

Metropolitan

Written test of 21st BCS begins Mar 27

The written test of the 21st BCS examination will begin on March 27 simultaneously in Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna and London centres, respectively.

The schedule of the examination has already been published in different dailies, said a handout.

The examinees have been advised to carry the admit card issued for the Preliminary Test as no fresh card will be issued.

No examinee will be permitted to appear in the examination without admit card, the handout added.

Hotel Sonargaon celebrates annual team party

The annual team party "Fun at Work", the most exciting event of the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel was held at the grand ballroom of the hotel recently, says a press release.

All the management and associates of the hotel participated in the gala event.

The party whose theme was "Gram Bangla," began with Baul Songs of Kiran Chandra. The programme continued with award giving ceremony for the associates, departmental skits, fashion show performed by the associates, raffle draw, dinner and dance.

Akhi Alamgir, presented popular numbers and LRB performed live music. The evening's programme was marked with high energy mixes from DJ Pro & Sound.



Bill Clinton Supporters Club brought out a colourful procession in the city yesterday in support of the US President's visit.

— Star photo

'Govt to protect local industries'

Commerce Minister Abdul Jalil yesterday said that the government attached importance to the domestic industry and is determined to protect their interest for expediting economic development of the country, reports UNB.

He was talking to a delegation of Bangladesh Specialised Textile Mills and Power Loom Industries Association at his office.

Under the perspective of

Tk 3,331cr to be given out as agri loan this year

A meeting of the national committee on agriculture loan disbursement monitoring and evaluation committee yesterday fixed Taka 3,331 crore to disburs as agricultural loan during the current financial year, reports BSS.

The meeting presided over by Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria was informed that Taka 1,540 crore was distributed as agricultural loan till February of the current fiscal.

Agriculture Minister Begum Motia Chowdhury, Begum Segufla Yasmin MP, Bangladesh Bank governor Dr Mohammad Farashuddin, Finance Secretary Dr Akbar Ali Khan, Planning Commission member Abdul Hamid Chowdhury, board members of Bangladesh Agriculture Bank, Rajshahi Agriculture Development Bank and all state run banks attended the meeting.

The meeting also decided to activate the agriculture loan disbursement bodies at different levels to strengthen loan disbursement activities. It also reviewed the outstanding agriculture loan and expressed its satisfaction over the recovery rate.

Rotarians have been requested to attend the meeting on time.

Rotary News

Weekly meeting

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka New City will be held today at 5:30 pm sharp at Vintage Restaurant, Sobhanbagh, Mirpur Road, says a press release.

Rotarians have been requested to attend the meeting on time.

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The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Ramna will be held today at 5:30 pm at Dhaka Club Family lounge, says a press release.

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IFB No. 04/1999-2000 & 05/1999-2000

1) Sealed tenders are invited for the following works during 1999-2000 under River Bank Protection Project (IDA & WFP Aided 1998 Flood Damage Emergency Rehabilitation Project/under IDA Credit No 2791-BD).

Bid No	Contract package No	Brief description of works	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Cost of tender documents per set (non-refundable)	Time for completion	Eligibility of contractor
4	35/W-2	Rehabilitation of Regulators under Patnitola Sub-Project	1,49,719/-	3743/-	400/-	60 days	'D' class
5	36/W-5	Rehabilitation of Regulators under Naogaon Polder-1 Sub-Project	3,49,987/-	4750/-	400/-	60 days	'C' & 'D' class

2) The name of the bank : a) The Manager, Agrani Bank, Main Branch, Naogaon.
b) The Manager, Agrani Bank, WAPDA (Irrigation) Branch, Sopura, Rajshahi.
c) The Manager, Pubali Bank Ltd, Natore.
d) The Manager, Sonali Bank, WAPDA Branch, Motijheel Com. Area, Dhaka.
a) Office of the Executive Engineer, Naogaon O&M Division, BWDB, Naogaon.

