

A 'computer glitch' that may turn too costly for them

30 HSC students 'missing' from result sheet

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Thirty students of Bangladesh Open University (BOU), who passed the HSC examinations from Moulvibazar Government Women's College centre this year, are facing uncertainty about getting admission into higher courses as their names are 'missing' in the result sheet.

The tabulation sheet includes their names as successful candidates but as the names are not in the result sheet, the students are yet to get HSC certificates.

Meantime, most of the higher educational institutions have announced their admission procedure while schedule of registration for the next HSC examinations under BOU is very imminent.

Faced with the uncertain situation, the 30 examinees are passing their time amid worry and frustration.

One hundred and seventy students appeared in the HSC examinations held in December 2008 under the BOU from Moulvibazar Government Women's College

centre, said the examination centre authorities and students concerned.

After the university published the results in July 2009, the result sheet showed only 24 successful candidates from the centre but when the tabulation sheet came to the college, it was found that 54 students came out successful.

HT Ahmed, assistant director of Open University Moulvibazar region, said similar situations have appeared in several other centres of the country and it has occurred due to 'computer glitch'.

The HSC examinees whose names have been printed in the tabulation sheet as successful candidates are being treated as 'passed' in the examination. The university authorities have been informed of the situation of Moulvibazar Government Women's College centre. Mark sheets of the examinees are likely to reach Moulvibazar within the current month (September). If the students get mark sheet, they will get scope to get admission into higher courses without certificate," he said.

SNIPPETS

BSF returns 2 bodies

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) yesterday returned bodies of two Bangladeshi nationals to BDR through a flag meeting. BDR sources said, BSF of 69 Hamzapur camp in India handed over the bodies to BDR at Shundur camp at 11:00am. Later, police handed over the bodies to the victims' family members. Sources said, BSF shot dead two Bangladeshi nationals near the Shundur border outpost on Saturday morning. The victims are Ashraful Islam, 40, son of Fazal Ali of village Jhulkagram and Md Aminul Islam, 30, son of Mokshed Ali of village Jaygirpara under Dinajpur Sadar upazila.

3 sued for war crimes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Three alleged war criminals were sued in Moulvibazar on Sunday. Rafique Miah, son of martyred Niamat Ullah of north Hingazia village under Kulaura upazila filed the case with the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court. The accused are Saleque Reza Chowdhury, 70, Nakibur Reza Chowdhury, 67, and Monibor Reza Chowdhury, 60, three sons of late Amanur Reza Chowdhury of the same village. Rafique stated in his case that his father Niamat Ullah was caretaker of the house of one Gopika Ranjan Mitra of the area. The accused kicked out Niamat from the house and occupied it by force just before the liberation war. As Niamat Ullah helped the freedom fighters, the three collaborators killed Niamat and vanished the body without trace.

Extortionist beaten to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A gangster who was critically injured in a bomb blast and mob-beating died at Meherpur General Hospital yesterday. According to police, a gang of extortionists demanded Tk 1 lakh from businessman Sahajul Islam of Gangni Bazar a few days ago. Being refused, the gang threatened Sahajul with dire consequence. On Saturday night, Shimul, 25, a member of the gang, came to Gangni Bazar and threw a bomb at the shop of Sahajul at about 10:30pm. As the bomb did not explode, the criminal tried again but this time it went off in his own hand leaving him critically injured. People caught Shimul and gave him a good beating. Police later took him to Gangni Upazila Health Complex. From there he was shifted to Meherpur hospital where he died in the morning.

5 jailed in arms case

A CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

A court here yesterday sentenced five people to three years rigorous imprisonment (RI) for keeping illegal arms. The convicts are Ashraffuzzaman, 28, Akhtarruzzaman, 24, Sanilaskar, 28, Imtiaz Uddin, 28, and Alamin, 19. They were also fined Tk 3,000 each, in default, to suffer four months more in jail. According to the prosecution story, the five were arrested along with a gun, a revolver, five bullets and other arms on July 17, 2009 from Khilpara area in Sadar upazila after they attacked an arbitration at one Khalequzzaman's brick field. All the convicts are residents of Kishoreganj town.

