

Proposal for compulsory narcotics test

BSS, Dhaka

Members of National Board of Narcotics Control yesterday proposed introduction of compulsory narcotics test for anybody before enrollment in educational institutions, providing jobs in government and non-government organisations and issuing arms licenses.

The board members made this proposal at their second meeting at the secretariat with Home Minister Air Vice-Marshal (Retd) Altaf Hossain Chowdhury in the chair.

They also placed different recommendations for taking effective measures in controlling the use of narcotics and abuse of life-saving drugs and for launching a strong anti-drug social movement in this regard.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandker Mosharrar Hossain, Information Minister Tariqul Islam, Education Minister Dr Osman Faruk and State Minister for Finance and Planning Anwarul Kabir Talukder, among others, were present at the meeting.

Dr MA Hamid takes over as DG of BINA

UNB, Dhaka

Dr MA Hamid has taken over as Director General of the Bangladesh Institute of Nuclear Agricultural Research (BINA).

Prior to his new assignment, Dr Hamid had been working as Director (Research) at the institute, said a press release.

Meanwhile, Ratan Kumar Dutta, head of Botany Anatomy Department, has joined as Director (Research) of BINA.

Also, Dr Zia Uddin Ahmed joined as new Director (Administration and Support Service) of the Institute.



Members of the family of Maulana Rafiqul Islam, a teacher of the Baitul Islam Madrassah at Kamrangirchar, wailing after police recovered his body from Companyganj Ghat area yesterday morning.

New notes of Tk 500 to be released tomorrow

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Bank will release a new currency note of Tk 500 denomination tomorrow from its Motijheel office.

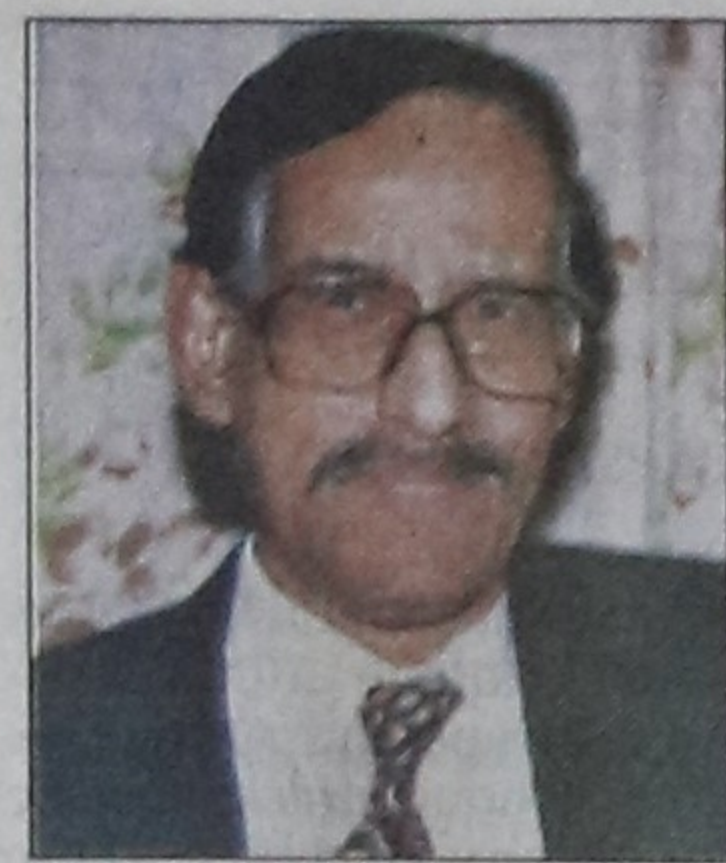
A Bangladesh Bank press release yesterday said the size of the new note is 152 millimetres long and 65 millimetres wide.

In the front page of the note a sketch of the National Memorial is printed on the right side and in the background there is a portrait of the Sattar Masjid mosque.

The back page carries the picture of the Supreme Court building. The note will also carry the signature of Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed, Governor of the Bangladesh Bank.

Bangladesh Bank sources said the existing notes of Taka 500 denomination will continue as legal tenders.

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BCS examinations results soon

BSS, Dhaka

The Bangladesh Public Service Commission (PSC) has taken an initiative to publish the results of the 21st, 22nd and 23rd BCS examinations in a couple of weeks.

PSC Chairman Prof Z N Tahmidia Begum told BSS that the commission will also invite applications to fill up 6,162 vacant posts under different cadres soon.

Prof Tahmidia said that after returning from the USA, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia has directed the authorities to withdraw the order of postponement of BCS examinations.

The commission, at the directives of the Ministry of Establishment, has taken fresh initiatives for appointment and promotion of government officers, she added.

Prof Tahmidia said the 30 per cent quota reserved for the children of the freedom fighters in BCS examinations could not be filled in the recent past. In such cases, the commission will accommodate other examinees on the basis of merit list.

Official sources said some one lakh and 21 thousand posts of officers under different ministries, directorates and divisions were

lying vacant. Health Ministry sources said the number of vacant posts of doctors, nurses and health workers is 23,000.

Of the total vacant posts, 2,500 are earmarked for doctors, 1,950 for nurses and 18,550 for health workers.

Sources in the Education Ministry said some 1,009 male and female assistant teachers were given appointments against 1,072 vacant posts in 317 government secondary schools.

They said the process is underway to fill up 3,245 vacant posts in government colleges. Some 1,548 college teachers will be appointed through the 21st and 22nd BCS examinations while the rest through the 24th BCS examination.

Finance Ministry sources said Tk 24 crore has been earmarked in the budget for appointment of 8,000 primary school teachers. They said some 2,000 posts of doctors and nurses will be created to ensure quality of healthcare services across the country.

Also, 6,000 new posts have been created in the police force in the 2002-2003 fiscal.

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