

# Website fails to portray DU properly

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'This site is still under construction. Some of the pages or links may be inactive' -- this line still remains on the top of the home page of the website of Dhaka University, although about four years have passed after it went online.

For a visitor, it is quite impossible to have a clear idea about this highest seat of learning as the site is not updated regularly and maintained properly.

The website -- www.univdhaka.edu -- contains backdated and inadequate information about the university's departments, institutions, research centres, faculties, dormitories and administrations.

The overseas students interested to study at the university will hardly find any useful information on this site. Besides, there are no information about university's extra curriculum activities, seminar and publications.

Even the students of the university who visit the site round the year are fed up with the 'under construction' notice. They also said that most page links do not always work.

The website still carries the names of previous provosts of several halls instead of the incumbent provosts. These halls are Jagannath Hall, Kobi Jasim Uddin Hall, Surya Sen Hall, Rokeya Hall and Bangabandhu Hall.

The fine art institute of the university was turned into fine art faculty last year, but the website still shows it as an institution.

At present, the university has 21 research centres, but the website puts the figure at 18. Even, there is no information about researches conducted in these centres.

At present, nobody is entrusted to look after the website. A teacher of computer science and technology monitored the website, but he is now outside the country

for his higher study, sources said.

Expressing dissatisfaction over the poor performance of the website, Prof Syed Manzoorul Islam recently told The Daily Star that the website is degrading the university by displaying inadequate and wrong information about it.

"It is poorly designed and not interactive at all," he added.

He also sought the intervention of Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique in working out a proper plan involving experts to enrich the website and improve its standards so that it can properly portray the university.

When contacted, VC Prof Arefin Siddique also admitted poor performance of the website. The administration will take necessary steps soon to make it standard and updated, he said, adding that a committee is working towards the improvement of university's internet service and website.



HT Imam, adviser to the prime minister, inaugurates a programme celebrating the 14th anniversary of Dhaka Reporters' Unity in the city yesterday by releasing balloons.

## Chinese envoy meets Dy Speaker

UNB, Dhaka

Deputy Speaker Shawkat Ali yesterday requested China to take initiatives for extending its assistance to Bangladesh.

Shawkat made the request when Chinese Ambassador Zhang Xianyi met with him at his office.

During the meeting, they discussed matters of bilateral interests of the two countries.

Terming China 'genuine friend' of Bangladesh, the deputy speaker said, "China is playing a significant role for socio-economic and infrastructural development of the country".

The Chinese envoy assured him of continuing his country's assistance to Bangladesh in implementing various development projects, including road and bridge construction, in the days to come.

## Correction

The name of the director general of Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) should read Maj Gen Md Monirul Islam, not Maj Gen (ret'd) Md Monirul Islam as mentioned inadvertently in a report headlined 'Regional cooperation a must to counter radicalisation' published in The Daily Star on page 2 yesterday.

We regret the error.

## Sierra Leone cracks down on fake doctors

AFP, Freetown

The Sierra Leone authorities on Tuesday raided a number of surgeries of suspected unregistered doctors in a government clampdown on the estimated 200 fake foreign doctors operating in the country.

"We don't know the exact number of people faking to be doctors and practising in the country with forged documents but we are determined to put a stop to this menace," Health Minister Sheikh Tejan Koroma said, explaining the raids.

"We are estimating that since they have established through-out the country particularly in the remote areas, there may be about 200 or more engaged in the illegal practice," he told AFP.

## PETROBANGLA-CHEVRON DISPUTE OVER WHEELING CHARGE

## Int'l court verdict likely in 4 months

UNB, Dhaka

The judgment of the international arbitration court, which heard the submissions from the state-owned Petrobangla and the US-based oil-major Chevron last week in London over wheeling charge dispute is likely to be given within next four months.

According to sources the arbitration court may take four to six months to announce its verdict.

Both Petrobangla and Chevron are hopeful about winning the ICSID arbitration from their respective point of view.

"Chevron is confident about the strengths and merits of its case. We are not commenting further until the ICSID rules come on this issue," said an official source of the foreign company.

Petrobangla acting Chairman Muktadir Ali also expressed optimism about win in the case on international plane.

"We made our submission in a proper manner. We're confident and hopeful of winning the case," he said.

The final hearing on the gas

pipeline's 4 percent wheeling charge dispute took place at the World Bank's International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) in London on May 18-19.

Petrobangla lawyer Dr Kamal Hossain made submissions on the issue on government side while Chevron's lawyers made their own.

The dispute over 4 percent wheeling charge is a long-standing issue between Petrobangla and Chevron.

Petrobangla has been deducting 4 percent as wheeling charge from its payments to Chevron for its purchase of gas at Jalalabad gas field. A pipeline is being used to carry the gas from Chevron's Jalalabad field into Petrobangla's own network.

Chevron claims that the 4 percent wheeling charge deduction is illogical as the pipeline belongs to Petrobangla and it is used for carrying gas to Petrobangla's own selling point.

According to the Petrobangla officials, the state-owned agency would have to pay back about \$ 40 million to Chevron if it lost the case at the ICSID.

