

Israeli settlement plans violate int'l law: Ban

AFP, United Nations

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon Wednesday denounced Israel's plans to build new Jewish settler homes in the occupied territories as "contrary to international law". Ban "noted with deep concern" an Israeli decision on Monday to approve further construction in settlements in the occupied territory, a statement issued by his office said. "Such actions and all settlement activity are contrary to international law and the roadmap," it said, referring to the international plan for a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. "The Secretary-General urges Israel to respond positively to the important efforts under way to create the conditions for effective Israeli-Palestinian negotiations and reiterates his call on Israel to stop all settlement activity, including natural growth, and dismantle all outposts erected since March 2001 in the occu-

pied Palestinian territory," Ban stressed. Israel on Monday gave the go-ahead to build hundreds of new homes in settlements in the occupied West Bank, defying warnings that the move jeopardizes any resumption of Middle East peace talks. Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak authorised the construction of 455 units, most of them in the large settlement blocs that Israel has said it wants to keep in the event of a final peace agreement. Meanwhile, in a rare victory for Palestinian residents, a judge has stopped an infrastructure project linked to a settler organisation in occupied east Jerusalem, civic rights groups said yesterday. The Jerusalem District Court found that the eight million dollar (5.5 million euro) municipal project supported by the Eldad settler group in the Silwan neighbourhood was illegal because it lacked construction permits, the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) and rights group Bimkom said.

US changes tone on terror battle

Americans observe Sept 11

AFP, Washington

Senior fellow for Middle Eastern Studies at the Centre on Foreign Relations (CFR). "President Obama is exactly right that when a democracy violates core principles of fairness in fighting terror, it aids the terrorists, by fuelling their propaganda," said David Cole, a Georgetown University law professor. Cementing closer ties to the Muslim world, and restoring a damaged US image worldwide are pillars of Obama's strategy in international affairs. Simon said Obama has secured a credibility advantage over Bush, by arguing that the United States does not

want to wage war on Muslims, wants to fight poverty, and bolster democracy in Afghanistan. "Since the way to victory is to isolate al-Qaeda from its potential bases of support, the United States must respond in ways that are viewed as legitimate and just," Cole added. And the undoing of the Bush system has many irate conservatives, most notably former vice president Dick Cheney, up in arms. Seen as a leading force behind anti-terror methods after the Sept 11, 2001 strikes, and a spokesman for opponents of the new US policy, Cheney charges that Obama is endangering national security.

