a captive American pilot and the body of his colleague during a half-hour meeting today at the Korean War truce village of Panmunjom. The US military, meanwhile, was revising procedures for flights along the Korean border to avoid similar incidents, reports AP.

Russian jets strike army targets in Grozny

GROZNY, Dec 20: Russian jets struck homes and military targets in the Chechen capital with rockets today, and Moscow said it had escalated its offensive in the breakaway southern republic, reports AP.

A Chechen spokesman claimed 120 people were killed in three overnight air raids on the capital, Grozny, the radio station Echo Moscow reported.

Protesting the escalating Russian offensive, more than 100,000 Chechen civilians formed a human chain today along the main road across Chechnya. Many held hands and sang; some held placards with such messages as "Freedom For Chechnya" and "We Will Not Surrender."

The protest was called by beleaguered Chechen President Dzhokhar Dudayev, who denounced the Russians for the "mass killing of peaceful citizens."

Probe report

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Hospital (DMCH). The attending doctors declared the baby dead and sent the body to the morgue issuing a death certificate. Miraculously, the baby was found alive in the morgue around 9 the next morning and was again brought to the same hospital. The baby died the following morning.

After the incident, the DMCH authorities and the ministry formed two separate probe bodies.

A source said, the report signed by all the four members of the committee, contains a number of recommendations and suggestions.

Body to solve Delta Jute Mills problems

Government has formed a committee to solve the problems, including settlement of dues, of the labourers of Delta Jute Mills in Choumahani, reports UNB.

This was decided at a tripartite meeting of the government, owners and labourers held yesterday at the Labour Ministry's conference room with Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan in the chair.

Shahjahan Siraj

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nation, December 28.

"I can't shoulder the responsibility of breaking Parliament and the people of my constituency did not ask me to resign."

Siraj urged the Prime Minister and the leaders of the opposition parties to take political decisions in accordance with the Constitution and maintain continuity of Parliament.

The people want peaceful settlement of the current political deadlock, over the issue of caretaker government demanded by the Opposition.

Hasan Raja's birth anniversary today

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Dec 20: A two-day long ceremony would begin in Sylhet tomorrow in observance of the 138th birth anniversary of the mystic poet Hasan Raja.

Organised by the Sylhet Sankritic Parishad and Gabeshana Kendra, the 2-day programme include discussions, seminar, cultural function and reception to the National Professor Dewan Mohammad Azfar.

Sick units

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be a new company having the corporate set-up of a limited liability company which will acquire one complete unit to provide common facilities to the projects of the group, he pointed out.

The report, which includes 18 recommendations for rehabilitating the textile units, also said the projects forming a group will retain separate individual legal status and will be allowed to continue operation in their respective premises.

It also said that for ensuring continuity of the projects even in the event of sudden demise of the key sponsor or director of a particular project, the projects under the group will exchange in due course among themselves the minimum qualifying shares for cross-directorship in the project-companies.

The rehabilitation programme will be undertaken in a phased manner. In the first phase, priority projects will be selected from the units which have already approached for loan through the power loom association, the review committee and the banks concerned, the reports said.

The Managing Director of the BSB expressed the hope that under the guidelines of the model rehabilitation scheme, at least six groups would go into production with the objective of being 100 per cent export-oriented within the next six months.

The newly formed 35 groups would be able to create job opportunities for 50,000 people and produce 48 lakh yards of cloths each annually saving Taka 800 crore in foreign exchange.

'Business community seeks redress from political leadership'

By Staff Correspondent

The country's business community is not going to stand idle when their investments are threatened by continued political disturbances, warned Salman F Rahman, president of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), yesterday.

"What the private sector is wanting from our collective political leadership is redress; that we are allowed to operate freely without any hindrance due to political disturbances," he said.

Rahman was speaking on the "Economic Potentials of Bangladesh" as the guest of honour at the monthly meeting of the American-Bangladesh Economic Forum held at a local hotel. The luncheon meeting was presided by Forrest Cookson, president of the forum, and was attended by members of the forum and a number of local and foreign dignitaries.

Starting with an upbeat account of the economic prospects of Bangladesh, Rahman sounded rather cautious when commenting on the political situation.

"I have already upset a few hornet's nests," he said while referring to his recent futile bid to get both the ruling party and the Opposition to sit together and listen to the problems of the business community due to the ongoing political stalemate.

