

5,000 policemen to be recruited this year

UNB, Dhaka

The government will recruit this year some 5,000 police personnel to bolster the force.

Home Minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury yesterday disclosed the decision in a meeting with field-level DMP officials at the ministry, against the backdrop of a string of criminal incidents in the capital.

State Minister for Home Affairs Lutfulzaman Babar, Home Secretary Dr Sadat Hossain, Inspector General of Police Mudabbir Hossain, DMP commissioner Abdul Quayum, DCs, ADCs and OCs of 21 police stations were present.

The home minister categorically said that promotion and demotion in all tiers of the police would be given evaluating their skill, activities and talent.

"Activities of police officials and police stations are being monitored and it will be continued," he told the police executive in a covert note of caution.

He said surprise visits by the home minister, the state minister and ministry officials would also be continued to look after the activities of police station and officials.

The Home Minister made it clear that no recommendations or nepotism would be entertained regarding promotion and postings

- that would be done on the basis of merit, efficiency and skill.

He said policemen would have to ensure security of life and property as friends of the people. "The image that has been lost will have to restore through honesty and integrity of police."

Referring to the electoral pledge of the present government to root out terrorism from the country, he directed the police force to take the challenge of resisting extortion and terrorism in national interest.

Renewing his earlier order to arrest terrorists irrespective of party affiliation, Altaf asked for reining in terrorists or criminals within the shortest time after any terrorist or criminal acts.

The minister also emphasised the need for evicting the illegal encroachers from the roads for solving traffic jams and facilitating people's movement.

16 firearms recovered

BSS, Dhaka

Police arrested a total of 1,377 people, including 15 listed terrorists, and recovered 16 firearms during their countrywide operation in the last 24 hours ending at 6 am yesterday.



Visitors looking at a salwar kameez ensemble on display at the Fine Arts Institute yesterday. Students of the Institute arranged the exhibition and sale on the occasion of Eid.

Race for admission to reputed schools in Ctg gathers pace

ATAUL GANI SUMON, Chittagong

Parents and guardians are in a hectic race for admission of their wards to the reputed schools in the port city.

They are crowding both gov-

ernment and non-government schools to collect and submit applications.

With the beginning of a new academic year, the parents and guardians have become active to get their wards admitted to the reputed schools so that they need not change schools till the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations. There are 20 schools with a good reputation in the city.

The admission process in different schools has already begun, leaving both students and guardians in a mix of hope and anxiety.

The guardians are making rigorous efforts in the build-up to the admission and grooming their children.

Although the annual examinations are still on in many schools, various institutions have already started distributing applications. Admission tests for classes I to IX in both government and non-government schools will start in December and will continue through January.

"The competition for admission is going to be tougher this year than before as the number of the candidates is even higher," a guardian said. Last year, the process of admission was completed by December. But this year the holidays on the occasion of the Eid-ul-Fitr, the Christmas Day and the Victory Day may delay the process.

Meanwhile, the admission test for KG-1 at the Ispahani School and College, a reputed institution in the city, will be held on November 26. Some 12 hundred applications were sold for around 100 seats in both Bangla and English sections. There are around 50 seats in class VI.

The admission test at the Chittagong Collegiate School and College, another leading non-government school, will also be held in the first week of January.

The distribution of applications for admission to class VI will begin on December 22 and continue until January 7. Four sections of this class accommodate 240 students, and another 60 students will be admitted in class IX, if the seats are vacant.

The Dr Khastagir Government Girls' High School is yet to fix dates for either distribution of applications or examinations. About 250 to 300 students will be admitted in class IV alone, and the admission process will start after the Eid vacation.

The Little Jewels' School has already begun to deliver applications for all classes from its two branches in the city on November 22, which will continue until December 22.

The schedule for admission tests is not fixed yet. Salma Nigar, teacher at the Larkhan Bazar branch school told The Daily Star yesterday.

DU admission Distribution of application forms begins today

DU CORRESPONDENT

The distribution and submission of applications for admission tests at the Dhaka University for the first year honours in the session 2001-2002 will begin today and continue until December 12.

Applications for some 4,200 seats under four units will be sold at Tk 250 each from different banks of university branches. Candidates have been asked to submit their applications to respective faculty offices.

Students in the arts group have been asked to collect applications of Kha unit from the Janata Bank, TSC branch, where applications of Gha unit in the combined group will also be available.

The applications of Ka unit in the science group will be sold at the Curzon Hall branch of Agrani Bank and of Ga unit in the commerce group at the Administrative Building branch of Sonali Bank.

The admission test of Ka unit will be held on January 25, Kha unit on January 18, Ga unit on January 11 and Gha unit on February 1, 2002.

2 BNP cadres held in N'ganj

UNB, Narayanganj

Two BNP cadres were arrested early yesterday for involvement in gunfights with a rival group of the party on Thursday and Friday night in Pathantali area of Siddirganj thana.

The two arrested brothers, Muktar and Gulzar, belonging to a faction of BNP fought with a rival group led by Babul.

Babul alleged that Muktar's group mercilessly beat his mother-in-law Amena Begum on Thursday. She died in Dhaka Medical College Hospital on Friday.

The rival groups clashed again on Friday night following news of Amena Begum's death.

Meanwhile, police raided the house of Baduzzaman Badu, joint convener of Metropolitan Jubo Dal, early yesterday but he fled the house before police reached.

Badu, allegedly a terrorist, is an accused of about a dozen criminal cases. His group was involved in an armed clash with rivals in Jubo Dal last week during which a school student was killed in the cross firing.

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