



Naripakha holds a candlelight vigil on the Central Shaheed Minar premises in the city yesterday in memory of those who went missing during the War of Liberation in 1971.

Delay in publishing MBBS results worries examinees

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Even after three and half months of completing the MBBS final professional examinations, Dhaka University (DU) is yet to publish the results, causing frustration among the examinees and also hindering adequate services to the patients at different hospitals.

Some 2,750 students of 27 medical colleges under DU appeared at the MBBS final exams in July this year that ended in September.

Though it is regulated to publish any exam result as early as possible, it is yet to come out.

"Due to delay in tabulation by the tabulators (five professors of DU and five professors of medical colleges), the process of publishing the results

has been slowed," said Dean of Medicine Faculty of DU Prof ANM Ziaur Rahman.

"We should have completed the process by middle of November, but we failed to do that," he said, adding that the exam committee, however, submitted the results to the pro-vice chancellor on November 26 after completing all the procedures and now it is the duty of the university authorities to publish the results formally.

He further said that due to this delay, services at different medical college hospitals have been hampered as the students who would pass the final exams are supposed to start working at the tabulators (five professors of DU and five professors of medical colleges), the process of publishing the results

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"But as the publication of the results is delayed, they could not start working," he said, adding, "By this time, the previous interns have left the hospitals around two weeks ago. So, the patients at different wards are suffering for lack of doctors as the hospitals are mostly dependent on intern doctors."

The situation at the Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) and Mitford Hospital is worse as these hospitals are more dependent on intern doctors, especially at night when almost all the specialist doctors remain busy with the private practice in chambers.

Besides, the students are also frustrated for not getting their results because the next

batch will sit for their final exams in January 2010. The students who would fail in the exams would not be able to get preparation properly as they won't get enough time.

Preferring anonymity, an examinee of Dhaka Medical College said it was unexpected that the results were not published in four months.

"Students who will fail in the exams will have only a few days to take preparation for taking part in the improvement examinations as the exams at medical colleges are scheduled to be started in January," he added.

He also said that they are now out of taking part in the FCPS part one examinations in January 2011 as they would not be able to take their admissions to the course this year due to

delay of publishing the results. Badhan, another examinee, said: "We cannot start our internship as the results are yet to be published and will already miss FCPS exams of 2011."

The students demanded immediate publication of the results, saying that they would have to face a lot of academic troubles ahead.

They said the results of other medical colleges under Rajshahi University and Chittagong University have already been published. The exams at the medical colleges under this two universities started on due time.

Controller of Examinations of DU Baharul Haq Chowdhury said there was no laxity at any stage of the process and the results would be published in a week.

Tk 433cr projects approved

Bangladesh-China Friendship Exhibition Centre to be set up

UNB, Dhaka

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecneec) yesterday approved five development projects involving Tk 433 crore, including one for construction of

Bangladesh-China Friendship Exhibition Centre.

Of the total cost, Tk 223 crore will come from government exchequer while Tk 210 crore as project aid.

With Prime Minister and Ecneec Chairperson Sheikh Hasina in the chair, the Ecneec at a meeting at the NEC conference room in the city approved the development schemes.

The exhibition centre for the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) under the commerce ministry will be constructed on the northwestern corner of the Old Airport on 39 acres of

land at a cost of Tk 275 crore, including Tk 210 crore coming as grants from China.

The project has been approved with an amendment as the PM directed including underground parking at the centre. The project is expected to be completed by 2012.

Planning Division Secretary Mohammad Habibullah Majumder revealed the decisions to the reporters after the meeting.

He said government fund for the project which is now Tk 65 crore might increase if China declined to give the increased cost for the construction of underground parking.

"In that case, the government will bear that additional cost," he added.

He said the revised Annual Development Programme (ADP) will be finalised by mid-

January (January 15-20).

The other approved schemes are: Conservation project for Kalna Ferry Ghat to save it from erosion by the river Madhumati under Kashiani upazila of Gopalganj and protection of Madaripur town and the adjacent area from the erosion of the Ariakhan River under the Water Development Board at a cost of Tk 37 crore, National Sanitation Project (2nd phase) under the Department of Public Health and Engineering (DPHE) under the Local Government Division involving Tk 44 crore, construction of 50 highway outposts for police under the home ministry involving Tk 49 crore, construction of office buildings for the Narcotics Control Department in the divisional cities of Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Barisal and Sylhet under the home

ministry at a cost of Tk 28 crore. Khulna was not included in the project as a divisional office is already there.

Finance Minister Abul Mal Abdul Muhith, Planning Minister Air Vice-Marshal (Retd) AK Khandaker Bir Uttam, Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury, LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Syed Ashrafur Islam, Labour and Employment Minister Engineer Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, Water Resources Minister Ramesh Chandra Sen, Commerce Minister Lt Col (Retd) Faruk Khan, Shipping Minister Shahjahan Khan, advisers to Prime Minister Dr Moshir Rahman, Dr Modasser Ali, Dr Alauddin Ahmed and Dr Toufiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury and State Minister for Home Advocate Shamsul Haque Tuku attended the meeting.

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Coco staffs granted bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday granted anticipatory bail for six months to four employees of sunken launch MV Coco-4 in a case filed regarding its recent capsizing at Lalmohon of Bhola district.

The employees -- Abdur Rahman, master of MV Koko, its manager Mizanur Rahman, ghat supervisor Md Kibria and another staff Md Zaman -- appeared before the court to seek bail.

After hearing the petition, jointly filed by the employees, the HC bench of Justice AFM Abdur Rahman and Justice Md Emdadul Haque Azad also issued a rule upon the government to explain within four weeks why they should not be granted regular bail in this case.

MV Coco-4 sank in the Tentulia river near Nazirpur launch terminal in Lalmohon of Bhola on November 27 with around 2,000 holiday passengers on board.

Kamal Hossain, a passenger of the launch, filed the case with Lalmohon police station on November 30 against the four employees of the launch.

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