

DU exams rescheduled

By DU Correspondent

The Dhaka University authorities yesterday announced fresh schedule of the examinations of third year BA, BSS (honours), 1994, and MA, MSS (Final), 1993 which were postponed earlier.

According to the new schedule, BA/BSS examinations — English (07), Bengali (318), Arabic (305), Philosophy (comprehensive), History (comprehensive), Economics (comprehensive), Public Administration (comprehensive) and Sociology (319) will be held on April 15.

Besides Arabic (307) and Sociology (311) will be held on April 18, and Arabic (comprehensive) and Sociology (312) on April 21, while Sociology examinations — course no 320, 303, 304, 308, 318 and comprehensive — will be held on April 23. May 6, 9, 12, 15 and 19 respectively.

MA and MSS examinations

HR activist held in Malaysia for protesting torture of migrant workers

By Staff Correspondent

The Malaysian government has arrested an immigration rights activist of that country for her active role in protesting alleged police atrocities on migrant workers including those from Bangladesh.

According to a report received here by a local human rights and legal aid centre, Ain-O-Salish Kendra (ASK), the Malaysian authorities have charged Trene Fernandez, Director, Tenaganita, under the Printing and Publishing Act of that country.

Mentionably, Tenaganita, in August last year, released its findings on dehumanised treatment of migrant workers at detention camps which was widely publicised in the local and international media.

ASK in a press release last night urged all government and non-government organisations to register their protests against the lodging of case and arrest of Irene. The protests could be sent in the following addresses: Prime Minister of Malaysia, Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad, Fax: (603) 2382156 or, Deputy Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Head of the Task Force on Foreign Migrant Workers, Fax: (603) 2383691.

Container vessels

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meeting of the officials of Shipping Ministry and heads of the departments of the ministry held at the secretariat yesterday.

Adviser for the ministries of Shipping, Communications, Civil Aviation and Tourism, Post and Telecommunications and Housing and Public Works Syed Manzur Elahi presided over the meeting. Shipping Secretary Anwarul Islam was also present.

The meeting was apprised that about 19,000 metric tons of goods are being delivered daily from the port while 861 TEUs containers are being delivered at the port daily. Chittagong Port is now operating round the clock.

The port authorities have been asked to make all-out efforts for quick delivery of the imported goods.

The Adviser asked the port officials to be prepared to cope with rush of importable goods including foodgrains in near future.

He said government activities have to be geared up by restoring discipline and order in every sector.

No political influence or pressure will be obliged, Elahi said urging the officials to work hard for the sake of the country.

Hasina at rally

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acy within a 10-year period. Expressing her deep concern at the 'deteriorating standard of education' in the country and supply shortage of text books, she said development of human resources would be one of her party's priority task, if elected.

'For the last 20 years people of the country have been exploited. I cherish the dream to translate the ideals of the Father of the Nation Sheikh Mujibur Rahman into reality by ensuring peoples' basic rights of food, clothes, shelter, health and education.'

The AL President also promised sound labour and industrial policies and said more direct foreign investment would be ensured to boost the national economy. The nation suffered a lot due to the corruption and inefficiency of the BNP government, she added.

Brushing aside BNP Chairman and former Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia's contention that the national economy suffered a setback due to the then Opposition's movement programmes, the AL chief said, 'It is not our movement which should be blamed for this setback, rather the BNP government caused the losses by not meeting the peoples' demand for a caretaker government for

Bengali (408/409/410), Islamic Studies (505 and 506), Library and Information Science (504), Islamic History (3rd), Journalism (506), Public Administration (comprehensive), International Relations (513), Sociology (406) and History (511/515) will be held on April 15.

Examinations of Islamic Studies (comprehensive), Islamic History (comprehensive), History (517), Library and Information Science (comprehensive), Journalism (507), Economics (406), International Relations (514) and Sociology (comprehensive) will be held on April 18.

History (505/512), Journalism (comprehensive), International Relations (515) and Economics (comprehensive) will be held on April 21 while comprehensive examinations of History and International Relations will be held on April 24.

Besides, examination of Mathematics (10th paper) of Masters Degree, 1992, will be held on April 24.

One abducted in Hathazari

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Apr 6: Gunmen abducted one Sajal Kanti Chowdhury from Molgerhat under Hathazari thana this evening to realise ransom, police said.

Sajal returned from Dubai recently.

The gunmen took Sajal forcibly on board a baby-taxi and headed towards the sanctuaries of abductors in the remote areas of neighbouring Jaffna thana, police said.

