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Results of five edn boards

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Dhaka City College stood first in the combined merit list of Commerce Group. Anis scored 860 marks. Aklema Chowdhury Lema got the second position with 858 marks. Aklema is a student of Viharunissa Noon College. The third position went to Mohammad Riuzzuddin of Notre Dame College, who scored 829 marks.

In the merit list of female students of Science, Agri Science and Home Economics Group under the Dhaka Board Mital Alam of KB Intermediate College stood first. She scored 933 marks.

In the Humanities Islamic Studies and Music Group, Sabrina M Shailla stood first securing 883 marks. She is a student of Rifles Public School and College.

In the Commerce Group, Aklema Chowdhury Lema of Viharunissa Noon College got the first position, scoring 858 marks.

Ahmed Polish secured the first position scoring 886. He is a student of Barisal Cadet College. Meher Afroze of the Jessore Cantonment College stood second with 884 and Md Shahidur Rahman of Barisal Cadet College stood third scoring 883 marks.

Mahfuza Malik of Govt MM City College, Khulna stood first in the combined merit list of Commerce Group. She scored 881 marks. Md. Bazul Rahman of Shahid Muktijoddha Mahavidyalaya, Satkhira, secured the second position with 805 marks while Bilash Kumar Das of Munshi Manik Mia College stood third scoring 790 marks.

Under Chittagong Board, 52,640 students appeared in the examinations, of whom 24,631 passed. The percentage of pass is 46.79. Of the successful candidates, 3108 got first division, 18784 second division and 2739 third division.

The top three positions in the combined merit list of Science, Agri-Science and Home Economics went to students of Chittagong College.

Mehrunnisa Khanom secured the top position scoring 896 marks. Gupta and Md Basharat-Ul-Ferdous Chowdhury got the second and third position respectively scoring 883 and 881 marks.

Chittagong College also dominated the combined merit list of Humanities, Islamic Studies and Music group. Students of this college occupied the top three positions.

Sharmin Jahan Tania stood first with 859 marks while Ishrat Zerin and Raihana Akter secured the second and third positions respectively. They got 826 and 804 marks respectively.

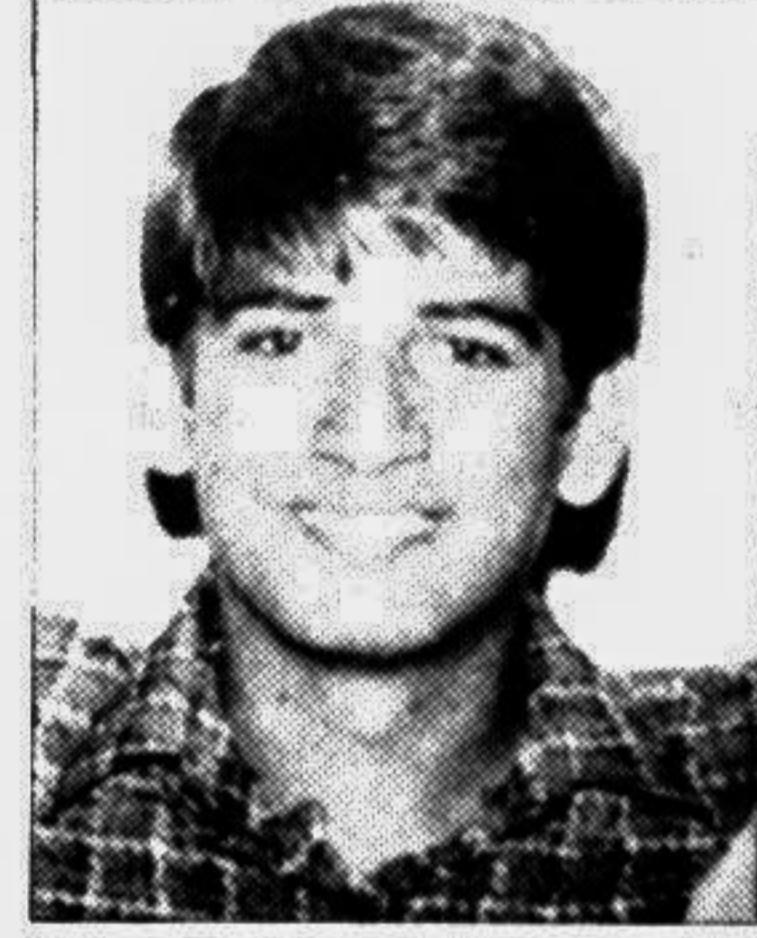
In the Combined merit list of Commerce Group, Mahreen Fadia Rahman of Ishpani Public School and College secured the first position, scoring 736. Kazi Md. Riuzzul Haque of the same college stood second with 726 marks while Ismat Jahan of Agrabad Mohila College got the third position, scoring 714.

