

1.4 lakh students to appear in HSC exams in Jessore

KHULNA, May 2: Some 1.4 lakh students are expected to appear in the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations under Jharkhand Board, beginning Thursday, reports UNB.

Officials said the HSC candidates from 442 colleges in 16 southwestern districts will sit for the examination in 198 centres.

District-wise break-up of the centres is: 28 centres in Khulna, 19 centres in Jessore, nine centres in Jhalakati, nine centres in Magura, 11 centres in Jhenidah, six centres in Narail, four centres in Meherpur, six centres in Chuadanga, 16 centres in Kushtia, 12 centres in Sakhira, 14 centres in Bagerhat, 10 centres in Patuakhali, six centres in Barguna, 27 centres in Barisal, 12 centres in Protopur and nine centres in Bhola.

CJA team meets BAU VC

MYMENSINGH, May 2: A delegation of the Commonwealth Journalists' Association (CJA) made a courtesy call on Vice-Chancellor (VC) of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) Prof Mohammad Hossain recently, reports UNB.

The CJA leaders exchanged views on higher education, research, expansion of education and training programmes of the university.

Members of the delegation included CJA president Hassan Shahriar and general secretary Farid Hossain, Hasan Saeed, Saleh Chowdhury, Mohammad Habibullah, Monirul Haq, Jaglal Ahmed Chowdhury, Abdul Jalil Bhuiyan, Mokhesur Rahman, Shaymol Dutt, Pavel Rahman and Abdur Rahman Khan.

Time for submitting RU admission forms extended

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, May 2: The last day of the five-day strike at Rajshahi University was observed partially Wednesday.

The Islamic Chhatra Shibir (ICS) enforced the strike protesting the new admission system.

Almost all offices remained open and ongoing examinations were held. The Agrani Bank branch of varsity opened Tuesday for the first time in five days.

Meanwhile, the university authorities have eased the process of collecting admission forms and extended the time table of submitting the forms by 10-days.

School boy killed

KISHOREGANJ, May 2: A school boy was killed allegedly by another teenaged boy following an altercation in the town on Thursday, reports UNB.

The victim was identified as Mohammad Saiful Islam alias Sharif, 15, a class X student of Azim Uddin High School and son of Abdur Razzak of Gaital Srinagar area.

Police and family sources said one Golam Kibria Haider alias Pavel of Kolapara village brought Sharif to Old Court area as he was returning home from his private tutor's residence in the morning. At one stage, Pavel stabbed Sharif at his throat and chest.

He died on way to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

Sharif's father Abdur Razzak filed a case with sadar police in his complaint. Razzak said Sharif had an altercation with Pavel following a cricket match.

Meanwhile, Pakundia police arrested Pavel from a village on Thursday night and handed over him to sadar thana Friday morning.

Rivals' clash leaves 2 killed, 30 hurt

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, May 2: Two persons were killed and at least 30 others injured in a clash between two rival groups at Khamarpara village Under Srikol Union of Sripur thana in the district recently, police and witnesses said.

The clash ensued over grazing cattle in field. Moktar Hossain Biswas, 40, was killed on the spot and Saleh Sheikh, 65, died at hospital when their rival group attacked them with deadly weapons. 30 others were also injured. Separate cases were lodged with the local thana in this connection.

One killed in road accident

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, May 2: One motorcycle rider was crushed under the wheel of a running truck and his co-rider sustained serious injuries at Palashbari thana headquarters on April 24.

According to police, the victim, Jubayer Hasan Parag, 23, and one of his friends of Palashbari thana riding on a motorcycle went out for shopping. While they were proceeding through a turning point near Old High School at Rangpur-bound loaded truck, Khulna-Metro-02-0036 hit the motorcycle in which the victim Jubayer was crushed under the wheel of the truck and the co-rider sustained severe injuries.



