

CA reiterates commitment to peace missions

UNB, Dhaka

Chief Adviser (CA) Fakhruddin Ahmed yesterday said Bangladesh's commitment to the United Nations is backed by her readiness to make substantial contributions to peace missions and tackle any challenging and complicated situation.

"Bangladesh is also capable of mobilising well-trained and well-equipped forces having vast experiences at a very short notice. The government of Bangladesh remains committed to further modernising the country's armed

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One out of 88 DCC typists passes test

They managed job paying Tk 1-1.5 lakh bribe

KAILASH SARKAR

Bribery was the key to landing a job for 88 typists at the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) in 2006.

The taskforce that is currently investigating irregularities at the DCC has made the discovery, said sources.

Investigators of the taskforce

found out that each of the 88 new recruits paid between Tk 1 lakh and 1.5 lakh for the job to a section of dishonest DCC officials, the sources added.

Sources at the taskforce said after the discovery, the taskforce arranged re-examination sessions for the recruits, but only one of the

88 was able to exceed the minimum required typing speed -- 30 words per minute (wpm) in Bangla and 40wpm in English.

After reviewing the test results, the taskforce informed the higher authorities concerned of their findings and recommended punitive measures against the

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SC BAR PROTEST
No farewell for CJ on last working day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) did not accord farewell to outgoing Chief Justice Md Ruhul Amin on his last day in office yesterday in protest against some recent judgments of the apex court.

This was for the third time the SCBA refrained from giving farewell to a retiring chief justice.

Earlier, the lawyers' body did this in the case Syed JR Mudassar Husain, who retired as chief justice

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TK 2.45CR ILL-GOTTEN WEALTH

Tofail, family sued

STAR REPORT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday filed a case against senior Awami League (AL) leader Tofail Ahmed, his wife Anwara Ahmed and daughter Taslima Ahmed Zaman for corruption.

According to the case statement, Tofail amassed Tk 2.45 crore wealth, which is inconsistent with his known sources of income, and concealed information on Tk 1.86 crore bank deposits and savings in his wealth statement submitted to the ACC.

Anwara Ahmed and Taslima Ahmed committed offence by

abetting Tofail in the corruption, ACC Deputy Director Golam Shahrier Chowdhury, who filed the

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Dialogue with business leaders June 3

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will meet business leaders, non-resident Bangladeshis and workers' representatives to discuss the electoral roadmap and political stability.

Meanwhile, the Islamic Constitution Movement (ICM) during their dialogue with the caretaker government yesterday pressed for the formulation of a law to punish acts of blasphemy.

Commerce Adviser Hossain Zillur Rahman yesterday said the chief adviser will meet business leaders from across the country on June 3, which will be coordinated

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Ousted Nepali king packing up

Royal flag lowered at Kathmandu palace

AFP, Kathmandu

Nepal's ousted King Gyanendra was said to be packing his bags yesterday, a prominent newspaper editor told AFP, the day after a Maoist-dominated assembly voted to abolish the country's monarchy.

"According to our sources, the king is packing up his personal belongings to move out of the palace," said Kishore Shrestha, the editor of the Nepali-language weekly newspaper Jana Aastha.