In Rajshahi Board, a total of 1,58,405 students appeared in the examinations and 62,095 came out successful. The percentage of pass is 39.20. Among the successful candidates, 9171 got first division, 43357 second division and 9567 third division.

Md Abdullah Al Hafiz of Pabna Cadet College topped the combined merit list of the Science, Agri Science and Home Economics Group. He scored 942 marks. Md Mizanur Rahman of Rajshahi Cadet College stood second with 933 marks while ASM Mustafizur Rahman of Pabna Cadet College secured the third position with 913 marks.



Tawfique Hasan



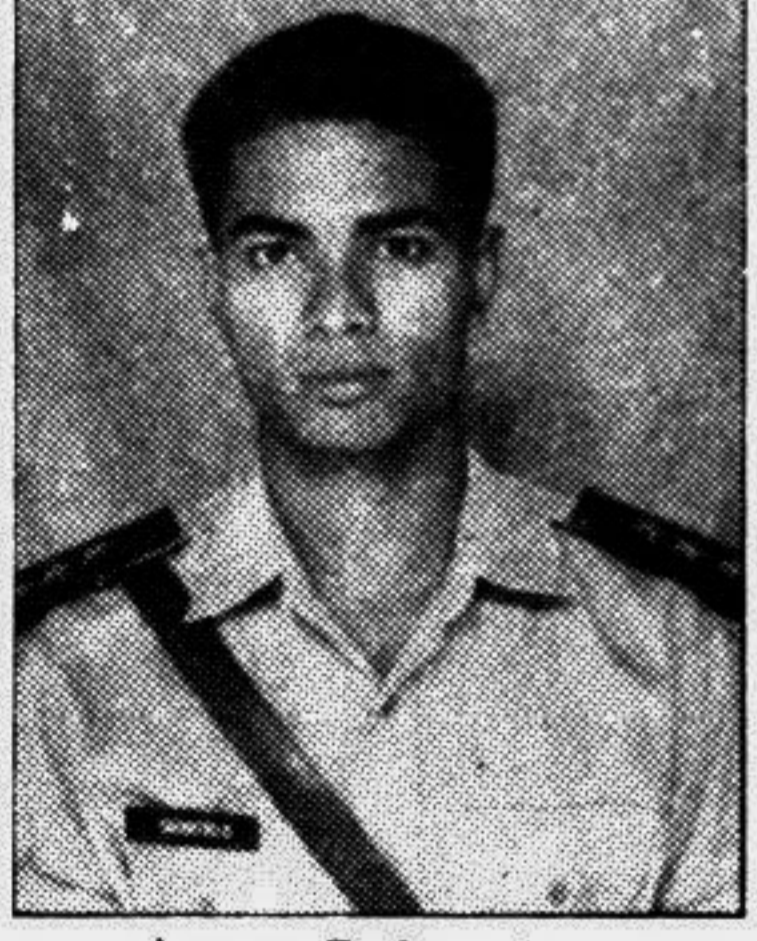
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Under the Comilla board, 97,637 students appeared in the examinations, of whom 37,883 came out successful. The percentage of pass is 38.80. Among those who passed, 5092 got first division, 27529 second division and 5262 third division. The pass percentage for male students is 38.92 and for female students is 38.60.

The top three positions in the combined merit list of Science, Agri-Science and Home Economics Group were secured by students of two cadet colleges.