PABNA: Road communication between the northern and eastern zones of the country is facing a serious threat due to emergence of innumerable shoals on the river Jamuna recently. The photo was taken from slight downstream of Nagarbari ghat where the river has turned into a narrow canal. — Star photo

At Khulna Hardboard Mills Growing labour unrest, financial crisis may affect production

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, May 2: Khulna hardboard mills is fighting tooth and nail for its survival despite a lot of problems including financial crisis. Although it is still a profit — earning industry of BGIC, the mills is gradually heading towards closure amid growing labour unrests and corrupt practices in which both, a section of CBA leaders and officials are deeply involved, it is alleged.

The mills which earned over one crore taka as profit during 1993-94 financial year by producing 191 lakh square feet of hardboard, has set Taka 44.61 lakh as profit earning target during 1995-96 financial year.

Established in 1965 on about seven acres of land at Khalishpur with Canadian financial assistance, it was put into commission in 1966 with 300 square feet as its first production target. Canada provided the mills with all kinds of machinery for starting full-time production.

The mills was, however, brought under direct control of BGIC after Bangladesh came into being.

Sundari wood, transported by barge from the Sundarban forest to the bank of the river Bhairav on which it stands, is the only raw material required for quality production.

From the production point of view it was so long a profit making industry with its worldwide reputation for the finest quality. Because, country earned huge foreign exchange

Body recovered

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, May 2: The body of a young man was recovered by the Kanaighat police from a nearby road of his house Tuesday midnight.

A police party found the dead body of Ruhul Amin, 22, of village Raigarh on the Darbast-Kanaighat road at about 1 am Wednesday. The body bore marks of wounds on the head. The police sent the body to the Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College morgue. The cause of the suspected murder could not be ascertained immediately, police said.

by exporting hardboard to different countries of South Asia and Europe. The biggest in the sub-continent, KHM never lagged behind in maintaining its superior quality in production.

It has different sections for production process. Over six tons of chips are made daily from raw Sundari wood. These chips are sorted out through a 51-metric ton capacity screen. Thereafter, the sorted chips are boiled. The boiled chips are then used for making pulp required for producing hardboard.

But fact remains that row between the forest department and the KHM authorities over payment of outstanding bills for supply of Sundari wood through enlisted contractors is seriously hampering production works.

When asked, a spokesman of the KHM said that there are many stories of financial scandals involving the top officials who are allegedly plotting to create situation for privatising the mills one different please.

In greater Khulna districts Hundreds of shrimp enclosures threatened by viral attack

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, May 2: Virus has again broken out in epidemic form in most of the prawn and shrimp enclosures of greater Khulna district. The white spot noticed on the skin of the shellfish is the first symptom of the viral attack. Reports of the viral attack have been pouring in from different enclosures of Rampal, Mongla, Dakop, Paikgachha, Koira, Batiaghata,

Diarrhoea claims 32 in 3 months in Noakhali

NOAKHALI, May 2: Diarrhoea claimed 32 lives and afflicted 4,000 people in the district in last three months, official sources here said Tuesday reports UNB.

They said diarrhoea has broken out in all the six thanas of the district, where a total of 91 medical teams are working to combat the disease. A 3-member team from the ICDDR,B is also working here.

According to unofficial sources, about 50 people, mostly children, died of the disease that attacked nearly 6,000 people during the period. In last 24 hours, 22 cases were reported at the Sadar hospital, where 36 diarrhoeal patients are undergoing treatment.

Shyamnagar, Ashashuni and Tala of greater Khulna. As a result, growers have already incurred financial loss of over 400 crore taka due to the viral attack.

A shrimp grower, Bakar Sana, 50, said that the virus has claimed lives of all shrimps and crabs in his enclosure on 130 bighas of land at Dakop. Similar is the condition of all other fish enclosures all over Dakop thana, he said.

Lobsters are also threatened by viral attack. When attacked by virus, white spots develop on the head of lobster — retarding its growth and ultimately causing its death.

The growers do not know what causes the disease. There has so far been no step by the fisheries department to eradicate this problem. Country will

66 more Rohingyas repatriated

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, May 2: Another group of 66 Rohingya refugees was repatriated to Myanmar through the Teknaf border point Wednesday official sources said.

