

## CU admission tests begin today

CU CORRESPONDENT

The admission tests for first year honours classes of Chittagong University (CU) under 2001-2002 academic session begins today. A total of 42,138 admission seekers will sit for the tests and the total number of seats is 2,718.

The admission test of 'Ka' unit (Science Faculty) will be held today and tomorrow with 'Physical Science' on the first day and 'Biological Science' on the second day. The admission test of 'Cha' unit (Forestry and Environmental Science) will be held today while 'Chha' unit (Marine Science Institute) tomorrow.

The admission test of 'Ga' unit (Commerce Faculty) will be held on March 20 and 21. Students of Arts and Science will sit for the tests on the first day while students of Business Studies and Diploma in Commerce on the following day.

The admission test of 'Uma' unit (Law Faculty) will be held on March 23 and 'Gha' unit (Social Science Faculty) on March 24. The admission test of 'Kha' unit

(Arts Faculty) will be held on March 27 while 'Kha' unit (Fine Arts, Arabic, Islamic Studies, Pali Language and Sanskrita) on March 28.

All classes and other examinations will remain suspended during the admission tests, official sources said.

Results of the written test will be published on the first week of April.

## JU admission test results Thursday

UNB, Dhaka

Preliminary results of the admission test of 1<sup>st</sup> year honours course for academic year 2001-2002 of Jahangirnagar University will be published on Thursday.

The results will be published in two national dailies in addition to the university's website - www.ju.edu, said a press release.



Leader of the Opposition in parliament and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina placed a wreath at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at the Bangabandhu Museum in the city's Dhanmondi area yesterday on the occasion of his 83rd birthday.

## Parliament should be made effective: Moudud

BSS, Dhaka

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed yesterday said parliament should be made effective to lead the country towards development.

"The government hopes that the opposition will consolidate the democratic process by joining parliament. The door of parliament is always open to Awami League," he said.

The minister said this while talking to Hafiz Pasha, UN assistant secretary-general and the head of the bureau for Asia and the Pacific at the UNDP headquarters, at his Secretariat office.

Moudud apprised Pasha of the Judicial and Legal Capacity-building Project taken for overall reforms of the judicial system.

He highlighted the sincere efforts of the government for the

establishment of an independent human rights commission, permanent public prosecution system, enforcement of the Ombudsman Act, separation of the judiciary from the executive and reforms of the prisons.

Focusing on the government efforts for strengthening the legal aid system for poor justice-seekers, he said the government this year would give support to the poor prisoners sent to jail without justice.

Hafiz Pasha told the minister that the example of peaceful process of transfer of power through elections under a caretaker government in Bangladesh was acclaimed globally.

He referred to the appreciation of the UN secretary-general to this end.

Pasha oversees UNDP activities

in 23 Asian countries including Bangladesh.

Bangladesh has already built the base for development by bringing the population growth rate to the lowest level in South Asia, reducing child mortality rate, making drinking water easily available and attaining food autarky, Pasha said.

He also expressed satisfaction over legal reforms in the country undertaken by the government.

The United Nations hopes that Bangladesh will march forward through institutional structural development, he said.

He stressed the need for effective opposition role in parliament for strengthening democracy.

UNDP Resident Representative in Bangladesh Jorgen Lissner was present during the meeting.

## ADAB protests arrest of Proshika official

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) has strongly condemned the arrest of a high official of Proshika, a leading NGO of the country.

Acting director of ADAB Rokeya Kabir in a statement yesterday also expressed her deep concern over the arrest.

Tareque Chowdhury, director of Policy Communication Department of Proshika, and Azharul Haq, a messenger of the same NGO, were arrested on March 11 for their alleged involvement in 'anti-state activities,' according to police.

The statement, on behalf of the executive committee of ADAB, said their arrest was motivated.

"The incident would create deep anguish, frustration and panic among thousands of NGO workers across the country. It would also affect poverty alleviation programme."

The ADAB also demanded their immediate release as the allegation against them was 'false and fabricated.'

## Post office holiday

UNB, Dhaka

All post offices of the country will remain closed on March 25 and 26 on the occasion of holy Ashura and Independence Day.

However, the post offices having GEP and EMS services will provide the services as usual on those days, said an official hand-out yesterday.

Envelopes and postal stamps will be sold from the RMS (mail and sorting) office while unregistered ordinary letters will be delivered on March 25 due to consecutive holidays.

## Govt to procure 3 lakh tons of wheat

BSS, Dhaka

The government will procure three lakh metric tons of wheat in the current season under "domestic wheat procurement drive 2002" programme across the country.

The drive will continue till June 30 while purchase rate has been fixed at Tk 8 per one kg wheat.

Food Minister Abdullah Al Noman held a meeting with the high officials of the Directorate of Food yesterday to review the progress of procurement drive and other future activities of the directorate.

The minister asked the field level officials and employees to be

more active to strengthen the wheat procurement drive.

Terming the Directorate of Food as a sensitive department, Noman called upon the officials to discharge their duties with honesty, dedication and sincerity to build a positive image of the directorate among the people.

"Foodgrains preserved in the godowns are the deposit of people," he said and called upon the officials to preserve those more carefully.

Director General of the directorate A K M Nurul Afsar was also present at the meeting.

## Qulkhwani

Qulkhwani of Shirin Ahmed will be held at Azimur Community Centre after Asr prayers today, says a press release.

Shirin, wife of Faruk Ahmed, Director of Civil Aviation (Admn.), died at her residence on March 15 at the age of 50.

She is survived by her husband, two sons and a daughter.

Qulkhwani of AQM Mujibur Rahman will be held today after Asr prayers at Milonkuna Community Centre at House-50, Road-6/1, Dhanmondi, says a press release.

Mujibur Rahman, managing director of Magura Paper Mills, died in an accident when an under-construction foot overbridge collapsed on his car near Science Laboratory crossing on Thursday.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the qulkhwani and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

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