Md Ashfaquzzaman Khan of Sylhet Cadet College topped the combined merit list of the group with a score of 952. AHM Anwar Sadmani of the same college secured the second position scoring 908 while Md Saiful Islam from Comilla Cadet College got the third position with 903 marks.

In the combined merit list of Humanities, Islamic Studies and Music Group, Muhammad Nowshad Bin Asheque of Hajiganj Model College secured the first position. He scored 883 marks. Md Jakirul Islam Mondal of Adhyapak Abdul Mazid College stood second with 826 marks and while Md Masudul Alam of the same college got the third position scoring 826 marks.

Pass percentage

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In Chittagong Board, 46.79 per cent candidates have come out successful this year, as against 34.49 per cent in the previous year. The number increased by 12.30 per cent.

The percentage of pass under Dhaka Board increased by 11.47 this year, compared to that in previous year. This year, 35.79 candidates passed while the figure was 24.32 last year.

The number of successful candidates has increased by 8.04 per cent in Comilla Board this year over that of last year. The percentage of pass is 38.80 this year compared to 30.76 in the previous year.

TK 95cr Swedish grant for non-formal education project

Bangladesh will receive a grant of Swedish Kroner 150 million equivalent to about Tk 95 crore for the non-formal education project II to be implemented by the Primary and Mass Education Division, reports UNB.

An agreement to this effect was signed at the Economic Relations Division yesterday between the governments of Bangladesh and Sweden.

The purpose of this grant is to assist the government in achieving Education for All by the year 2000 and eradicating illiteracy by the year 2005.

Sweden has been providing financial assistance in the form of grant to education sector since 1976.

Dr Masihur Rahman, Secretary, ERD and Anders Johnson, Ambassador of Sweden to Bangladesh, signed the agreement on behalf of their respective governments.

CU BCL unit calls off hunger strike

CHITTAGONG, Sept 11: Activists of Chittagong University unit of Chhatra League called off their hunger strike that began at 10 am today in front of the local press club, reports UNB.

A large number of students and members of different professional groups also joined the strike called by BCL demanding immediate arrest of the killers of its leader, Aminul Islam Bakul, who was killed on September 3.

The strike was called off following assurance from SP Abdur Rauf that the culprits would be arrested as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, addressing a rally, BCL leader Rezaul Karim Ujjal gave a seven-day ultimatum to arrest the killers of Bakul and threatened action programme if the demand was not met.

SAFF soccer

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The winners will now face giant-killers Maldives, the 2-1 semifinal winners over Sri Lanka in the final on Saturday.

The winners of the championship will receive a cash prize worth 100,000 dollars while the runners-up will get 50,000 dollars.

Besides, a third-place decider will be held on the same day between losing two semifinalists Sri Lanka and Pakistan.

FM seeks British funding for Bhairab bridge

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, now on a visit to the United Kingdom, called on British Secretary of State for International Development Clare Short at her office in London yesterday, reports BSS.

Short gave a positive response when Samad Azad sought Britain's support for the construction of Bhairab Bridge, according to a message received from London.

The Foreign Minister also met British Home Secretary Jack Straw and discussed matters relating to visa for divided families of Bangladeshis in Britain and Bangladesh.

Mannan Bhuiyan

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action against the corrupt ministers in the past government.

Mannan Bhuiyan claimed that the previous BNP government left a "sound" and "prospective" economy which has been ruined during the 14-month rule of the AL government.

"People have lost their confidence in the government and being isolated from the masses, it is trying to cling to power through repressive measures," he added.

Khaleda to visit Khowai bridge

SYLHET, Sept 11: Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia will go to Shyestaganj of Habiganj district on Sunday to see the damaged Khowai bridge, reports UNB.

The BNP Chairperson will also address a rally at school ground adjacent to the bridge in the afternoon, party source said in Dhaka yesterday.

One sentenced to death for killing wife

BARISAL, Sept 11: A special court here today convicted a man in absentia and sentenced him to death for killing his wife in 1996, reports UNB.

Judge Mohammad Araeshuddin gave the judgement in the crowded court against Probhat Kumar Halder of Andharmanik village in Uzirpur thana.