On April 28, only ten Rohingyas of two families returned home.

Officials said more than 21,812 Rohingyas refugees are waiting for repatriation.

be losing huge foreign exchange during the current fiscal year if white spot virus is not contained at any cost.

80 villages electrified in Chuadanga

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, May 2: Chuadanga Rural Electrification Board has set up a 250-km electric line in four thanas of the district providing facilities to the people of 80 villages.

According to an official, 7,000 consumers are now enjoying the electricity from the Pally Biddyt Samity of Meherpur.

The source also said, to ensure the smooth flow of electricity and steady voltage, a 33/11 kv 5 MW sub-station has been set up.

Some 25 deep and 50 shallow tubewells have also been connected with the rural electrification network. The Executive Engineer told The Daily Star that a programme has been taken up to expand the area for irrigation facilities so that the IRR-Boro crops can be cultivated in the dry season. He added that consumers are very sincere in payment of electric bills and the system loss is only 15 per cent.

Ten lakh cft gewa wood belonging to KNM rotting

From Quazi Amanullah

KHULNA, May 2: About ten lakh cubic feet gewa wood worth about two crore taka are rotting under the open sky in the premises of Khulna Newsprint Mills KNM.

According to commercial officer of KNM, use of gewa wood has declined as production has

been slashed. Most of the newspapers are importing white print. At present, about five thousand metric tonnes of newsprint worth over nine crore taka are lying unsold in the KNM godown. As a result, use of gewa wood has also been reduced.

The same source said that ten lakh cft gewa wood cut and bought by the KNM are now lying idle in the open space in the protected area of the Sundarbans and thus gradually losing its quality.

In the past, KNM produced at least 150 tonnes of newsprint every day. But since January this year, production has been slashed to 40 tonnes daily.

Lightning kills one in Patuakhali

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, May 2: A person was killed by lightning while he was fishing in a canal at Mithapukur village under Sadar thana of Patuakhali district Wednesday.

The victim was identified as Sultan Ahmed 38.

Crimes on rise in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, May 2: A man was killed, a school girl abducted and a man lost his eyes in separate incidents in two thanas of the district on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Villagers said gunman picked up Zakir Hossain, 40, from his house at Khukni village in Shahjadpur thana early Wednesday and killed him at field nearby his house.

Later, police recovered the body from the field with injury marks in his hands, legs and face.

A case was filed with Sahjadpur thana.

Shaheena, 13, daughter of Abu Sayed of Deluakandi village in Belkuchi thana and a class VIII student of Banlagati High School, was abducted by

an armed group. A case was filed with Belkuchi police in this connection.

On the same day, rivals dragged away one Abdus Salam, 35, from Mukundagati bazar in Belkuchi thana and gouged out his eyes.

Salam, a resident of Kaliaharipur in sadar thana, was admitted to Sirajganj General Hospital.

In another incident, police rescued Sarwar, son of Altaf Hossain of Chala village in Belkuchi thana from Kamranger Char of Tangal district in the afternoon.

Unidentified hoodlums had kidnapped Sarwar on April 16 and demanded Tk 10 lakh as ransom from his father.

Govt acquired land under illegal occupation

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, May 2: Two local influential persons have allegedly grabbed and taken possession illegally of about 110 bighas of land owned by Water Development Board near Baghabari. The land was acquired by the Water Development Board for the construction of flood control embankment in mouza Chawk Aima near Baghabari.

The said 110 bighas of land, it is alleged, is attached with the said embankment.

A competent source said that during the recently conducted RS Operation (Revisional Settlement Operation), a section of dishonest officers and employees of the Roads and Highways Department, Water Development Board and of the Revenue Department, who jointly prepared the RS Record, collusively helped the said two private influential persons of the locality in getting the RS Record prepared in their names. The matter was made public when the said record was finally published.

It may be recalled here in this connection that 91 acres of land including the above men-

tioned 110 bighas of land, were acquired by the government in 1974-75 through land acquisition case for the construction of the said flood control embankment. After the construction of the embankment, the above land remained unused by the Water Development Board.

