

## College admission

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In Kushtia Government College, Chhatra League activists yesterday stopped admissions to first-year honours. They have asked the college body to reach an understanding with them to go ahead with the admission process, reports our Kushtia correspondent.

Rival BCL groups clashed at Kabi Nazrul College in the capital on January 28 and in Comilla Victoria College on January 29 over admission trade.

Admission situation remains chaotic also at Titumir, Eden, Badrunnessa and Mirpur Bangla colleges in the city and many reputable institutions elsewhere in the country. BCL leaders are pressuring the authorities of these colleges to take in students who are not on merit lists, sources said.

Viva voce of first year students at the Dhaka College was suspended after BCL leaders drove admission seekers out of the campus and insulted some teachers on Saturday.

They also vandalised vehicles and put barricades on Mirpur road the next day.

Sources said the Dhaka College BCL unit president and general secretary held talks with the principal and other teachers in the evening to reach a compromise.

BCL leaders charge an admission seeker Tk 10,000 to 50,000 depending on the subject the student desires to study.

They charge Tk 40,000 to 50,000 for subjects like Accounting and Management, Tk 30,000 for English or Sociology and Tk 10,000 to Tk 25,000 for other subjects, the sources said.

"Some Chhatra League leaders asked me to give them Tk 15,000 for studying my desired subject at Dhaka College. I struck a bargain with them for Tk 10,000," said an admission seeker wishing anonymity.

BCL leaders get students admitted to the college in negotiation with some teachers. A few students do not appear at the viva voce leaving the seats vacant every year. Later, students chosen by the BCL leaders fill those seats, the sources said.

But the NU this year adopted a new policy for admission to honours courses to prevent the malpractice. As per the new rules, the NU will publish results according to the

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Tripura, a local church employee.

Banshi Chandra Tripura, a guardian, alleged that Mohon brought the children promising that he would get them admitted to an institution in the town.

The children were taken from different villages of Lama upazila on Sunday.

## EC to appoint

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officers and assistant returning officers during the polls.

An official of the EC yesterday told BSS that the commission has taken the decision at a meeting held here recently.

A process of appointment to the posts has already been started, according to the source.

The DCC has a total of 3,755,690 voters, 2,027 polling centres and 9,505 booths.

The EC has also taken steps to inform voters about location of their polling centres and voter numbers through short message service (SMS).

## SC orders

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obtaining SC permission when the present government decided not to appeal against the HC verdict.

After concluding hearing on the petitions yesterday, the six-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Md Tafazzul Islam fixed Tuesday (today) morning for passing an order.

During the hearing for sixth day yesterday, principal state counsel in this case Advocate Mahmudul Islam told the apex court that parliament cannot ratify the martial law, since it cannot issue the martial law proclamation.

Since the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution endorsed the martial law proclamation, this amendment is illegal, he said.

Turning down the arguments of the petitioners' counsels, Attorney General Mahbub Alam cited in the court the introductory speech delivered by then president Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman before the

seat capacity of a college without any waiting list.

If any seat remains vacant, the NU will send a list of candidates to the college concerned to fill it.

Our Kushtia correspondent reports: The authority of Kushtia Government College on Thursday published results of the admission test for honours courses in 18 subjects.

Viva voce of the candidates on merit lists was to begin on Saturday as per an announcement.

BCL activists and some outsiders led by BCL college unit general secretary Al-Mamun entered the principal's room at about 1:30pm yesterday and asked him to keep at least 100 seats for their chosen students.

Principal Prof Hasanuzzaman refused to meet their demand. Later, the BCL cadres locked up rooms of several departments and the accounts section to stop sale of admission forms.

Policemen were deployed on the college campus to avert any untoward incident.

BCL college unit president Enamul Bari Sumon and general secretary Abdullah Al-Mamun told The Daily Star that a few teachers loyal to the BNP-Jamaat alliance manipulated the admission test to deprive some meritorious students of the opportunity of studying in the college and they protested it.

"If the college authorities want to resume the admission process, they have to meet our demand," they said.

Awami League Presidium member Obaidul Quader told The Daily Star that the leaders allegedly involved in the admission trade should be treated as offenders, not party activists.

"Since warning is not working, stern actions must be taken against them. They are tarnishing the image of the government and should be expelled immediately from the party," said the AL leader.

## PM unhappy

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Hasina said, "Lack of management among you is responsible for the situation."

She said, "Had there been proper management, the situation would have been different."

"The directives in this regard ended as rhetoric," a literally annoyed Hasina told her colleagues, asking how thousands of banned 20-year-old vehicles ply the city streets despite frequent drives against them.

She asked the Police Department and Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) to stop malpractice immediately.

Hasina also expressed her frustration over the failure to construct flyovers at six risky level crossings in the city. She asked the communications minister to take up the responsibility and construct the overpasses immediately.

The sites chosen for the overpasses are Moghbazar, FDC (Hatirjheel), Staff Road of Dhaka Cantonment, Malibagh, Jurain, and Saidabad level crossings. The decision came after a speeding train rammied into a bus at Moghbazar level crossing, leaving eight people severely injured on June 17.