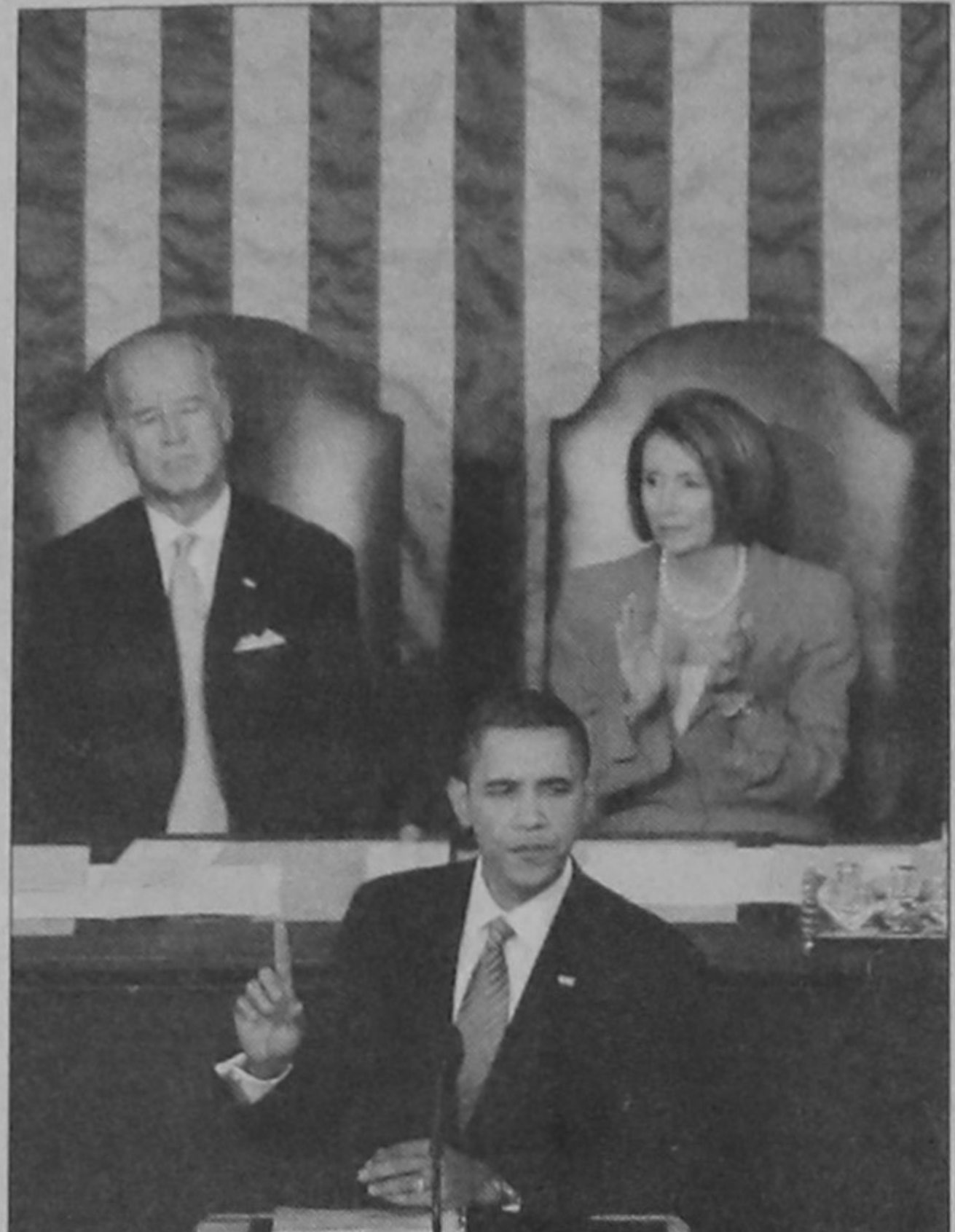


Members of Congress participate in a remembrance ceremony to honour the victims of 9/11/2001 at the US Capitol on Wednesday in Washington, DC. Earlier in the day family members of those lost on United Airlines Flight 93 attended a Congressional plaque dedication.

US lawmaker to Obama: 'You lie!'

AFP, Washington

US President Barack Obama's high-stakes health care speech Wednesday seemed to fuel rather than douse an overheated political debate, with one lawmaker even angrily shouting: "You lie!" Republican Representative Joe Wilson's yelled accusation, rare in the formal setting of a presidential speech to a joint session of the US Congress, pointed to no let-up after weeks and months of take-no-prisoners partisan fighting. The South Carolina lawmaker later apologised by telephone to White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel and in a written statement declaring "I let my emotions get the best of me." "While I disagree with the president's statement, my comments were inappropriate and regrettable. I extend sincere apologies to the President for this lack of civility," he said.



US President Barack Obama addresses a joint session of Congress on his embattled healthcare reform plan at the US Capitol in Washington, DC, on Wednesday.

Obama demands Cong action for healthcare

AFP, Washington

President Barack Obama Wednesday demanded action now from Congress to fix a health system reduced to "breaking point", vowing to end the moral taint that deprives millions of Americans of treatment. In a bold bid to assert leadership as a fractious debate rattles his young administration, Obama strode into a highly charged and rare joint address to Congress and rejected some conservative attacks on his plan as lies.

"We did not come here to fear the future, we came here to shape it," Obama roared, reprising the reformist zeal which powered his triumphant 2008 election campaign, but which has been sullied by months in Washington's partisan swamp. "I still believe we can act when it is hard." "I am not the first President to take up this cause, but I am determined to be the last," Obama said, to a huge ovation from lawmakers, framed by a large American flag in the storied

House of Representatives chamber. After a summer of political fury, Obama offered the most detailed outline of his reform plan yet, warned more Americans would die if Congress did nothing, and told Republicans not to waste his time by trying to kill the plan. "The time for bickering is over. The time for games has passed. Now is the season for action... now is the time to deliver on healthcare," said Obama, in a speech punctuated by 27 standing ovations.

World powers studying Iran's nuke proposals

AFP, Tehran

World powers were on Thursday studying Tehran's new nuclear proposals as a top Iranian official insisted there will be no let-up in the Islamic republic's controversial uranium enrichment programme. Iranian foreign minister Manouchehr Mottaki on Wednesday delivered to representatives of six world powers in Tehran an updated package of proposals aimed at resolving an impasse over Iran's nuclear drive. The package was given to

envoys of the United States, Britain, France, Russia, China and Germany -- six powers involved in efforts to convince Tehran to halt sensitive nuclear work which they suspect is to make an atomic bomb. Tehran says its nuclear programme is entirely for peaceful purposes and that it is entitled to pursue it, as a signatory to the Non-Proliferation Treaty. On Thursday, Russia and China said they were evaluating Iran's latest package, details of which have yet to be made public.

