

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, reports UNB.

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

GATT and WTO agreements, the ongoing expansion of the readymade garments sector should maintain, said Jalil and assured all out support to the entrepreneurs so that they can survive while competing with others in the global textile market.

He noted with satisfaction that the garments sector has been playing a vital role in earning foreign exchange and providing jobs to women.

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 disburse 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 Segufta 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 agricultural loan and expressed its satisfaction over the recovery rate.



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 Ferze, 42, of Moinartek under Badda Police Station in the city.

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 Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday with committee chairman Mohammad Sayedul 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 Abul Hasanat Abdullah, Chief Whip of the Opposition Khondoker Delwar Hossain, Whip Abul Shaheed, Whip SM Mustafa Rashidul 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 Sangsad Bhaban with its Chairman Dabirul Islam in the chair, reports UNB.

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

Committee members Dharendra Nath Shaha, Prof M Shahjahan, Jahanara Khan, Syeda Zebunnesa Huq, Ukil Abdus Sattar Bhuiyan and Alamgir Muhammad Mahfuzullah Farid attended the meeting.

Secretary of the ministry Dr Khanada 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 Mujibur 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, reports 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

levels of economic development and security perceptions. He hoped that deliberations of this seminar would certainly shed lights over different aspects of security in South Asia.

Presided over by former Chief Justice of Bangladesh Supreme Court and member of Board of Governors of BISS Justice Mostafa Kamal, the function was also addressed by John Kinnannon, Director, USIS in Dhaka and Prof Rahim B Talukder of American Institute of Bangladesh Studies while Major General Jamil D Ahsan, Director General of BISS delivered the welcome speech.

The seminar was divided into two working sessions; and two key note papers on "Democracy and Governance: Political Decay and Political Revitalisation in South Asia" and "Re-assessing Security Issues in South Asia" were presented in the seminar.

Eminent personalities, academicians and journalists took part in the seminar and on open discussion.

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO 23 OF 2000
RANGPUR FOUNDRY LIMITED,
12, R.K. Mission Road, Dhaka-1203.

VERSUS

The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms & Dhaka.
Respondent

It is hereby notified that aforesaid petitioner has filed an application under section 12 and 13 of the Companies Act, 1994 for obtaining permission for alteration of Memorandum of Association of RANGPUR FOUNDRY LIMITED where upon MR. JOYNUL ABEEDIN Hon'ble Justice of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh was pleased to admit the application and fix the same for hearing on 05.04.2000 by an order passed on 01.03.2000.

If any person is desirous of contesting the aforesaid application he may do so by entering appearance in the matter either in person or through a duly appointed advocate on the date of hearing. A copy of application may be obtained from the undersigned upon payment of requisite fees.

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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.

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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- 2) The name of the bank : a) The Manager, Agrani Bank, Main Branch, Naogaon.
b) The Manager, Agrani Bank, WAPDA (Irri) Branch, Sopura, Rajshahi.

- c) The Manager, Pubali Bank Ltd, Natore.
d) The Manager, Sonali Bank, WAPDA Branch, Motijheel Com. Area, Dhaka.

- 3) The name of the office of : a) Office of the Executive Engineer, Naogaon O&M Division, BWDB, Naogaon.

- 4) The last date of selling : 17-4-2000.
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- 5) The last date & time of : Up to 12:00 hours on 18-4-2000.
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