Revisional settlement record was prepared for 10 acres in the name of one Bellal Hossain and 22 acres in favour of one Anwar Hossain without any lawful authority, it is learnt.

The said two fake recorded owners have, by this time, not only taken possession of the land but also constructed kutcha and semi-pucca houses, godowns, shops and rented them out to various persons and have thus been earning a huge amount of money.

It is gathered from the local Tehsil (land record) office that Ansar Ali, Abdul Awal, Golam Azahar Ali, Kurman Shikdar, Abdul Mannan Poddar, Asgar Ali, Afsar Ali, Abdur Rahim, Bellal Shikdur, Anwar Biswas, Afsar Ali Shikdar and others have been residing illegally over the said land.

Chakma rehabilitation process satisfactory, say tribal leaders

KHAGRACHHARI, May 2: The government has so far rehabilitated 863 tribal families in their own lands in Chitragong Hill Tracts, reports UNB.

They were among the 1,248 tribal families who returned from refugee camps in the Indian state of Tripura, according to statistics presented at the first meeting of the task force for rehabilitating the returnees, held here Saturday.

Others are either staying in their relatives' houses or have been rehabilitated in khas lands.

The meeting was told that steps are being taken to return the lands, occupied by Bengali settlers in Dighinala, to the tribal owners. In last three days, houses of 100 non-tribals were moved to khas lands.

Of the returnees, seven have been reinstated in their previous jobs and seven will get their jobs back soon.

Chairman of the task force, Kaipo Ranjan Chakma presided over the meeting at the local circuit house.

It was attended by chairman of Khagrachhari local government council Samiron Dewan, Bir Bahadur, MP, divisional commissioner Sakawat Hossain Khan, area commander Brigadier Sakawat Hossain Khan, DC Mohammad Ismail, SP Aminul Islam, Jumma refugee welfare association leader Akhsoy Moni Chakma

and refugee leader Somir Kanti Chakma.

Tribal leaders in the meeting so far expressed their satisfaction over the rehabilitation process.

Members of the national committee on CHT, led by its chairman Chief Whip Abul Hasnat Abdullah, will arrive here Sunday to see the progress of the rehabilitation process.

They will be accompanied by Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Mahubur Rahman.

Five children rescued from Barisal : 3 held

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, May 2: Kotwali police rescued five children and arrested four alleged child traffickers from the launched ghat here Tuesday night.

Police said, a group of child traffickers took five children from Charfaston of Bhola and brought them to Barisal by launch.

Acting on a tip off, police rescued the children and caught the alleged child traffickers.

The five children — Mariam, Kalam, Tajnoor, Kamrun Nahar and Abbas — all aged between 4 and 5 years.

পরিকল্পনা ও উন্নয়ন একাডেমী
সোনালগাঁও রোড, নীলক্ষেত
ঢাকা-১২০৫
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তারিখঃ ২৮-৪-৯৭

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

একাডেমীর অফিস ও শ্রেণী কক্ষের জন্য সেসন কার্টের টেবিল ও চেয়ারসহ অন্যান্য বিভিন্ন ধরনের আসবাবপত্র উন্নয়ন খাতের প্রায় আড়াই লক্ষ টাকার এবং অর্থ প্রতি সাপেক্ষে রাজস্ব খাতের আরো প্রায় দুই লক্ষ টাকার জুন '৯৭ এর মধ্যে ক্রয়ের লক্ষ্যে দরপত্র আবেদন করা হচ্ছে।

আর্থী সরবরাহকারীগণ (ক) অভিজ্ঞতা সার্টিফিকেট (খ) ট্রেড লাইসেন্স (গ) জিআইআর সার্টিফিকেট (ঘ) ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সার্টিফিকেটসহ নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর নিকট হতে সিডিউল প্রতি ১০০ (একশত) টাকা নগদ মূল্য (অফেরতযোগ্য) প্রদান সাপেক্ষে আগামী ৪-৫-৯৭ইং থেকে ১০-৫-৯৭ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে টেন্ডার সিডিউল ক্রয় করতে পারবেন। দরপত্র ১১-৫-৯৭ইং তারিখ বেলা ১০০০ টার মধ্যে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তরে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার ব্যঞ্জে জমা দিতে হবে।