20 killed in Iraqi truck bomb attack

AFP, Mosul

A suicide truck bomber triggered a massive blast in a Kurdish village in northern Iraq early yesterday as residents slept, flattening homes and killing at least 20 people, officials said. The attack just after midnight in Wardak, southeast of the restive city of Mosul, brought down a string of houses built from clay and stone, said a defence ministry official in Baghdad who gave a toll of 20 dead and 35 hurt. Police Captain Mohammed

Jalal confirmed it was a suicide attack and that a second such blast was foiled when the driver was killed by Iraqi security forces before he could detonate explosives hidden in his truck. Most of the wounded were evacuated to a hospital in Hamdia, another town in Nineveh province, of which Mosul, 350km north of Baghdad, is the capital. Elsewhere on Thursday, four people were killed and 29 wounded when a bomb exploded in a market south of Baghdad, the defence ministry official said.



Preacher says God wanted him to hijack Mexican jet

AP, Mexico City

It was 1 p.m. when the control tower at the Mexico City airport got the first word of a bizarre drama that would play out over the next two hours: The pilot of Aeromexico Flight 576 radioed that a man aboard claimed to have a bomb and wanted to talk with President Felipe Calderon. Jose Flores, a 44-year-old Bolivian preacher who lives in Mexico, had gotten the word from God that he had to warn Mexicans of an impending disaster an earthquake "like none there has ever been," he told reporters after being hustled off the plane by police without anyone being injured. Unsuspecting passengers, including Americans and French tourists travelling from the beach resort of Cancun to Mexico City, sat not fully aware of what was happening as the pilot negotiated with Flores, bringing the plane to a smooth landing and after an hour or so of talking winning an agreement to end the standoff.

Vacancy Announcement

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is seeking applications from Bangladeshi Nationals to fill the following professional position in its Barisal Office: Please visit our website: www.unicef.org.bd for details job descriptions.

Post Title: Social Protection Officer (Orphan and Vulnerable Children) NO-B, Child Protection Section

Applications with CV should be forwarded to the HR Officer, Human Resources Section, UNICEF-Bangladesh, Sheraton Annex, 1 Minto Road, Dhaka-1000, by 26 September 2009. Please mark on the envelope the post applied for. Only short-listed candidates will be called for written test/interview. Any attempt to unduly influence UNICEF's selection process will lead to automatic disqualification of the applicant.

APPLICATIONS FROM QUALIFIED FEMALE CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED. UNICEF is a non-smoking working environment

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ক্যান্টিন পরিচালনার জন্য দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বারডেম হাসপাতালের নিজস্ব ভবনে আধুনিক রুচিসম্মত উন্নত মানের একটি ক্যান্টিন পরিচালনার জন্য পূর্ব অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন সুপ্রতিষ্ঠিত প্রতিষ্ঠানের পরিচালক/মালিকদের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত বামে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে। দরপত্র সিডিউল বারডেমের নগদ হিসাব শাখা (রুম নং ২০৮) হতে অফিস চলাকালীন সকাল ৯.০০ মিঃ হতে বেলা ১.০০ মিঃ পর্যন্ত নগদ টাকা ২,০০০.০০ (দুই হাজার) এর বিনিময়ে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র ৩০.০৯.২০০৯ খ্রিঃ তারিখে দুপুর ১২.০০ টার মধ্যে বারডেমের ২০৪ নম্বর কক্ষের সামনে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাক্সে ফেলতে হবে। দরপত্র দাখিলকারীগণ/তাদের প্রতিনিধিদের (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) সামনে দরপত্রগুলো ঐ দিনই দুপুর ১২.১৫ মিঃ বোলা হবে। দরপত্র বোলার দিন কোন দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রী করা হবে না। কর্তৃপক্ষ সর্বনিম্ন দরদাতার দরপত্র গ্রহণে বাধ্য নন এবং কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতীত যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন।

মহাপরিচালক

মাওলানা ভাসানী বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

সভ্যেয়, টাঙ্গাইল - ১৯০২।

২০০৯-২০১০ শিক্ষাবর্ষে (ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং/সম্মান) শ্রেণীতে ভর্তি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

মাওলানা ভাসানী বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে ২০০৯-২০১০ শিক্ষাবর্ষে নিম্নে বর্ণিত অনুষদের অন্তর্ভুক্ত বিভাগ সমূহে ১ম বর্ষে ছাত্র-ছাত্রী ভর্তি করা হবে।