The case history in brief is: Halder killed his wife Swarna Sarkar, daughter of Rabindra Nath Sarkar of the same village, on May 31, 1996 following a dispute over dowry. Later, Halder hanged the body from a tree near his house Halder married her only five days ago.

Her father Rabindra Nath filed a case with Uzirpur police against six people.

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Colleges that hold most merit list positions

Students of Viharunissa Noon College and Dhaka College captured most of the positions in the combined merit lists of Science, Humanities and Commerce groups in this year's HSC examinations of Dhaka Board, reports UNB.

A total of 24 examinees of Viharunissa Noon College were placed in the three merit lists of top-20 students. They have done well particularly in Commerce and Humanities groups, bagging 11 and 8 positions respectively.

Like the previous years, Dhaka College students again captured most of the positions. They held 18 positions in the three merit lists—13 in Science group, four in Humanities and one in Commerce group.

Students of Notre Dame College held 6 positions in the merit list of Science group and three in the Commerce group.

Chittagong Board

In Chittagong Board, Chittagong Government College secured most of the positions. A total of 32 students of this college were placed in the top-20 combined merit lists of two groups, 16 each in Humanities and Science groups.

Eight students—three from Science and five from Humanities—of Fajderhat Cadet College were also placed in the combined merit lists of the two groups.

Twelve candidates of Chittagong Government Commerce College were placed in the top-20 list of Commerce group. Students from Ishpani Public School & College and Chittagong Public School & College got four positions each.

Comilla Board

In Comilla Board, Sylhet Cadet College secured the highest 12 positions—8 in the merit list of Science group and four in Humanities group. Students of Comilla Cadet College also bagged 8 positions in Science group.

Candidates from Comilla Victoria College secured four positions in Humanities group and two in Commerce group while the students of Adhyapak Abdul Majid College bagged one position in Science and three others in Humanities group.

Jessore Board

In Jessore Board, Barisal Cadet College secured 10 positions in Science group and four in Humanities group while the students of Jhenidah Cadet College bagged nine positions in Science group.

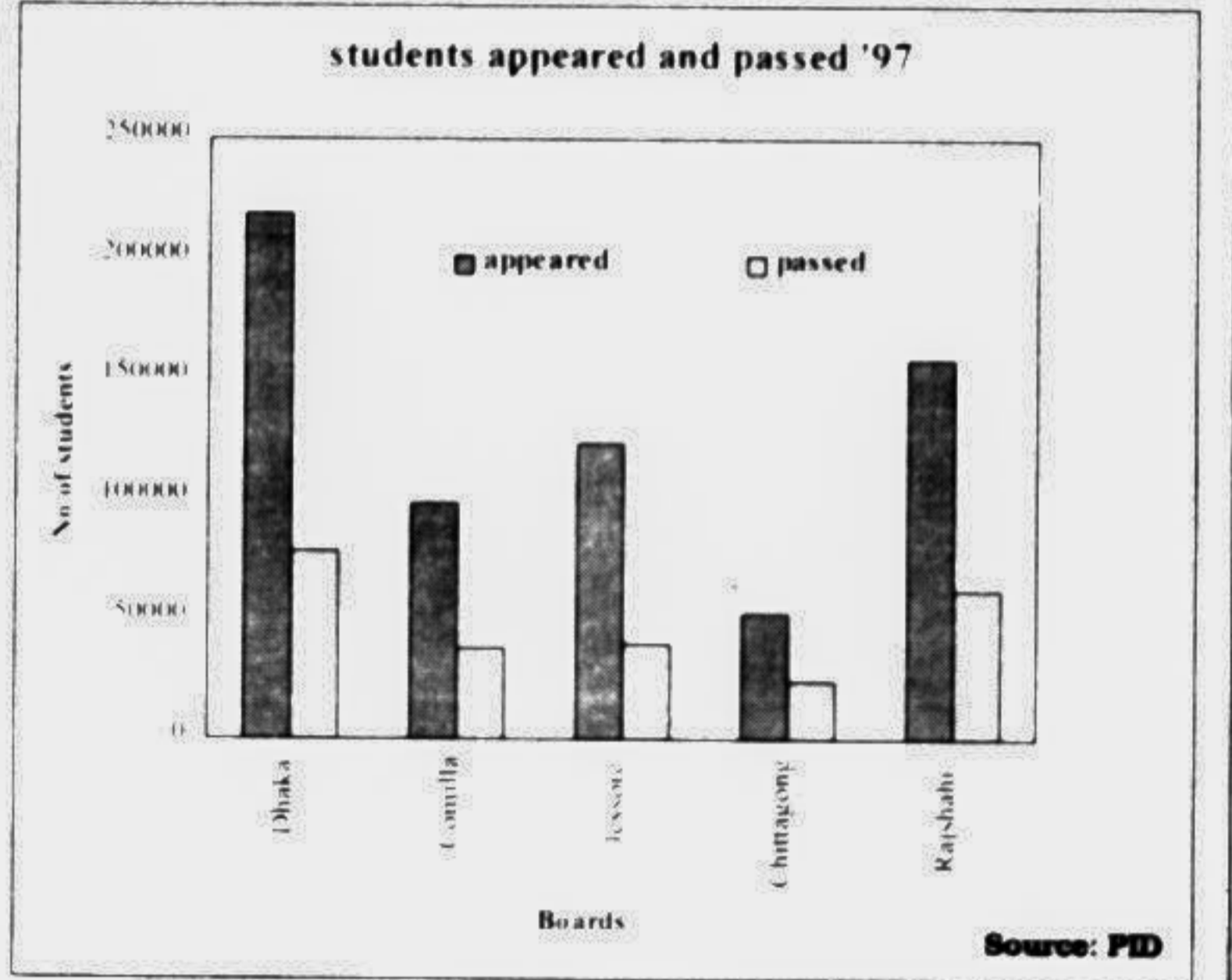
Jessore Cantonment College also secured five positions in Science group and four others in Commerce group.