3) The name of the office of receiving the bidding documents

4) The last date of selling the bidding documents

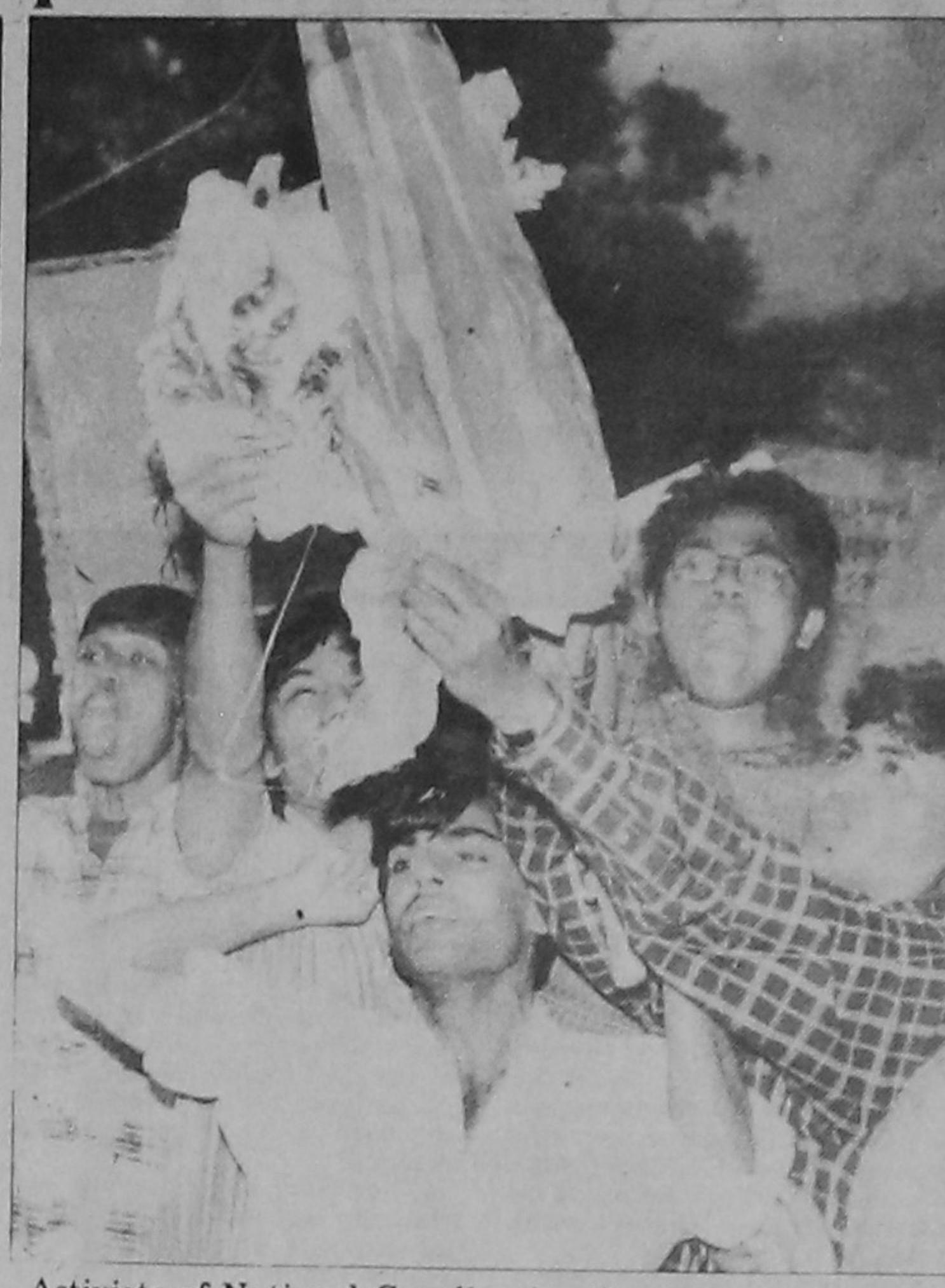
5) The last date & time of receiving the bidding documents

6) Date & time of opening of bid

At 13:00 hours on 18-4-2000.