## CTG BOARD SSC RESULTS

## Number of GPA-5 achievers up

CU CORRESPONDENT

The number of Grade Point Average (GPA)-5 achievers increased by 213 while the percentage of pass declined by 3.01 percentage point in the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations under Chittagong Education Board this year, compared to the previous year.

A total of 4,529 students secured GPA-5 this year and the number was 4,316 in 2008.

A total of 43,132 students, out of 61,964, came out successfully with pass a percentage of 69.61 this year while it was 72.62 in 2008, 57.94 in 2007, 63.87 in 2006.

In terms of percentage of GPA-5 achievers, Faujdharhat Cadet College topped the list with 100 percent of its students securing the GPA-5, Chittagong Public School and College secured the second position with 85.49 percent, Ishpani Public School and College third position with 79.81 percent, Chittagong Collegiate School fourth with 74.57 percent and Bangladesh Mohila Samiti Girls' High School fifth with 69.20 percent.

Meanwhile, Collegiate School has topped the list of 10 best institutions in terms of the number of GPA-5 achievers. Some 346 students, out of 464, obtained GPA-5. The pass percentage of the school is 98.49 percent.

Dr Khastagir Government Girls' High School secured the second position, with 229 students, out of 363, obtaining GPA-5, and the pass percentage is 99.72.

Government Muslim High School became third, with 196 securing GPA-5 and the pass percentage is 100 percent.

A total of 191 GPA-5 achievers put their institution -- Bangladesh Mahila Samiti Girls' High School and College -- on the fourth position while the fifth position went to Nasirabad Government High School having 185 GPA achievers.

The list also includes Noubahini High School and College (155 GPA-5 achievers), Chittagong Government High School (138), Chittagong Public School and College (112), Chittagong Government Girls' High School (98) and Ishpani Public School and College (87).

Besides, 100 percent of students of 28 institutions became successful this year. The institutions include Faujdharhat Cadet College, Chittagong Government Girls' High School, St. Scholastica Girls' High School, Arpana Charan City Corporation Girls' High School, Chittagong Public School and College, Bayezid Line High School, Silver Bells Girls' High School, Chittagong Ideal High School, BEPZA Public School and College, and Joraganj Bouddhya High School.

On the other hand, no students of Konakali Karimiah High School at Chakaria upazila in Cox's Bazar passed the exams.

Deputy Examination Controller Abdul Aziz said the pass percentage of most of the schools outside the city has declined this year. The pass percentage has declined by 27.82 percent in Khagrachhari district alone, which contributed to the decrease in the total pass percentage in the Chittagong education board.

Some students who disqualified in the test examinations also appeared in the SSC examinations, he added.



Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid hands over the results of SSC and its equivalent exams to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

## KHALEDA'S CANTT HOUSE

## Hearing on writ petition resumes today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The hearing of the writ petition filed by BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia challenging the legality of the government notices concerning her cantonment house resumes today.

The High Court (HC) yesterday adjourned the hearing till 2:00pm today after the arguments of the counsels of both the government and the petitioner.

During the hearing, petitioner's counsel TH Khan told the court that the deed of the allotment of cantonment house to his client (Khaleda) was registered in accordance with due process of the law and the government notices asking her to leave the house is illegal and mala fide.

**SSC RESULTS**  
**Dinajpur board 2nd largest GPA-5 achievers**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The first-ever Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination results under Dinajpur Education Board showed an astounding result in terms of GPA-5 achievers, though the result in terms of pass percentage was not good.

The board stood second among the eight general education boards in terms of GPA-5 achievers with 5,292 GPA-5s next to Dhaka board with 19,086 GPA-5s.

Dinajpur board has been placed as second last board in terms of pass rates among the general boards, while Rajshahi board secured the lowest 58.41 percent pass rate.

Dinajpur education board secured 63.58 percent pass rate.

A total of 1,02,101 students sat for the exams from the board. Of them, 51,681 were male students and 50,420 were females. Out of the total examinees, 64,913 students passed the exams. Of them, 34,261 were males and 30,652 were females.

The pass rate of male students is 66.29 and female students is 60.79.

Besides, 34 out of 2,327 education institutes under the board have secured cent percent pass rates with only one school not having a single pass.

Rangpur Cantonment Public School and College was the top-performing school of the board with cent percent pass rate and 197 GPA-5 geters out of 222 examinees and Rangpur Zilla School stood second with 195 GPA-5s and 99.16 percent pass rate, while Rangpur Govt Girls' High School third with 145 GPA-5s.

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A representative of the then president of the country had allocated the property to Khaleda Zia as per decision of the president, and any decision of the president cannot be cancelled at any rate as per the constitutional provision, he added.

TH Khan said the government, which has been facing problem with the documents of the property allocated to Khaleda Zia, has to move to the court for the relief of the problem as per the Transfer of Property Act.

The government will have to take a decision on the basis of the law, it (government) cannot go by the exchange of letters one after another, he argued.

Countering Khan's arguments, Attorney General Mahbubey Alam representing the government said the writ petition filed by Khaleda Zia against the government notices regarding the lease of the cantonment house to her is not maintainable on the ground that she has been illegally occupying the property earmarked for a high official of the army.