15 hurt as AL, BNP clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

At least 15 people were injured in a clash between Awami League and BNP activists at Tarash upazila headquarters yesterday. Police and locals said the clash ensued over a meeting venue. BNP called a meeting at Boalia school ground on Sunday noon, while AL called another meeting on the same venue and same time. When BNP men assemble near the school ground, a group of AL activists attacked them and beat up some rival activists. The BNP men retaliated triggering fierce clash for about one and a half hours. Fifteen from both groups, including Sabina Yasmin, a local college teacher and daughter-in-law of BNP leader Habibur Rahman Habi, were injured. The clashing groups also damaged four shops in the area. The administration later postponed the meetings of both the groups.

NGO office besieged

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Saitkha

Agitated people yesterday laid a siege to the office of so-called 'Bright Future Group of Industries' at Jhawdanga bazar in Sadar upazila and locked its office and beat up one of its director. The other directors and staff, however, managed to flee. Sources said, the fake NGO styled 'Bright Future Group of Industries' was set up about three months ago. One Ashok Kumar Ghosh identifying himself as its director collected Tk 50 to 1,000 from the villagers promising them training on computer engineering, handicrafts and other matters. They also offered them 'lucrative' micro-credit schemes. As they failed to start the programmes in time, the depositors started pressing the director and staff to return their money. Yesterday, they besieged the office of the NGO demanding arrest and punishment to the cheats. They caught its director Ashok, beat up him and locked the office.

2 Jubo League men held on mugging charge

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Members of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested two Jubo League men on mugging charge in Bagmara upazila early yesterday.

The arrestees are Sirajul Iftekhar Mithu, organising secretary of Bagmara upazila Jubo League, and party activist M Shahjahan.

Rab personnel arrested Mithu and Shahjahan, raiding several areas in Bagmara and later handed them over to the police.

Locals said a gang of four led by Mithu waylaid vegetable vendor Rafiqul Islam while he was returning home from a local market at around 9:00pm on Saturday and took away Tk 2,970 from him.

Rafiqul complained to a Rab patrol team that reached the spot after a few minutes and lodged a mugging case with Bagmara Police Station.



Workers busy preparing vermicelli, a highly popular delicacy especially during the Eid festival, at a factory in Jhalakathi. Most of the manufacturers, however, care little about quality and hygiene as profit is their prime target.

KIBRIA KILLING CASE

Court orders CID to submit probe report by Oct 13

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Sylhet Divisional Speedy Trial tribunal yesterday asked the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to submit the report on further investigation into former finance minister SAMS Kibria murder case to the court by October 13.

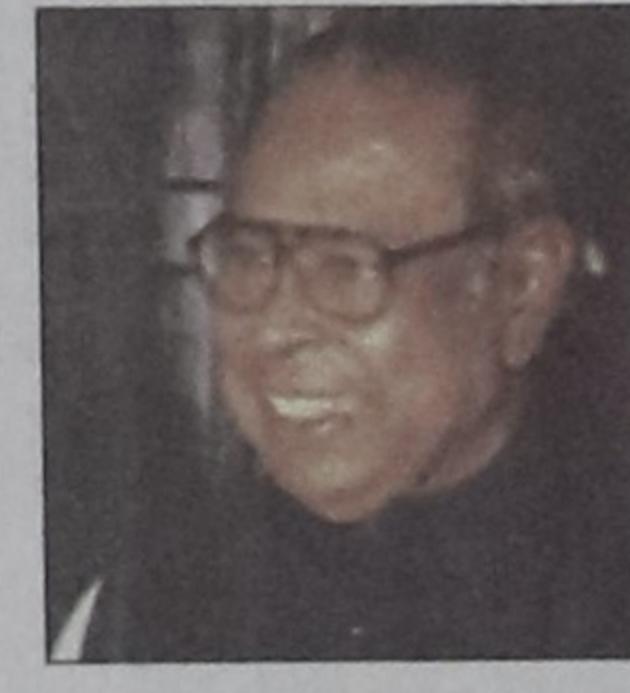
CID's senior ASP Munshi Atiqur Rahman, the then investigation officer (IO) of the case, submitted a petition to the tribunal on March 7, 2007, seeking further investigation into the case.

