

### 'Reduce quota in BCS exams'

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Nirjatan Protirodh Chhatra Andolon, a students' platform led by the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), yesterday urged the government to reduce the amount of quota in the BCS examinations to a reasonable level.

The quotas for the freedom fighters' children, indigenous people and women are not fulfilled most of the time, the student leaders said at a press conference on the Dhaka University campus.

In the Bangladesh Public Service Commission's (PSC) BCS examinations, 55 percent of appointments is made under four quotas - 30 percent

reserved under freedom fighters' children's quota, 10 percent under women's quota, 10 percent under district quota and five percent under indigenous quota.

Only six to eight percent of freedom fighters' quota and one percent of indigenous quota is filled up, the leaders said.

They called on the students to refrain from demanding total cancellation of the quota system.

Meanwhile, several left-leaning student organisations staged a demonstration on the campus under the banner of 'Students of Dhaka University' and demanded reforms in the PSC.



Prof Anisuzzaman speaks at a citizens' condolence meeting in memory of Gono Forum General Secretary and freedom fighter Saifuddin Ahmed Manik at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday.

### 'Class Seven 1978' launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Life is full of sobs, sniffles and smiles but man has to find out the reasons that can make him smile, speakers at the launching ceremony of the book 'Class Seven 1978' by noted playwright and architect Shakoor Majid said yesterday.

Old Faujians Association (OFA), Dhaka Chapter with the support of Britannia Properties launched the book that depicts the life of the writer as a cadet of the junior most batch in Faujdarhat Cadet College (FCC).

Prof Anisuzzaman and Prof ATM Nasir Chowdhury, a former faculty member at FCC, unveiled the cover of the book at the ceremony at Hotel Sheraton in the city.

Speaking as the chief guest, Prof Anisuzzaman said the writer skillfully narrated the story how a 12-13 year old boy from a remote village adapted to the sophisticated life in a cadet college.

Managing Director and Country Officer of Citibank NA, Bangladesh Mamun Rashid, also an ex-cadet of the college, said the book portrayed the socioeconomic condition of the late '80s and it will be a reference for the students who want to join cadet colleges and their guardians.

Shakoor Majid said he wrote the book to let his son know about his childhood and he will be content if the book makes his son dream to be a person like him.

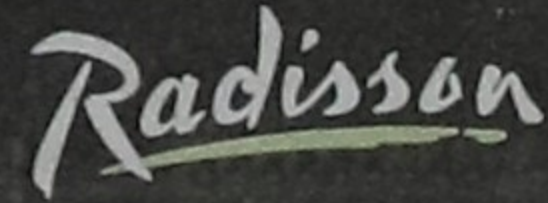
Prof Syed Manzoorul Islam, writer Imdadul Haq Milon, Prof Shahiduzzaman, also an ex-Faujjan, publisher of the book Khandakar Mazharul Islam of Anyapokash, Abul Ashraf Noor, Maj (ret'd) Zulfikar Haider Chowdhury, president, OFA Dhaka Chapter, and former Faujians Engineer Abul Hasnat and Muslehuzzaman also spoke at the ceremony.

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