A number of ministers also maintained that there is a serious lack of coordination among the ministries concerned and the institutions responsible for implementing measures to ease traffic congestion.

constituent assembly in 1972, saying that the 'secularism', 'socialism', 'democracy' and 'nationalism' were the basic principles of the Constitution.

Bangabandhu had said 'secularism' means that the people of different communities will perform their respective religions, and 'secularism' does not mean the absence of religion, the attorney general said, adding, the constituent assembly had approved this speech.

Earlier in the day, Barrister Moudud Ahmed, counsel for the three lawyers who filed one of the leave to appeal petitions, told the court the judgement and decision of this court should not be allowed to be used as a vehicle for the ruling party to bring any amendment to the Constitution claiming that such amendments have been made by the SC.

Earlier on January 3, the SC lifted its four-year-old stay order on the HC verdict that had declared the Fifth Amendment illegal and unconstitutional.

But in its ratified charter it has reinstated the controversial clause, they added.

## Hosts' day

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themselves into a spot bother and the Bhutanese in disarray by wrongly playing the national anthem of Maldives before the start of the Bangladesh-Bhutan football match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

The Nepalese football team however topped the story of culprits by assaulting the referee after the match against Maldives, who won 1-0.

The good thing for Bangladesh on a day of pain and pleasure was their men's football team's 4-0 win against Bhutan and impressive showing by the kabaddi and handball teams.

As far as the race for medals is concerned India continued to lead the pack by a distance.

They won 11 gold, one silver and five bronze medals, pushing their impressive tally to 17-1-5.

Pakistan won five gold, three silver and one bronze to leapfrog Sri Lanka to the second position with a total of 6-8-2.

The Lankans fired blank yesterday when it came to hitting at gold. They however won six silver and two bronze to take their tally to 2-8-3.

## Tiger number

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Rex Gittins conducted a survey in 1984 over a 110-square kilometre area of the Sundarbans South Wildlife Sanctuary and found the number to be 430 to 450.

In 1992, the forest department collected data from people working in the Sundarbans area and estimated the count to be 359.

The following year, Dhan Bahadur Tamang conducted pugmark census over 350 square kilometres of different compartments in the Sundarbans and put the number at 362.

In last nine years since 2000, 193 people were killed by tigers while 23 tigers were beaten to death and others were found dead in the forest, say the official records of the forest department.

Khasru Chowdhury, a tiger expert who has been visiting the Sundarbans for over last 30 years, said disturbance in the world's largest mangrove forest has been increasing day by day.

He pointed out that tigers are very sensitive animals and a small disturbance could hamper their regeneration process.

"In recent years, we did not see any significant improvement in forest environment that could help tiger population rise."

Besides, he added, the stock of tigers' prey has been depleting causing food shortage for the big cats. That tigers are often entering the villages shows they are suffering from a food crisis in the forest.

## Jamaat

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had a detailed discussion on the commission's letter. They resolved to stick to the stance that the party's aims and objectives do not contradict the constitution, supreme law of the land, meeting sources said.

M u h a m m a d Kamaruzzaman, Jamaat's senior assistant secretary general, yesterday told The Daily Star, "We think the amended charter we have submitted to the Election Commission is alright. Nothing in it is against the national constitution."

AHM Hamidur Rahman Azad, a Jamaat lawmaker, told The Daily Star that they would soon meet the EC and say they have nothing objectionable in their amended constitution.

Kamaruzzaman said that the Communist Party calls for attaining Marxist ideals in the preamble to its constitution.

"If the Election Commission can thank them [Communist Party] in spite of that, then what's wrong with our wanting to bring about an Islamic rule?" he asked.

In its ratified charter submitted to the EC on July 22 last year, Jamaat declines to accept parliament's legislative power sanctioned by the constitution. It says people must not accept anyone except Allah as the maker of laws.

For registration before the ninth parliamentary election, Jamaat had deleted the clause from its provisionally amended charter, said EC officials.

But in its ratified charter it has reinstated the controversial clause, they added.

## Businesses to stay

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South Road, Azimpur Super Market, Gulistan Hawkers' Market (South), Phulbaria Market and Sundarban Square Market will remain closed on Friday and remain open for half a day on Saturday.

**ZONE-2**  
Sunday has been fixed a full-day holiday while Monday a half-day for the zone, which includes Rampura, Banasree, Khilgaon, Goran, a portion of Malibagh, Bashabo, Madartek, Mugda, Manda, Sabujbagh, east side of Kamalapur, Maniknagar, Dhalpur, Saidabad, a part of Jatrabari, Demra, Shanir Akhra, Rayerbagh, Shanarpar and Dania.

Mollah Tower, Al-Amin Super Market, Rampura Super Market, Malibagh Super Market, Taltola City Corporation Market, Kamalapur Stadium Market, Goran Bazar, Meradia Bazar, Abedin Tower, Dhaka Shopping Centre, Ayesha Mosharrar Shopping Complex, Dania Tejarat Super Market and Mitani and Friends Super Market are in this zone.

