

5 BBA seats remain vacant

Five vacant seats of BBA first year (session 2000-2001) of Dhaka University's Business Studies Faculty will be filled up from the merit list, reports UNB.

The five candidates who had secured places in between 650-656 in the merit list have been asked to be present along with their admit cards at the Dean office of the faculty at 10am on Jan 10, said a DU press release yesterday.

Cargo ship detained in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Jan 3: A Saint Vincent flag carrier cargo vessel owned by Egypt was detained at the Chittagong Port after the authorities detected its alleged involvement in human trafficking from Bangladesh, police and port sources said.

The detained ship MV Samara was scheduled to set sail for Yangon, last night but police arrested 20 Bangladeshi crew from the ship suspecting their involvement in human trafficking without any valid documents.

Police also arrested the owner of the local agency of the vessel captain Abdul Malek for his alleged involvement in trafficking.

Police on Monday produced the detained persons before the court and 18 of the 20 Bangladeshis were sent to jail.

Local authority and Seamen Immigration and Welfare Directorate filed a case with the Port Thana against the local shipping agent and 20 arrested persons on Monday.

Director of Seamen Immigration and Welfare Directorate Kamal Uddin told this correspondent that these people were taken on board the ship immediately before sailing with an intention to send them abroad with shipping agents' connivance.

He said some other illegal Bangladeshi crew who intended to go abroad slipped away sensing the police raid in advance.

Local shipping agency source, however, denied any involvement in human trafficking.

The agency claimed that some Bangladeshi crew were taken on board the ship due to manpower shortage. But the agency source admitted that official formalities were not maintained properly.

Meanwhile, police interrogated the captain of the detained vessel Rajendra, an Indian national.

The vessel MV Samara arrived at the Chittagong Port on December 3 last year loaded with steel coil from India.



Bangladesh Hawkers' Federation brought out a procession protesting their eviction from pavements in the city yesterday. - Star photo

PM opens Safe Blood Transfusion Programme tomorrow

Star Report

The Safe Blood Transfusion Programme, after a wait of more than a year, will formally be launched tomorrow.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the programme by opening the National Blood Transfusion Service Centre at Dhaka Medical College premises.

Ninety-six other centres will start providing safe blood through its transfusion services from 13 medical college hospitals, five special hospitals, 13 combined military hospitals, ten hospitals and 53 district hospitals simultaneously.

The programme, however, does not bring the private sector under its regulation where a vast majority of blood and blood components are exchanged and

distributed commercially.

Most importantly, a major portion of the blood transfusion sets and syringes in the cities are reused after collected from government hospitals and clinics risking lives with deadly diseases including AIDS.

Many experts criticised the government initiative pointing out that without bringing the private sector under its regulation, it is useless to make it a complete safe blood transfusion programme.

The UNDP funded and WHO assisted programme will involve comprehensive screening of blood and blood components for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) that causes AIDS, malarial parasites, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infection or diseases.

per cent are positive for syphilis.

Little over nine per cent of the general population in the country is carrier for hepatitis B, three per cent for hepatitis C and less than one per cent for syphilis.

Major General ASM Matur Rahman who is the chairman of the National Blood Transfusion Services (NBTS) under the national AIDS committee (NAC) told The Daily Star, "In fact, most of the centres in district hospitals and special hospitals in the capital have already started to function. In near future, we plan to expand the services to thana level by installing the facilities at thana health complexes."

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We are deeply shocked at the sudden demise of Maj Gen (Dr.) K M Siraj Jinnat (Retd), Director, initiator and patron of Continental Hospital Limited (CHL) died on Monday, 1 January 2001 at 5 pm (Innah Lillahi... Raajeun). His namaj-e-janaza will be held today at two places - one at Khilgaon Matir Mosque at 9:30 am and another at Allahu Mosque at Dhaka Cantt. after Zohr prayers.

The Management, Shareholders, and staff members of CHL pray to the Almighty Allah to grant Magferat and eternal peace to his departed soul. Amin.

We in the CHL will always cherish his memory and remember with gratitude his unique contribution and the pioneering role he played along with others, so as to realize his life-long dream of setting up of this hospital in Bangladesh.

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Laxmipur AL leader dead

Dr Abdul Awal, a former MP and one of the organisers of War of Liberation, died of cardiac arrest this morning at National Heart Institute here, a press release said. He was 70.

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Bangabandhu's Homecoming Day: AL finalises programmes

Bangladesh Awami League Tuesday finalised programme to celebrate the Homecoming Day of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman from Pakistani prison on January 10, 1972, reports BSS.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will open the newly constructed mausoleum at Tungipara at 10.30 am on the occasion.

She will lay wreaths at the mausoleum and offer special prayers there for the peace of the departed soul of the great leader.

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