Rajshahi Board

In Rajshahi Board, 8 students of Rajshahi Cadet College were placed in the combined merit list of Science group and one in Humanities group. Pabna Cadet College secured 7 positions in Science Group and 2 in Humanities group.

Students of Rajshahi College captured 5 positions in Science group, 6 in Humanities group and 3 in Commerce group.

In addition, some other merit positions were captured by the students of Rangpur Cadet College, Bogra Cantonment Public School and College and Rangpur Cantonment Public School and College.



Sarbaharaman shot dead in Jessore

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Sept 11: An activist of outlawed Sarbaharaman party was shot dead at village Natpara under Salkupa thana of the districts last night.

The identity of the victim could not be known.

Police said, a gang of armed men numbering 25 to 30 entered the house of one Anwar Hossain alias Peyara Dakter at about 8:15 pm and shot the Sarbaharaman leader.

Before leaving the area, they chanted slogans and opened several rounds of blank shots, villagers said.

A case was filed with Salkupa thana in this connection.

Two escape

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The two were arrested from South Badda on Tuesday in a case filed with Gulshan police under the Women and Children Repression Special Act of 1995.

Later, both of them were placed on a two-day remand for interrogation.

Meanwhile, the assaulted constable, Nirodh Bihari Bis was suspended following yesterday's incident and was 'closed' at the Razzabagh Police Lines.

The two assaulted constable Nirodh as he unlocked the thana cell to take them to a nearby toilet and fled. Other police personnel chased them and caught Nobinur. But Shaiful escaped.

Another case was lodged in this regard with Gulshan thana.

Hashimoto

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because of his outspoken support for state visits to Yasukuni Shrine, a controversial World War II memorial that contains shrines devoted to war criminals.

His appointment is seen as a gesture to the party's right wing, and could raise the suspicion of countries such as China and South Korea, which are still demanding apologies for atrocities they suffered under the Imperial Army.

The LDF's three powerful executive posts remain unchanged.

Secretary General Koichi Kato, leader of the party's moderate wing, stayed on, while Taku Yamasaki, who chairs the party's Policy Affairs Research Council, and Executive Council Chairman Yoshiro Mori are also retained in their posts.