- কম্পিউটার সায়েন্স এবং ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং (সিএসই) অনুষদের ২। লাইফ সায়েন্স (এলএস) অনুষদের অধীনে বিভাগসমূহ:
 - ক. কম্পিউটার সায়েন্স এবং ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং
 - খ. ইনফরমেশন এবং কমিউনিকেশন টেকনোলজি
 - গ. টেলিটাইল ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং
- ক. এনভায়রনমেন্টাল সায়েন্স এবং রিসোর্স ম্যানেজমেন্ট
- খ. জিওম্যাট্রিক্স এবং পলিশ সায়েন্স
- গ. ফুড টেকনোলজি এবং নিউট্রিশিয়াল সায়েন্স
- ঘ. বায়োটেকনোলজি এবং জেনেটিক ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং

ভর্তি ফরম সংগ্রহের জন্য ন্যূনতম যোগ্যতা:

- বিজ্ঞান ফ্রেমে ২০০৫-২০০৬ বা ২০০৬-২০০৭ শিক্ষাবর্ষে এস.এস.সি/দাখিল/সম্মান এবং ২০০৭-২০০৮ বা ২০০৮-২০০৯ শিক্ষাবর্ষে এইচ.এস.সি/আলিম/সম্মানের পরীক্ষায় ৪র্থ বিঘ্যে বাবে ন্যূনতম মেট্রিক জিপিএ ৬.৫; তবে এস.এস.সি/দাখিল/সম্মান এবং এইচ.এস.সি/আলিম/সম্মানের উভয় পরীক্ষার প্রতিটিতেই ৪র্থ বিঘ্যে বাবে ন্যূনতম জিপিএ ৩.০ পেতে হবে।
- সিএসই অনুষদে ভর্তি ইচ্ছুক প্রার্থীকে এইচ.এস.সি/আলিম/সম্মানের পরীক্ষায় পদার্থ বিজ্ঞান ও গণিতে পৃথকভাবে কমপক্ষে জিপিএ ৩.০০ পেতে হবে। লাইফ সায়েন্স অনুষদে ভর্তি ইচ্ছুক প্রার্থীকে এইচ.এস.সি/আলিম/সম্মানের পরীক্ষায় রসায়ন ও জীব বিদ্যা পৃথকভাবে কমপক্ষে জিপিএ ৩.০০ পেতে হবে।

আবেদন ফরমের মূল্য: অনুষদ ভিত্তিক প্রতিটি ফরমের মূল্য ৩৫০.০০ (তিনশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকা মাত্র।

ফরম সংগ্রহ ও জমা দেয়ার স্থান: ১. সফলিউ ডীন অফিস, বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় ক্যাম্পাস, সভ্যেয়, টাঙ্গাইল।

২. বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের লিয়ার্ডে অফিস, সুবাহা নতুনালী, স্ট্রাট নং-১-এ (২য় তলা), বাড়ী নং-৩৬, রোড নং-১৪/এ, ধানমন্ডি, ঢাকা- ১২০৯ (বাংলাদেশ মেডিকেল কলেজের বিপরীতে)।

ফরম সংগ্রহ ও জমা দেয়ার সময়সীমা: ০৪ অক্টোবর (রবিবার) ২০০৯ থেকে ০৮ নভেম্বর রবিবার ২০০৯ পর্যন্ত (অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে, তবে বৃহস্পতি ও শুক্রবার সাপ্তাহিক ছুটির দিন ব্যতীত)।

প্রয়োজনীয় কাগজ পত্র: ১. সকল পরীক্ষার মার্কসিট ও সার্টিফিকেটের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি।

২. সর্বশেষ শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্রশংসাপত্রের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি।

৩. পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ৩০ (তিন) কপি সত্যায়িত রঙিন ছবি।

পরীক্ষার তারিখ: ২০ নভেম্বর (শুক্রবার) ২০০৯।

স্থান: বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় ক্যাম্পাস।

সময়: লাইফ সায়েন্স অনুষদ-সকাল ১০টা হতে দুপুর ১২টা এবং সিএসই অনুষদ-বিকাল ২.৩০ হতে ৪.৩০টা পর্যন্ত।

বিঃদ্র: ক. প্রতিটি বিভাগে সংরক্ষিত আসনসহ মোট আসন সংখ্যা ৫০ (পঞ্চাশ) টি।

খ. আবেদন ফরম যথাযথভাবে সঠিক পূরণ করে জমা দিতে হবে।

গ. ভর্তি ও ভর্তি সম্পর্কিত যে কোন তথ্য ভর্তি নির্দেশিকা ছাড়াও সফলিউ ডীন অফিস/ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের লিয়ার্ডে অফিস/ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ওয়েবসাইট www.mbstu.ac.bd থেকে জানা যাবে।