As Munshi went into retirement after a few months, CID's ASP Md Rafiqul Islam was given the task.

Former finance minister SAMS Kibria, his nephew Advocate Shah Manzurul Huda, local AL leaders Abdul Rahim, Abu Hossain and Siddique Ali were killed in a grenade attack on a public rally at Baidderbazar under Habiganj Sadar upazila on January 27, 2005.

Immediately after the incident, police filed a case with the High Court that stayed the case proceedings. However, the high Court order staying the trial process of the case was vacated in December last year.

In the charge sheet, Habiganj BNP Vice-President



Abdul Quaiyum was made principal accused. The other accused were, Zainal Abedin, Jamir Ali, Momin Ali, Tajul Islam, Shahed Ali, Chhondi Miah, Selim Ahmed, Enayet Ali and Muhibur Rahman.

Eight of the accused, including Abdul Quaiyum, were later released on bail.

Abdul Quaiyum and other accused at a press conference in the capital claimed that they had been falsely implicated in the case by some influential quarters.

Rejecting the charge sheet, Kibria's wife Asma Kibria and son Reza Kibria also demanded fresh investigation into the killing.

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Four outlaws get life for killing JSD leader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A Chaudanga court yesterday sentenced four outlaws to life imprisonment for killing Jatya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) Alamdanga unit president Majid in 1999.

The convicts are Nuruzzaman Laltu, founder of Banglar Communist Party (BCP-Laltu), party cadres Atiar Rahman, Goljar Hossain and Nazrul Islam.

Of them, Nazrul is absconded while the remaining three are in Chaudanga jail.

District and Sessions Judge Ashraf Hossain pronounced the verdict in presence of outlaws Laltu, Atiar and Goljar. The court also fined the convicts Tk 20,000 each, in default they are to suffer another year in jail.

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Huge quantity of hilsa is kept for sale at Fisheryghat wholesale market in Cox's Bazar town yesterday as good catches of the popular fish are being netted in the sea.

Tree trunks recovered

A CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

Police on Saturday seized a large number of Sundari tree trunks from the Madhumati River.

River police said, they recovered 109 tree trunks from a trawler near Baitoli outpost under Sadar upazila. They arrested three people in connection with the crime.

The arrestees are Al Amin, 28, Jabbar Mollah, 45, and Jahangir Hawlader, 50. Gopalganj police said the trees were felled in the Sundarbans and taken to Tekerhat through the river route.

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A CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

BDR yesterday recovered Indian sarees worth Tk 2 crore at Suyagazi on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Sadar Dakshin upazila. A team of the 33 Battalion during a drive at about 5:30am seized a covered van loaded with Indian sarees while being taken to Dhaka.

TRAWLERS LOOTED IN BAY Pirates abduct 12 fishermen, demand Tk 6 lakh ransom

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Pirates looted 12 fishing trawlers in the Bay and abducted 12 fishermen for ransom on Saturday night, according to a report received here yesterday afternoon.

The seven of the 12 fishermen are Reaz Uddin, 28, Habib, 35, Golam Mostafa, 30, Shamsu, 50, Abdus Salam, 31, Hanif, 26, and Khalil Khan, 23. Names of the rest five could not be known as of 6:30pm yesterday.

They all belong to different villages under Patharghat upazila of Barguna district.

Confirming the incident, Mizanur Rahaman, commander of Patharghat, told The Daily Star that a gang of pirates swooped on them while they were fishing in Narkelbaria area of the Sundarbans on Saturday night.

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