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## Degree exams begin Special numbers in place of admit cards

**By Staff Correspondent**

Students who did not get admit cards were given special numbers to appear in the Degree (Pass and Certificate) Examinations that began from yesterday, officials said.

This is for the first time the authorities have taken such an extraordinary move, sources said.

The special numbers were given to the centres concerned over telephone when authorities of the centres contacted the National University (NU) yesterday, the controller of the university told The Daily Star last night.

"Admit cards against all these special numbers will be issued immediately," the controller said.

To a question he said, "We did not receive too many complaints," without specifying the number.

"Principals of the relevant centres have also been authorised to issue special numbers for the candidates who did not receive admit cards till reaching the examination centres," said M Lutfor Rahman, Province-chancellor of NU.

Asked how many complaints they received yesterday, Rahman said, "It should not be more than five or six."

Meanwhile, the date for holding examinations on two subjects have been rescheduled as those clashed with other subjects of the same candidates, NU officials said explaining the cause behind the late hour changes.

As per the new schedule, the examinations of the followings have been rescheduled:

Reschedule date	Earlier date	Subjects	Paper
1.12.99	26.01.2000	Library and Information Science	1st paper
2.12.99	27.01.2000	Library and Information Science	2nd paper
4.12.99	29.01.2000	Library and Information Science	3rd paper
19.01.2000	30.01.2000	Home Economics	1st paper
20.01.2000	31.01.2000	Home Economics	2nd paper
22.01.2000	01.02.2000	Home Economics	3rd paper

## Degree (Pass) Exams TNO assaulted in Natore: 78 expelled in Joypurhat

**NATORE, Nov 28:** A TNO was assaulted and a large number of examinees were expelled for adopting unfair means on the first day of the Degree (Pass) Examinations under the National University today, reports UNB.

Some 78 examinees, including 12 females, were expelled from five centres of Joypurhat district. Students appeared for English examination today.

Of them, 31 were expelled from Mangalbari University College, 21 from Akkelpur Degree College, 17 from Kalai Degree College and nine from Khelail Sayeda Altafunesa Degree College. Besides, 139 students failed to appear in the examination.

UNB Natore correspondent reports: Shingra Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO) Jiban Kumar Chowdhury was assaulted by an student expelled from Gol-Afroz Government College centre for his strict action against unfair means.

The TNO expelled general secretary of the college students union, Momin Hossain, for adopting unfair means. Angered by the incident, Momin along with his unruly associates attacked the TNO in front of the college principal and beat up him.

## 3 get life term for murder at Barisal

**From Staff Correspondent**

**BARISAL, Nov 28:** The Second Additional and Sessions Judge's Court here today sentenced three people to life imprisonment for killing a housewife.

The convicts are Jahangir Howlader, Sabuj Howlader and Kabir Howlader.

The court also fined Tk 2000 each, in default to suffer one year more rigorous imprisonment.

Six other accused in the case have been acquitted of murder charge.

According to the prosecution, the accused killed Jainab Bibi, 25 of Mehendiganj thana as a sequel to previous enmity on February 21, 1995 and threw the body into Kalabadar river. Jainab's body was later recovered from a charland on February 26.

Her brother Rafiqul Islam filed a case with Mehendiganj thana accusing nine people of killing his sister on February 27.

After examining the records and witnesses, the Judge Md Sirajul Alam delivered the verdict.

## Ctg Bijoy Mela begins Dec 5

**CHITTAGONG, Nov 28:** The traditional week-long Bijoy Mela (victory fair) begins at the outer stadium here on December 5, organisers said, reports BSS.


The seriously injured were identified as Shuchitra 30, Shajib 12, Mannan 40, Shanjoy 25, Dipali 32, and Shachin, 45.

The incident occurred when a Jessor-bound bus carrying newspapers from Dhaka collided with a tempo near Golak bridge on Magura-Jhenidah highway at around 8-30 am. Three passengers of the tempo died on the spot while another died on way to Magura sadar hospital.