ঘ. আবেদন ফরম অবশ্যই আবেদনকারী কর্তৃক স্বাক্ষরিত হতে হবে।

ঙ. অসম্পূর্ণ বা ত্রুটিযুক্ত ফরম সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

রেজিস্ট্রার
মাতাঝিহা,
ফোন- ০৯২১-৬২৪০১, ০৯২১-৬২৪০২, ০৯২১-৬২৪০৩।

রাজনীতি ও ধূমপান মুক্ত ক্যাম্পাস

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Food and Disaster Management
Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme
Disaster Management and Relief Bhaban
92-93, Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212

Date: 8 September 2009

Vacancy Announcement

Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme (CDMP) under Ministry of Food and Disaster Management seeks applications from Bangladeshi nationals for the position of "Procurement Associate".

The candidate should graduate from any discipline with 5 yrs similar experience in any international organization. In addition he/she should be familiar with MS Word, Excel, ERP Software (Atlas) power-point and fluently spoken/written in English.

Interested candidates can apply in English with a curriculum vitae and a copy of a recent photograph to the Acting Chief Technical Adviser, Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme (CDMP), Disaster Management and Relief Bhaban, 92-93, Mohakhali C/A (6th Floor), Dhaka-1212. Accepting application until 4:30pm on 17th September 2009 and you can send your application via posted mail and also through our website. Please mark title of the position on the envelop. Terms of reference is available in the website <http://www.cdmp.org.bd/employment.htm>.

INSTITUTE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (IBA) UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA

BBA ADMISSION (2009-2010 Session)

BBA Admission Test 2009-10 of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of Dhaka will be held on **Friday, October 23, 2009**. Application package can be obtained from Agrani Bank, Dhaka University Campus (Curzon Hall) Branch from September 29 to October 19, 2009. Completed application should be submitted to the BBA Program Office between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on working days. The last date of application submission is **Monday, October 19, 2009**.

ELIGIBILITY

All applicants must have completed the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) or their equivalents in any field of study. However, if an applicant has taken the O-Level examination, he/she must have passed at least five subjects (including mathematics). In case of A-Level examination, an applicant must have passed at least two subjects. It is important to note that applicants with O-level and A-level certificates must have a minimum of grade D in any subject.

The minimum qualifying point is five for all applicants. The point determination is laid out in the table below:

SSC GPA	HSC GPA	O-Level GPA*	A-Level GPA*	Qualifying Points
>=4.5	>=4.0	>=3.0	>= 2.5	3
>=3.5	>=3.0	>=2.5	>=2.0	2

* Letter grades of O - Level and A - Level subjects are converted into grade points (A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1). Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated by averaging the grade points of the five best grades for O-level and the two best grades for A-Level.

For all other certificates, equivalence will be determined by the Equivalence Committee of IBA.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

All Bangladeshi applicants must take the admission test. The test has two components: Written Assessment and Communication Test. The Written Assessment component evaluates applicant's aptitude in: Language, Mathematics, and Analytical ability. To qualify in the Written Test, an applicant must obtain a minimum qualifying score in each of the above areas. For the Communication Test component, applicants will be selected on the basis of their performance in the Written Assessment component. The final selection for admission will be based on the scores obtained by an applicant in the Written Assessment and the Communication Test.

Foreign nationals with a score of 1700 or more in SAT Reasoning Test (with at least 550 in Critical Reading and Math and at least 500 in Writing) may be exempted from the Written Assessment, but must face the IBA Communication Test. The final selection for admission will be based on the IBA Communication Test score, SAT Reasoning Test score, and academic references. Notable that such exemption decisions will be made by IBA on a case-to-case basis.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Application fee is Tk.550/- (non-refundable)
- The application package may also be obtained directly from the BBA Program Office **by mail**. In that case, applicants should send a Bank Draft for Tk.550/- drawn in favour of "BBA Admission, IBA", a self-addressed return envelope (size 10" x 8") affixed with Taka 40/- postage stamp. Mentionable that BBA Program Office is not responsible for any postal delay or missing.
- The Admission Test will begin at 10 a.m. and candidates must report to the respective test center at 9:30 a.m.

For further information, visit the IBA website (www.iba-du.edu) or contact the BBA Program Office (Room # 319, 2nd floor, IBA) or call at Tel: 9661920-73 Extn.8350.

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