Khaleda Zia has not made any reply to the government's show-cause notice over the cantonment house and has

refrained from citing any reasons and has not turned it down, so she has no legal rights to occupy the house, he said, praying to the court to reject the petition.

The top law officer of the state said the ruling party has not suddenly decided to restore this government property.

The defence ministry earlier in 2000 had issued a notice to Khaleda Zia, stating that the process of allotment of the property to her was without any lawful authority, but she had refused to receive the notice. Then the government could not implement the step to restore the property due to time constraint, he argued.

The HC bench of Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed and Justice Moyeenul Islam Chowdhury yesterday resumed the hearing, as the bench earlier on Monday, adjourned until 2:00pm yesterday the hearing on the same writ petition following a prayer moved by TH Khan.

TH Khan on Monday prayed to the bench for time to file a supplementary petition against the government's third notice asking the leader of the opposition in parliament to vacate the house by June 30.

## Stolen microbus recovered in Cox's Bazar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detective police in Chakoria of Cox's Bazar yesterday recovered a stolen microbus and the cellphone of the driver who was killed on May 6 by criminals during the carjack.

Police made the recovery following confessional statements of three carjackers who were arrested May 24.

Detective police sources said four such gangs of carjackers, who kill drivers to steal cars, are active in the capital.

The arrestees are Sujit Talukdar also known as Chittaranjan Talukdar, 45, of Senpara Parbata in Mirpur, Moni Chakma, 22, of Gazir Char of Ashulia and Rupam Chakma alias Tanu, 27, of Senpara Parbata in Mirpur.

They hail from Bandarban and Rangamati.

Assistant Commissioner (AC) Mukhlisur Rahman of Detective Branch (DB) said acting on a tip off they conducted several raids in Kafrul

area and arrested the three on May 24. He said two other criminals of the gang, Real Chakma, 26, of Siddhirganj and Jalil, 48, of Bandar area of Narayanganj, are yet to be arrested.

On the night of May 6, driver Shahjamaal of the microbus was going to the garage at Senpara Parbata in Mirpur dropping off the owner of the vehicle at his home in Ibrahimpur of Kafrul, police said.

Gang leader Sujit told reporters at the DB office in the capital that they along with the two yet to be arrested hired the microbus near Shah Ali market to go to Comilla that night.

He said they strangled Shahjamaal near Daudkandi Bridge. Ditching the body they took the microbus to Matlab in Chandpur.

Sujit said they handed the vehicle over to Liton who paid them Tk 90,000 for it.

The arrestees said they strangled the driver so that law enforcers could not trace them.

## HSC exams in Aila-hit areas postponed

UNB, Dhaka

Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) and equivalent examinations in the cyclone Aila-affected areas have been postponed.

A government handout on Monday night said the HSC examinations scheduled for Tuesday in cyclone-affected areas will be held later.

It said deputy commissioners in consultation with the respective education board will decide as to where examinations cannot be held due to the cyclone.

## Jessore Board records 68.01pc pass rate, 4000 get GPA 5

A CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

About 68.01 percent of the examinees have become successful in this year's SSC examinations under Jessore Board.

A total of 72,271 students among 1,06,264 passed in the exam while the number of GPA 5 achievers from the board is 4000.

In science group, 13476 of the 15624 examinees became successful while from humanities group it was 35038 out of 59426 examinees.

In business studies group, 31214 examinees appeared in the examination, whereas 23757 became successful.

In science group 3738 examinees got GPA 5 while the number was 235 in humanities and 794 in business studies group.

On an average 86.25 percent examinees passed from science group, 58.96 percent from humanities group and 76.11 percent from business studies group.

## 'Attain qualities to lead nation'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The freshers' reception and farewell of the Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies of Dhaka University was held at TSC auditorium of the university yesterday.

Vice Chancellor Prof Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique at the programme urged the students to attain qualities to lead the nation.

He also said students should explore different field of study and learn different languages, religions, literature and sciences.

University Grant Commission Chairman Dr Nazrul Islam addressed the programme as the chief guest.

Information Secretary Samar Chandra Pal, Ambassador of Vietnam in Bangladesh Nguyen Van That, and Ambassador of Myanmar in Bangladesh U Phae Thann Oo also spoke on the occasion.

## Obituary

METRO DESK

Advocate A b d u r R a h m a n Khan, former president of Mymensingh Bar Association and a social worker, passed away at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital on May 20 at the age of 85, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, two sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

To pray for salvation of his departed soul, a doa mahfil will be held at his residence at Golpukurpur in the town after Asar prayers on Friday. Relatives and friends are requested to attend the programme.

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## Rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at most places over the country with moderately heavy to heavy falls at places over the country in next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:40pm today and rises at 5:11am tomorrow.

Country's highest temperature 33.2 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Satkhira and lowest 20.9 degrees Celsius at Feni.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	30.7	24.5	73	75
Chittagong	31.0	24.0	84	81
Rajshahi	28.4	23.8	98	86
Khulna	32.2	25.2	73	79
Barisal	31.6	26.0	92	91
Sylhet	27.0	24.8	96	98
Cox's Bazar	32.8	24.0	78	84