Of the dead, three were identified as Bhokto, 50, and Gautam, 30 of Alaiapur village and Asaduzzaman of Bashtoil village under Magura sadar thana. The identity of the rest could not be known immediately.

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Our thanks to everyone who shared our grief & pain, and joined prayers in the passing away of our loving mother.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday laid the foundation of a bridge to link Natun Bazar and Pura Bazar in Chandpur town. —PID photo

## Gold worth Tk 1.5 crore seized at ZIA

**By Staff Correspondent**

A customs surveillance team struck gold at Zia International Airport yesterday.

The team recovered 240 gold bars, wrapped in a cloth, from an economy-class toilet on an Emirates flight that arrived in Dhaka from Dubai just after 9 am. The gold is worth about Tk 1.5 crore.

Officials filed a case in connection with the discovery and handed the gold over to the airport warehouse.

## Opposition calling hartals ignoring nat'l interest: PM

**CHOUDDAGRAM, Nov 28:** Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today lashed out at Opposition leader Khaleda Zia for staging agitation 'without any issue and at the cost of public and national interest', reports UNB.

She blasted Khaleda for calling hartals at a time when schools and colleges are busy taking annual examinations. "It seems that the out-govern movement is more important to her than the examinations of schoolchildren... Let the exams go astray, unseat the government - this is her motto."

Addressing a public rally at H J Pilot School ground here this afternoon, the prime minister said, with a note of sarcasm: "How can one understand the importance of examinations who could not even cross the periphery of matriculation?"

The prime minister also came down heavily on the BNP chairperson for her declaration to launch movement even during the month of Ramadan, saying that the war of Badr also took place during the holy month of fasting.

Quafers waged the Badr was against Muslims during Ramadan. "I like to ask whether she (Khaleda Zia) is stepping in the role of Qaiaf by declaring war against the people during Ramadan," she said explaining the background of the holy war at the dawn of Islam.

Hasina told her audience that Khaleda Zia and her cronies were desperate to remove the elected government by any means as they are not getting the opportunity to plunder national wealth. Hasina alleged that Khaleda's family, while she was in power, minted crores of taka with the magic wand of a broken suitcase.

She said Awami League, which restored people's right to ballot through a long-drawn movement, was now engaged in the struggle to ensure people's right to bread.

Giving a resume of her government's various people-oriented programmes like old-age allowance, housing schemes, youth-development plans, she said all these are aimed at improving economic condition of the poor and rural people.

Presided over by Choudhagram Thana AL president Etmim Mollah, the meeting was also addressed by Awami League leaders Amir Hossain Amu, Suranjit Sengupta, Abdul Matin Khasru, Mozaffar Hossain, Whip Majibul Huq MP, Prof Ali Ashraf MP, Tajul Islam MP, Mostafa Kamal MP and Prof Khurshid Alam.



Members of the Sammilita Sangskritik Jote brought out a colourful procession in the city yesterday hailing UNESCO's declaration of February 21 as International Mother Language Day. —Star photo

## Vehicles damaged, 2 policemen hurt at Sayedabad

**By Staff Correspondent**

Two policemen were injured and some vehicles ransacked near the Sayedabad bridge last night when a police team tried to stop a speeding microbus with 12 children on board.

The incident took place when the driver of the vehicle sped past a traffic sergeant ignoring a signal to stop. Local people, however, chased the vehicle, stopped it and damaged it, police said.

Police apparently asked the driver to stop the vehicle suspecting his links to women and children trafficking.

It was later found that the children were simply returning to their respective homes after a wedding party.

Passengers of the vehicle along with its driver were taken to the Demra Police Station.

Demra police released the children and the microbus when their relatives went to the police station and explained that they were returning from a wedding party.

## Five alleged criminals held in Ctg

**From Our Correspondent**

**CHITTAGONG, Nov 28:** Five alleged criminals were arrested in the city last night and today. Chandgaon police arrested one Md Moyeenuddin Alias Mohsin, from Bahodderhul Khajra Road area in connection with seven criminal cases including those of murder, terrorism and extortion this afternoon.