However, he then went on to seek redress from the political leadership and added: "We are going to press for this demand. We are afraid that the hindrances from political disturbances may harm us seriously. We have to continue and keep on trying (to seek redress) because this country is ours and the stake is high". He said that he was convinced the "silent majority" would also support the business community in this effort.

"Ultimately we are going to succeed in getting the redress because we are part and parcel of the society," Rahman asserted. "We are not going to just stand by and see our investment being affected."

Later, responding to a comment by SH Kabir, an industrialist, the FBCCI president said:

DCCI trade team off to Calcutta

A 15-member trade delegation of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) left here yesterday to attend the 9th Industrial India Trade Fair '94 due to begin in Calcutta today, reports UNB.

West Bengal Chief Minister Jyoti Basu will inaugurate the fair while DCCI President A Rob Chowdhury, who is leading the delegation, will be the special guest at the function.

Other members of delegation are DCCI Vice-President M Sirajuddin Malik, directors M H Rahman, Mahbubuzzaman, A A Moniruzzaman, M Nasiruddin Khan, Syed Zohirul Haq, and members Mohammad Wahidullah, M Alimullah Mian, M Solaiman, Mohammad Kamaluddin Malik, Anwarul Islam Chowdhury, Nazmul Haque, Sikder Abul Quasem and K M Rezaul Firdaus.

The delegation members, during their stay in Calcutta, will meet with Jyoti Basu, West Bengal Commerce Minister and the members of Bengal National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BNCCI).

PCCI dissolved

PABNA, Dec 20: The Commerce Ministry today dissolved the executive committee of the Pabna Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) on charge of corruption, reports UNB.

An official notification said the PCCI executive committee was dissolved according to the provisions of Article 10 (1) of the Trade Organisations Act 1961.

Farzana wants to be computer engnr

By Staff Correspondent

Farzana Hamid of Sylhet Government Girls College who has secured the first position in the Science group of this year's HSC examination under the Comilla Board wants to be a computer engineer.

She has obtained 927 marks with distinctions in mathematics, physics, chemistry and biology.

"If I fail to get admitted to the BUET then I will try for admission at any medical college," she told The Daily Star.

Daughter of a school teacher, Farzana is presently staying at her aunt's house in the capital and taking coaching at two centres simultaneously.

She acknowledged her teacher-father Abdul Hamid's help for securing such an outstanding result and mentioned her housewife-mother's support for her success. Her only brother Kaiser Hamid, who appeared in this year's HSC exams under the same board passed in the first division but failed to be placed in the merit list.

"I first came to learn the result at the 11 am radio news bulletin," a shy Farzana said expressing her reactions in a single word "good."

Farzana spent 15 hours a day for studies specially when her exams were nearing. "I had no private tutor and it was my father who taught and guided me although, I used to prepare notes by myself under my father's advice," she told this correspondent.

Reading books especially of Humayun Ahmed and Budadev Basu and listening to songs are her pastime.

Jalal dislikes politics

By Staff Correspondent

Abu Ishaque Mahboob Jalal of Dhaka College has secured the first position in the merit list of the Humanities group of this year's HSC examination under the Dhaka Board securing 871 marks in aggregate. He has got distinction marks in four subjects - psychology, mathematics, statistics and geography.

Jalal was placed tenth in the SSC examinations of 1992 under the same Board from Monipurpara High School in the city.

He wishes to study economics at the Dhaka University and be an economist in future. Jalal expressed his dissatisfaction at the current political situation and his disliking towards domestic politics which he said, was having a negative impact on the society.

His father, Abdul Matin is a senior principal officer of the Agrani Bank and mother Syeda Mahfuza a housewife. They are four brothers and two sisters.

Jalal used to study 5 to 6 hours daily and had private tutors for each subjects.

He said the inspirations and cooperation by his parents helped him to achieve such a brilliant result. "Anybody can secure such results if he studies attentively and regularly."

DB combined merit lists

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110767 of the Vigarunissa Noon College (969); 2. Shamsi Tamara Iqbal, roll-110769 of the Vigarunissa Noon College (957); 3. Sayema Haque Bidisha, roll-110768 of the Vigarunissa Noon College (946); 4. Mehbub-ur-Rahman, roll-103408 of Dhaka College (943); 5. Abdullah-Al-Amin, roll-103386 of the Dhaka College and Rahana Musawwir, roll-110940 of the Vigarunissa Noon College (942); 6. Manzur Ashraf, roll-103387 of the Dhaka College (941); 7. Lafifa Jamal, roll-110930 of the Vigarunissa Noon College (936); 8. Molla Shahria Alam, roll-104951 of the Notre Dame College (934); 9. Marhana Susan, roll-110939 of the Vigarunissa Noon College (933); 10. Shahnaz Parveen Joba, roll-111038 of the Vigarunissa Noon College (932).