Japan's media had speculated this week that veteran lawmaker Koko Sato, who was convicted in the 1970s for taking bribes from Lockheed Corp. in a major scandal, would be given a Cabinet portfolio. And that's just what happened.

Hashimoto made him director-general of the Management and Coordination Agency.

Female students

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But in the Science group, all the top 20 positions were secured by 22 male students.

In Jessore Board, female candidates secured two positions in Science group, 15 in Humanities and 7 in Commerce group. On the other hand, 23 male students were placed in the merit list of Science group, 11 in Humanities and 18 in Commerce group.

In Rajshahi Board, five girls were placed in the merit list of Science group, 8 in the Humanities and 5 in the Commerce group. Eighteen boys were placed in the merit list of Science group, 15 in Humanities and 21 in Commerce group.

The pass percentage of girl students is 35.78 in Dhaka Board, 34.17 in Jessore, 46.46 in Chittagong, 38.60 in Comilla and 42.72 in Rajshahi Board.

On the other hand, the pass percentage of boys is 35.80 in Dhaka Board, 31.69 in Jessore, 47.00 in Chittagong, 38.92 in Comilla and 37.35 in Rajshahi Board.

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Inderfurth calls on Khaleda

By Staff Correspondent

US Assistant Secretary of State Karl F Inderfurth called on Leader of the Opposition in Jatiya Sangsad Begum Khaleda Zia at her Cantonment residence.

They discussed national, sub-continental and international issues, and the matters relating to bilateral interests of Bangladesh and the USA in a cordial atmosphere, said a BNP press release.

BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Dr Moyeen Khan, MP, and US Ambassador to Bangladesh John C Holzman were present during the meeting.

PM to attend Teresa's funeral tomorrow

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will leave Dhaka for Calcutta tomorrow morning to attend the funeral of Mother Teresa, reports UNB.

She will be accompanied by State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury and Foreign Secretary Farooq Sobhan.

The funeral for the Nobel laureate Christian nun will be held at Netaji Subhas Basu indoor stadium.

Shaikh Razzak Ali to represent Khaleda at Teresa's funeral

Former Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali will attend the funeral of Mother Teresa in Calcutta tomorrow as the representative of BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia, reports UNB.

Meanwhile, BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday signed the condolence book opened at the Indian High Commission here.

Sylhet JCD leader held

SYLHET, Sept 11: Police arrested a district unit leader of the Jatiyataabadi Chhatra Dal early today and recovered a gun from his possession, reports UNB.

Kotwali police raided the house of the JCD leader, Rezaul Karim Nachon, at Mirabazar in the city and picked up him.

Rezaul had been wanted in a number of cases, including extortion, terrorist acts and killing, police said.

Power plants

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date of signing of the agreement, said an officials handout.

Joint secretary of the energy ministry Mirza Tasadduq Hussain Beg initiated the agreements on behalf of the Bangladesh government while George Jongelling of Smith Congeneration International and Sammy Lai of Wartsila signed on behalf of their respective companies.

Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Mohammed Noor Uddin Khan, visiting US Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs Karl F Inderfurth, Foreign Secretary Farooq Sobhan, Energy and Mineral Resources Secretary Dr Tawfique Elahi Chowdhury, US Ambassador in Bangladesh John C Holzman and concerned officials were present on the occasion.

Inderfurth

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He described the existing state of Dhaka-Washington relations as "warm and excellent."

Inderfurth emphasised that efforts would be made to expand the areas of cooperation.

He informed that his tour was essentially a familiarisation visit to the region.

At the official talks, Karl Inderfurth was assisted by US Ambassador to Bangladesh John C Holzman.

Foreign Secretary Farooq Sobhan led the home side at the talks. He was assisted by Ashrafud Dowla, Director General of the American desk at the Foreign Ministry.

Farooq Sobhan described the talks as "very fruitful" and said that there was great potential to expand US-Bangladesh ties in all sectors.

At the talks, the two sides focused on bilateral, regional and international affairs of common concern.

The two sides also discussed the possibility of US President Bill Clinton's planned visit to the South Asian region early next year.