ঐদিনই দুপুর ১-৩০ টায় নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তরে উপস্থিত দরপত্রদাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্রসমূহ খোলা হবে। দরপত্রের সাথে উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ২-৫% হারে জামানতের টাকা পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ডাফটের মাধ্যমে একাডেমীর অধ্যক্ষের অনুকূলে জমা দিতে হবে। কর্তৃপক্ষ যেকোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা সকল দরপত্র প্রত্যাহানের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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Govt of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
PWD Division, Chandpur

Notice Inviting Tender
No 48 (Civil)/1996-97

1. Sealed tenders in BD Form No 2911 are hereby invited from the approved Spl Class-1 (one), Class-1 (one) Building Contractor of PWD & Class-1 (one), Sanitary & Plumbing Contractors of PWD having sufficient experience for installation of Deep Tubewell for the undermentioned work & will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Comilla/B'baria/Noakhali/Feni/Lakshmipur in their respective offices up to 12:00 Noon on 11-5-97 & will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the tenderers who may like to remain present, each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.

2. Tender form will be : 10-5-97, sold up to

3. Name of work : Construction of Thana-cum-Barrack building at Kachua in the District of Chandpur (S/H-Installation of 75mm dia Deep Tubewell, external water supply arrangement & const of pump house) during the year 1996-97.

4. Estimated cost : Tk 5,20,948/-

5. Earnest money : Tk 10,420/-

6. Time allowed for : 120 (one hundred twenty) days completion of work from the date of issue of work order.

7. Contract documents consisting of Bangladesh Form No 2911, tender notice, schedule of items, spl terms & conditions etc can be seen and obtained from the office of all the Executive Engineers, under Comilla PWD Circle, Comilla during the office hours on all working days on payment of a sum of Tk 25/- (Taka twenty five) only for BD Form No 2911 & @Tk 400/- (Taka four hundred) only (both non-refundable) for each set of tender schedule (Notice, schedule of items, spl. terms & conditions etc) in each. Tender Form may be purchased by the contractor themselves or their representative on production of registration book, VAT Registration Certificate, Work done Certificate and authorised letter bearing the signature of the representative if any duly attested by the Contractor.

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Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority
141-143, Motijheel Commercial Area
Dhaka-1000

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders in prescribed form are invited from Textile Mills of Bangladesh/Reputed cloth merchants for supply of cloths for making summer uniforms by both pants and shirts or by either pants or shirts as per specification mentioned in the tender schedule:

1. Tender No : Croy-18/97 dated 10-4-97.

2. Earnest money : 2% of the quoted total amount (Refundable) through Pay Order/Call Deposit/Bank Draft from any Scheduled Bank in favour of BIWTA to be submitted along with the tender as earnest money.

3. Price of tender : Tk. 550/- (Taka five hundred fifty) schedule only (Non-refundable).

4. Place where tender schedule will be sold : BIWTA, Accounts Department, 9th Floor, "BIWTA Bhaban", 141-143, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka and office of the Divisional Commissioner, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.

5. Place, date and time of receiving tender : Purchase and Stores Department, Regional Office, 1st Floor, "BIWTA Bhaban", 141-143, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka and office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka on 12-5-97 up to 12-00 Noon.

6. Opening date and time of tender : At 12-15 PM on 12-5-97 in presence of the tenderer, if any.

No tender schedule will be sold on the opening day and no tender will be received after schedule date and time. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Syed Hasan Bodruddoza
Director (Purchase & Stores)



COMILLA : Chandla K B High School old students association held its 4th Biennial conference at the school premises at Brahmanpara upazila recently. Photo shows chief guest Surniya Begum, Associate Professor, Library & Information Science, Dhaka University delivering her speech. Rtn. Jamal Ahmed, special guest is seated on extreme right.