Humanities

1. Abu Ishaque Mahboob Jalal, roll-304276 of the Dhaka College (871); 2. Abu Saleh Mohammad Obaidullah, roll-304209 of the Dhaka College (855); 3. Nausaba Sheikh, roll-311253 of the Vigarunissa Noon College (849); 4. Md Ehsanuzzaman, roll-308479 of the Residential Model College (845); 5. Md Faruk Hossain, roll-304254 of the Dhaka College (844); 6. Md Bazlur Rahman, roll-353983 of the Syed Abul Hossain College, Madaripur, (843); 7. Farid Ahmed, roll-304357 of the Dhaka College (841); 8. Masum Mahmud Baqui, roll-304654 of the BAF Shaheer College and Md Kamrul Islam, roll-304183 of the Dhaka College (838); 9. Riflat Farzana Ahmed, roll-309287 of Holy Cross College (837); 10. Zabaida Gulshan Ara, roll-311260 of the Vigarunissa Noon College (836).

Commerce

1. Mohammad Anwarul Haq, roll-506529 of the Dhaka Commerce College (826); 2. Sirajum Munira, roll-507500 of the Vigarunissa Noon College (816); 3. Masudul Hoque Sardar, roll-520356 of the Syed Abul Hossain College, Madaripur (815); 4. Md Kaosar Hossain, roll-520733 of the Kalkini Syed Abul Hossain College, Madaripur (813); 5. Dewan Mahmudul Haq, roll-506496 of the Dhaka Commerce College (810); 6. Farzana Islam, roll-507501 of the Vigarunissa Noon College (809); 7. Mohammed Shaiful Islam Faruque, roll-502753 of the Dhaka College (807); 8. Nazia Mowshumme Beg, roll-505957 of the Dhaka Mohila College (805); 9. Mohammad Anwar Parvez, roll-502835 of the Dhaka College and Mohammad Arif Hasan, roll-505225 of the Dhaka City College (802); 10. Ajit Kumar Saha, roll-505220 of the Dhaka City College (798).

Anwar wants to be a teacher

By Staff Correspondent

Mohammad Anwarul Haq, who has topped the merit list of the Commerce group of this year's HSC examinations under the Dhaka Board, wants to be a teacher after obtaining Masters degree in Accounting at the Dhaka University.

He secured 826 marks with distinctions in Statistics and Book Keeping.

Son of a train ticket examiner, Mohammad Fazlul Haq, Anwar said he had 'targeted' the first position soon after his admission to the Dhaka Commerce College two years ago.

"All my efforts were aimed at achieving my goal and my parents as well as the teachers extended their best possible cooperation to me," he told The Daily Star.

Replying to a question a soft-spoken Anwar said regular and systematic studies brought him the brilliant results. Apart from attending classes and studying regularly and attentively, he also maintained close personal contacts with the teachers who used to guide him.

Anwar used to study 5 to 6 hours a day but increased the study hours to 8 to 10 hours before the exams.

For the economic hardship of his family, Anwar had to earn money through tuition and could not afford to have a private tutor.

Anwar is the third among four sons and four daughters of his parents.

A pious Muslim boy, he offers his prayers five times a day and reads books on Islam.

River dredging: PM

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expansion of private river transport sector. "We are pledged to extend facilities in the private sector," she reiterated.

Nearly 90 per cent passengers and 80 per cent of cargo are carried by the private sector.

Begum Zia mentioned the programmes for dredging the river routes, development of 100 launch ghats, repairing of 45 pontoons, improvement of telecommunication in the river routes and building domestic container port. Nearly 40 per cent of the country's passengers travel by river and move 20 per cent cargo through waterways.

Regarding piracy in inland waterways, the Prime Minister mentioned government step to raise coastal guards and assured its implementation very soon for the welfare and security of the people.

Referring to the problems raised by the BIW(PCA), the Prime Minister said there is logic in their demands and assured that the government would try to solve them in phases. She also assured that land for the office of the organisation would be allotted soon.

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