Police said efforts were on to rescue the victim.

Urs of Shahjalal begins today

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Apr 6: The Urs of the great saint, Hazrat Shahjalal (RA), will be held on April 8 and 9. Steps are underway to observe the annual occasion commemorating the death anniversary of the saint.

The two-day programme includes placing of *Gilaf* in the mazar, Quirkhwan, Qurankhawani, Milad Mahfil, and *Jikr*-ajak.

Akheri Munajat and distribution of alms will take place in the early ours of the concluding day.

People from across the country have started arriving here for the occasion.

M A Haq dead

M A Haq, a former minister died of old age complications yesterday afternoon at BIRDEM Hospital here. He was 78, family sources said, reports BSS.

Haq was a member of second parliament of Bangladesh and was actively associated with various social works including the development of literacy.

He left behind his wife, two daughters, one son and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held at Baitul Mokarram Mosque after Zohr prayers today.

Haq stood first in Assam Public Service Commission examination in 1943 and joined the police service as the deputy superintendent of police.

An ex-deputy inspector general of police, Haq was also the founder of Bangladesh Police Cooperative Society. He received Presidential Police Medal in 1959. He also served on deputation as the chairman of the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA).

The other AL leaders who addressed the rally included Abdus Samad Azad, Sayeda Zohra Tajuddin, Begum Sajeda Chowdhury, Amir Hussain Amu, Abdur Razzak, Tofael Ahmed, Dr Selim, Zillur Rahman, Mohammad Nasim, Matiya Chowdhury, Muzaffar Hussain Paltu, Abul Hasan Kaisar, Suranjit Sen Gupta, Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, Advocate Sahara Khatun and Shamsur Rahman Khan Shahjahan.

Mayors of Dhaka and Chittagong and leaders of various front organisations of the party also addressed the rally conducted by city AL General Secretary Mofazzal Hussain Chowdhury Maya.

In their speeches, the AL leaders came down heavily on the former PM, for using official entitlements like national emblem and security guards.

They urged the head of the caretaker government to take charge of the Defence Ministry.

Later, a huge 'victory procession' paraded the main thoroughfares of the city.



A US and a Croatian honorary guard stand in attention next to the coffins covered with Stars and Stripes and Croatian flags yesterday during a commemoration ceremony at Dubrovnik airport in Croatia for those killed in a plane crash on Wednesday.

— AFP/UNB photo

Yeltsin names two Chechnya mediators

MOSCOW, Apr 6: President Boris Yeltsin, eager to show results from his fast faltering Chechnya peace plan, named two prominent leaders as mediators today and said they were already trying to arrange talks with the rebels, reports AP.

Addressing a conference of his supporters in Moscow, Yeltsin said he had appointed the presidents of Kazakhstan and Russia's predominantly Muslim region of Tatarstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev and Mintimer Shaimiyev, as mediators.

Their task will be to convince Chechen rebel leader Mukhamed Jatiyodha Sangstha will stage a sit-in demonstration in front of the office of the Chief Adviser at 11 am today to press home their demand for releasing former president M Mirshad, reports BSS.

Meanwhile, a sombre President Bill Clinton planted a tree at the White House on Friday to honour commerce secretary Ron Brown who died in a plane crash in Croatia on Wednesday.

He said Russian troops were already withdrawing from 'calm' areas of Chechnya as he had promised.

The detailed schedule of the examinations will be published soon in the national dailies.

The candidates will not be issued any fresh admit card for the examinations. They will have to bring their admit cards, issued earlier, the handbook said.

No candidate will be allowed to sit for the examinations without admit card.

Replies to questions from the press at the BNP's Naya Paltan central office here in the evening, Talukdar said the 13th amendment provided that the Ministry of Defence should be with the President during the interim period under the caretaker government.

He pointed out that the President is the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces.

When asked as to how the former prime minister and the BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia could enjoy the services of the Special Security Force (SSF), Barrister Talukdar said the Chief Adviser could provide an appropriate reply to this question.

He, however, said that the security arrangements and services which were provided to the Awami League president Sheikh Hasina as the leader of the opposition of the fifth parliament were still being provided to her.

Police arrested one person from the spot.

According to sources, the residents of Tejkunipara and Nakhpalpara area were facing the services of the Special Security Force (SSF) (Begum Khaleda Zia) could enjoy the services of the Special Security Force (SSF), Barrister Talukdar said the Chief Adviser could provide an appropriate reply to this question.

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