Tajul Islam Mamun, and Md Afser Hossain, were arrested Supariwala para under Double Mooring thana last night. Police recovered a revolver and bullets from their possession.

Meanwhile, Bandar police recovered the stolen *Golap Bi-graha Murti* (a sacred statue of the Hindu Community) at Halishahar this morning. It was stolen from Swagotom Bhaban at south Halishahar on October 19.

Two alleged members of a gang of statue lifters were held in this connection. The arrested were identified as Mohammed Aslam alias Sumon, and Bachchu Mia.

## Abducted PCJSS member still untraced

**From Staff Correspondent**

**CHITTAGONG, Nov 28:** The member of Parbatyatta Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) Bishantor Chakma alias Rupok, abducted from Rangamati, still remained untraced, police sources said.

But a joint search operation by police, BDR and security forces was on to trace whereabouts of Rupok.

Rupok was allegedly abducted by the Proshit group from his residence at Lekkyangchhara of Rangamati, police and residents said.

But Proshit group which opposes peace accord denied the charge.

Meanwhile, three other tribals abducted by masked gunmen from Baghaichhari area under Rangamati district on November 25, also were yet to be rescued, police said.

The victims were identified as Juddhadon Karbari, Binimoy Chakma and Shantimoy Chakma.

## Petrol bomb attack Babla remanded for two days

**By Court Correspondent**

The CMM's court yesterday granted two-day police remand for Babla, who was arrested for his alleged involvement in hurling petrol bomb on a truck in Shahjahanpur area during hartal hours on Thursday.

Babla was arrested from his Shahjahanpur residence on Saturday.

Truck driver Nasu, and helpers — Zakir and Babul — received serious injuries when an unidentified person hurled petrol bomb on their truck at around 5 pm.

They were rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital where the on duty doctor declared Nasu dead. Zakir died at the DMCH yesterday.

Earlier, Motijheel police filed a case against BNP leader Mirza Abbas and 90 others for their alleged involvement in the attack.

## Triple murder Akbar gives his confessional statement

**By Court Correspondent**

Obaidul Akbar, who was arrested in connection with the triple murder at Azimpur in the city Monday, gave a confessional statement before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM) Court here yesterday.

In his statement, Akbar said that a seven-member led by Dulal and Nasir stabbed to death Sajedunessa, her son Swapan and daughter Sabiha Begum on November 21 to grab the land of Sajedunessa.

Partially decomposed bodies of the mother and the children were recovered from their flat on Tuesday night.

Akbar was produced before the CMM's Court at about 1 pm. Once the confessional statement was recorded, he was sent back to Dhaka Central Jail.

## SC stays HC order dismissing Babu's petition

**By Staff Correspondent**

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday stayed a High Court order which dismissed a petition by Akhteruzzaman Chowdhury Babu.

The High Court on November 23 dismissed a petition by Babu seeking revision of an order by the District Judge's Court, Dhaka, staying an ad-interim injunction by the Fourth Assistant Judge's Court on September 16.

Babu, however, said that the High Court did not dismiss the petition but directed the District Judge to dispose of the case within seven working days.

## Gas: Western region

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The other plant, set up by a private company, Westmont, on BOP basis, will take some time to be converted into a gas-based one. Westmont is promise bound to install a system to convert the plant into a gas-based one. The installation was to be completed about a month ago. But due to lack of finances, it is delaying the process for an indefinite period, the sources said.

To optimise gas supply to the north-western region as well as to Sylhet region, the government is currently pursuing a 'loop-line project' from its own funds. However, the government is also trying to arrange part of the funds for this project from Japan.

Our Sirajganj Correspondent adds: AU preparations have been completed for the function at the BL Government High School premises where the Prime Minister will switch on gas supply to Sirajganj town and other north-western districts.

A 20 feet high 'Shikha Projolon' has been erected on the newly constructed town protection embankment.

UNB adds from Sirajganj: Sirajganj, the gateway to the northern Bangladesh, took a festive look to welcome Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Tuesday.

Roads and lines have been repaired, government and private buildings cleaned and whitewashed. The Prime Minister will come to inaugurate the Western Gas Supply Line, a longstanding demand of the people of the country's northern region.