Md Abdul Mannan
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Activists of National Coordination Committee to save Oil and Gas Resources in the interest of the Nation brought out a procession in the city protesting the US President's visit to the country. They also burned down the US flag in protest.

— Star photo

Robbery at Badda: Tk one lakh worth of goods stolen

By Staff Correspondent

A gang of robbers broke into the house of a trader at Badda in the early hours of the morning and looted cash and valuables worth taka one lakh yesterday. The victim was identified as Feroze, 42, of Moinartek under Badda Police Station in the city, reports BSS.

The armed gang broke into his house at about 3:00 am yesterday, beat him and made away with Tk 10,000 in cash and about 15 tolas of gold ornaments, the victim told hospital sources.

Badda Police when contacted said that they were not aware of the incident.

JS body discusses Drug Control (amendment) Bill 2000

A meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs was held at the Sangsabha yesterday with committee chairman Mohammad Saiful Huq in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting discussed elaborately on "Drug Control (amendment) Bill 2000," earlier raised in the House and placed before the committee.

Committee members Chief Whip Abdul Hasan Abdulla, Chief Whip of the Opposition Khondoker Delwar Hossain, Whip Abdus Shaheed, Whip SM Mustafa Rashidi Suja, Mohammad Tajul Islam, Zinat Hossain and Hafiz Uddin Ahmed, Bir Bikram attended the meeting.

Home Secretary MM Reza and concerned officials were present.

JS body on Social Welfare Ministry meet held

A meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Welfare Ministry was held yesterday at the Sangsabha with its chairman Dabirul Islam in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting discussed the progress of the implementation of different projects under the ministry.

Committee members Dhirendra Nath Shah, Prof M Shahjahan, Jahanara Khan, Syeda Zeenabunnesa Huq, Ukil Abdus Sattar Bhuiyan and Alamgir Muhammad Mahfuzulah Farid attended the meeting.

Secretary of the ministry Dr Khanan Mohan Das and concerned officials were present, said a Parliament Secretariat press release.

Construction of halls at RU
Sadique expresses dismay over decision of authorities

Education Minister A.S.H.K. Sadique has expressed his dismay over a decision taken by the Rajshahi University (RU) authorities to construct a residential hall after the name of Bangabandhu by demolishing a portion of Motihar Hall.

"The decision is not acceptable to me and I cannot involve myself with the decision," he told BSS yesterday while expressing his dismay.

The education minister said he fully agrees with the decision of construction of a new residential hall after the name of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Rahman on the RU campus but he cannot support its construction after demolishing a portion of Motihar Hall.

Sadique on last Thursday cancelled his programme to lay foundation of the proposed hall

on the university campus, which was scheduled on Saturday.

Official sources said the university administration has already demolished one of the sheds of Motihar Hall for construction of the new hall.

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, the student front of BNP, is protesting the decision for construction of a new hall after the name of Bangabandhu and observed several agitation programmes against it. They also launched agitation programme on the scheduled date of its foundation laying ceremony.

"I do not care the JCD's agitation programme against the construction of the hall but I differ with the university authorities to construct a new hall after demolishing another one," the education minister added.

'Democratisation to help attain regional peace'

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury yesterday said democratisation in political system of South Asian countries will significantly contribute to our quest for establishing peace, security and stability in the region, reported BSS.

He was addressing a day-long seminar on "Democratisation and Security Issues in South Asia," organised by the American Institute of Bangladesh Studies in collaboration with Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) and United States Information Service (USIS) at the BISS auditorium in the city.

Chowdhury said positive steps have been taken in Bangladesh to put democracy in a secured footing. He recalled the innovative role of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in creation of the institution of neutral, non-partisan caretaker government to supervise elections.

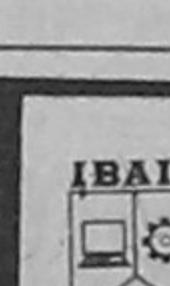
The State Minister said there are close links between eminent personalities, academics and journalists took part in the seminar and on open discussion.

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