The US official flew into the city on Wednesday on the last leg of his tour that had taken him to India, Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

Karl F Inderfurth yesterday called on State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury.

They discussed bilateral issues with particular emphasis on trade, economic cooperation and political understanding between the two countries.

Code of conduct for UP election formulated: CEC

RAJBARI, Sept 11: Chief Election Commissioner Mohammad Abu Hena asked election officials to discharge their duties in the forthcoming Union Parishad elections with equal importance as of a national election, reports UNB.

He also instructed the local administration to keep a careful eye on the overall situation and take effective measures to maintain law and order for ensuring an environment congenial to fair polls.

The CEC was addressing the returning officers and other officials at the Deputy Commissioner's office here today in preparation for the Union Parishad election 1997, set for December.

Abu Hena said democracy becomes meaningless if elections are not free and fair.

"Free and fair election is the only way to establish democracy and uphold it," the Chief Election Commissioner told the meeting.

He informed that for the first time three women members would be elected through direct voting. Earlier, they used to be selected by the Union Parishad Chairman.

The CEC also said a code of conduct had been formulated this year for the candidates to go by during electioneering.

Nurses

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minister said an administrative action had been taken against five nurses, and if necessary, such action would be taken against others to ensure smooth functioning of the hospital and ensure treatment of the patients.

In a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club, leaders of the Diploma Nurses Association said they would submit a memorandum to the Prime Minister on September 14, enforce 24-hour strike on September 18 and 48-hour strike September 21-22.

They also warned of tougher programme like indefinite strike if their demands were not met.

The demands include not to give autonomy to PG Hospital, not to place nurses job and its administrative system under local administration, appointment of 4,000 nurses by Sept 15, and withdrawal of the transfer order of five leaders of nurses.

Association president Shamsun Nur Begum said they were not opposing setting up of a medical university nor naming it after Bangabandhu. "We want that a higher medical institute be kept as it is and jobs of government employees not be placed under an autonomous authority."

PSC initialised

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stages of negotiations between Petrolbanga, the Power Development Board and UNOCAL. These include power purchase agreement, fuel supply agreement, pipeline agreement, gas transportation agreement and the project implementation agreement.

All these agreements will be negotiated and processed in terms of a letter of intent (LOI) signed between the government of Bangladesh and UNOCAL in January, this year.

Private TV channels

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He said the reports of two committees—law committee and policy making committee—are expected to be finalised within seven days paving way for the allowing more than one private channel to operate in the country.

The government is also considering to allow setting up of private radio channels as well. BBC and VOA were interested in this area, he added.

The state minister informed that a private company BTN, had signed a contract with a Singapore-based company, SAARC Media, for producing private TV programmes without getting the necessary approval. "I have asked them for taking our approval," he said.

Sayed said a media centre would be opened up soon with an aim to provide newsmen with all information regarding all the ministers of the government.

He said the government has already decided to privatise the state-owned vernacular daily—the Dainik Bangla. "It is finalised now. We will disinvest it through the Privatisation Board," he said, adding that all journalist and employees of the newspaper would be paid their dues and other allowances before the paper is handed over to the private owners.

He, however, said that another trust-run newspaper—the Bangladesh Times—could not be privatised at this stage due to some problems arising out of a claim over the paper's ownership.

About providing autonomy to BTV and Bangladesh Betar, the state minister said the report of the Autonomy Commi-

Kibria

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"A number of papers have written about government borrowings. There is a kind of misconception about this whole thing. Actually, the government borrowing has been much less since the Awami League came to power than in the past."

He said the government borrowed Tk 2948.5 crore in 1995-96 from different sources, while in 1996-97 it came down to Tk 2674 crore.

"Deficit financing up to one per cent of GDP is internationally acceptable. We are within that limit."

In the first two months of the current fiscal (July 1 to Aug 28), the government borrowing was 196.71 crore, against Tk 582.86 crore in the corresponding period last year, he said.

They have inflated, exaggerated—a kind of scare has been created by certain people. In principle, I want to increase the revenue and reduce borrowing."

The minister, however, agreed with suggestion that revenue generation had been a grey area, terming it a "tough job."