Full-proof security measures have been taken for the Prime Minister's programme.

A number of welcome arches have been erected in the town.

Awami League and its front organisations are campaigning round the clock to mobilise people from the town and the rural areas for the public meeting to be addressed by the Prime Minister at Sirajganj University College ground.

Sheikh Hasina will also lay the foundation of the Industrial Park on the western side of the Bangabandhu Bridge and the Sheikh Russel Memorial Children Park near the old jail in the town.

The Prime Minister will be accompanied by Home Minister Mohammad Nasim, State Minister for Energy Prof Rafiqul Islam and central leaders of the ruling party.

## Flare tests in Kapna well resume

**From Staff Correspondent**

**SYLHET, Nov. 28:** Unocal and Occidental resumed flare tests in Kapna Sunday to determine finally the viability of the disputed field.

The results of the previous tests were not that satisfactory, so we have started some additional tests to ascertain the viability of the well," said Unocal's field manager. "The tests will take about a week. Once they're complete, experts will decide Kapna's fate."

Unocal and Occidental drilled test wells in Kapna in August, but struck only water and sand. Petrobangla said the wells were dry, but Unocal officials disagreed.

A second set of tests in September seemed to confirm earlier findings. Sources close to the drilling said this was the 'last chance' for Kapna to prove itself. However, they admitted the chance of striking gas was slim.

## Nari Samaj rally Call to complete unfinished task of Sufia Kamal

**By Staff Correspondent**

Leaders of Sammilita Nari Samaj at a rally in the city yesterday called for united efforts to complete the unfinished task of poet Begum Sufia Kamal in development of the womenfolk of the country.

Poet Sufia Kamal has shown the path to freedom of women and their empowerment. Her lifelong struggle for the well-being of the womenfolk, removing illiteracy and all superstitions is a source of inspiration for all women's organisation, they said addressing a brief rally at the Shahbagh crossing prior to bringing out a mourning procession to condole her death.

The procession terminated in front of the Jatiya Press Club. The processionists carried a banner reading "The struggle of Begum Sufia Kamal is our inspiration".

The rally was addressed by, among others, Sigma Huda, Shirin Akhtar and Farida Akhtar.

Advocate Sigma Huda in her speech recalled the contribution of poet Sufia Kamal in the field of literature, art and culture, and her struggle for welfare of women.

Sigma Huda also recalled the memories of Sufia Kamal, who performed in a documentary directed by her. She always tried to do good to women irrespective of caste and religion, Sigma Huda said.

Shirin Akhtar said poet Sufia Kamal is the source inspiration in the struggle against all social prejudices and called upon all to work together for uplift of women and their empowerment.

## Hartal observed in Satkhira

**From Our Correspondent**

**SATKHIRA, Nov 28:** Satkhira district unit of the opposition liaison committee today enforced a half-day hartal in the district demanding arrest of the killers of Shibir activist Ali Mostafa.

Mostafa was injured in a clash during hartal hours at Kaliganj on Thursday. He succumbed to injuries the following day.

Shops and educational institutions remained closed and vehicles were off the roads during hartal hours.

The district unit of the liaison committee held a rally at 'Shahid Mostafa Square' in the afternoon with district BNP president Izzat Ullah in the chair.

The speakers demanded immediate arrest and trial of the killers of Mostafa. The Liaison Committee also announced protest rally in the town tomorrow.

## Appeal against BCS (Admin) Assoc election rejected

The Tenth Additional District and Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka yesterday rejected the appeal relating to the suit of election of the BCS (Admin) Cadre Association, reports BSS.

With the rejection of the appeal filed by Zakirul Islam, a member of the Association, the obstacle to the Association's election has been removed.

Earlier last Thursday, the District Judge of Dhaka had imposed an ad-interim injunction on holding of elections of the Association till November 28.

The District Judge shifted the hearing of the appeal to the above-mentioned court for disposal of the matter.

Judge Sheikh Ranaul Islam passed the order after hearing both the sides.

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