The paper is regarded as one of

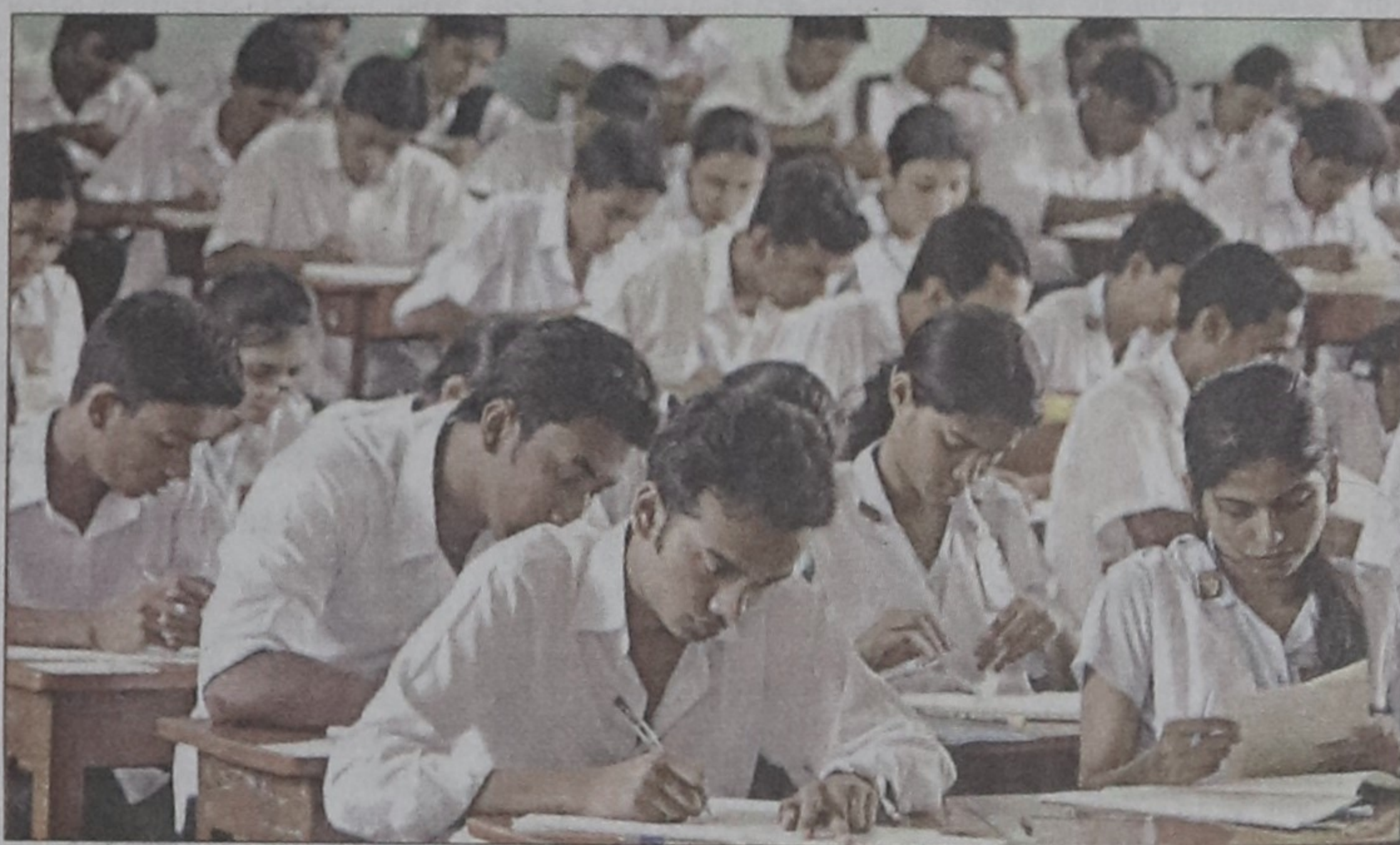
Nepal on what is going on inside the heavily guarded royal palace.

The king has yet to make any comment on a historic constitutional assembly vote late Wednesday that abolished his 240-year-old dynasty.

"He is said to be leaving the palace on Friday for Nagarjun," a royal lodge on the outskirts of Kathmandu, or another private home inside the capital, said Shrestha.

The king has been given two weeks to vacate the sprawling pink

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Students sit for Higher Secondary Certificate examinations at Notre Dame College centre in the capital. At least 123 candidates were expelled across the country for adopting unfair means on the first day yesterday.

Over 23pc drop out of HSC exams

Financial constraints seen as main reason in study

SURANIITH DEARNATH

Over 23 percent students registered in class XI to sit for the HSC examinations this year have dropped out due mainly to financial constraints.

About 6.07 lakh students were registered as regular students under nine education boards after passing Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations. But only 4.64 lakh sat for the Higher Secondary Certificates (HSC) examinations began yesterday, according to statistics prepared by

authorities.

As many as 143,297 students or 23.58 percent will not appear in this year's HSC examinations under seven education boards, one technical education board and one madrasa board, say the statistics published earlier by a coordination unit of the education ministry and boards.

The main cause of the dropout is the financial inability of the students' families to bear their educational expenses, a study of Dhaka Education Board said.

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POWER PLANT CASE
Vital documents eaten up by termites

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Important documents of the barge-mounted power plant graft case against former premier Sheikh Hasina and seven others have been found eaten up by termites.

While cross-examining a prosecution witness at the Special Court-1 on the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban premises yesterday, Hasina's counsels revealed that parts of several pages of the tender file of Wartisia Power Development Ltd Consortium has been destroyed by termites.

The defence produced the file before the court and the court recorded the matter.

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