**ZONE-3**  
Eskaton, Moghbazar, Baily Road, Siddheswari, Malibagh, Shahjahanpur, Shaheedbagh, Shantibagh, Shantinagar, Fakirpur, Paltan, Motijheel, Tikatuli, Gopibagh, Arambagh, Dilkusha, Segunbagicha, Kakrail, Bijoynagar, Topkhana Road, Press Club, High Court Mazar, north side of Gulistan, Ramna Park, Suhrawardy Udyan, Shishu Park, Dhaka University and Eden College area are in this zone.

Century Arcade, Mouchak Market, Anarkoli Market, Bishal Centre, Ayesha Shopping Complex, Karnaphuli Garden City, Concord Twin Towers, Eastern Plus, Powel Super Market, City Heart, Jonaki Super Market, Gazi Bhaban, Paltan Super Market, Stadium Market-1 and -2, Gulistan Complex, Ramna Bhaban, Khaddar Market, Pir Yemeni Market, Baitul Mukarram Market, Aziz Cooperative Market and Sakura Market are in zone-3. They will remain closed on Thursday followed by a half-day holiday on Friday.

**ZONE-4**  
Shops, shopping arcades and other commercial establishments in this zone will remain closed on Tuesday and have a half-day holiday on Wednesday.

This zone comprises Karwan Bazar, Kathalagan, Hatirpul, Manik Mia Avenue, Rajabazar, Indira Road, Monipuripara, Tejturibazar, Tejkunipara, Farm Gate, a section of Tejaon, Nilkhet, Kataban, Elephant Road, Kalabagan, Sukrabad, Sobhanbagh, New Elephant Road, Dhanmondi, Hazaribagh, Jigatala, Pikhana, Rayerbazar and a part of Lalmitia.

Prominent markets in this zone are: Hatirpul Bazar, Motalib Plaza, Eastern Plaza, Bashundhara City Shopping Mall, Green Super Market, Farm View Super Market, Saudia Super Market, Sezan Point, Lion Shopping Centre, New Market, Chandrima Market, New Super Market, Gausia Market, Chandi Chawk Market, Noor Mansion, Bakusha Market, Islami Market, Dhanmondi Hawkers' Market, Eastern Mollika, Globe Shopping, Badruddoza Market, Noorjahan Market, Priyangan Shopping, Gaosul Azam Market, markets on Elephant Road, Rifles Square, ARA Shopping Centre, Orchard Point, Capital Market, Dhanmondi Plaza, Momtaz Plaza, Metro

Shopping Mall, Prince Plaza, Rapa Plaza, Orchid Plaza, Anam Rangs Plaza and Karwan Bazar DIT Market and Kitchen Market.

**ZONE-5**  
The full-day holiday for this zone is Thursday while half-day holiday Friday. The zone includes Mohammadpur, Adabor, Shyamoli, Gabtoli, Mirpur-1 and 2, Mirpur Mazar and stadium area, Dhaka Zoo area, Technical, Kalyanpur, Asadgate and Lalmitia area.

Mohammadpur Town Hall Market and Krishi Market, Aarong, BRTC Market, Shyamoli Hall Market, Muktijodha Super Market, Mazar Cooperative Market, Mukto Bangla Shopping Complex, Shah Ali Super Market, and Mirpur Stadium Market are also in this zone.

**ZONE-6**  
Markets and businesses in this zone will remain closed on Sunday and have a half-day holiday Monday.

The areas here are Agargaon, Taltola, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Sheorapara, Kazipara, Pallabi, Mirpur-10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, Ibrahimpur, Kachukhet, Kafur, Mohakhali new and old DOHS, Kakoli, Tejaon old airport area, Cantonment, Gulshan-1 and -2, Banani, Mohakhali commercial area, Nakhhalpara, Tejaon industrial area and Mohakhali inter-city bus terminal area.

BCS Computer City, Pallabi Shopping Complex, Mirpur Benaroshi Palli, Purabi Super Market, New Society Market, Mohammadia Society Market, DCC Market at Gulshan-1 and at Gulshan-2, Banani Super Market, Tamanna Complex and Sweden Plaza are the prominent markets in this zone.

**ZONE-7**  
Shops, markets and other commercial establishments in this zone will enjoy full holiday Wednesday and half-day holiday on Thursday.

Madhya and Uttar Badda, Jagannathpur, Bashundhara residential area, Sataruk, Shahzadpur, Kuril, Nitunja-1 and -2, Khilkhet, Uttarkhan, Dokkhinkhan, Joar Sahara, Ashkona, the entire Uttara Model Town, Kuril to south edge of Tongi Bridge and Airport Road area are under this zone.

A half-day holiday means the markets can remain open till 2:00pm. On other days, apart from the whole day holiday, they will remain open until 8:00pm. "No shops, markets or commercial establishments will remain open after 8:00pm," the press secretary told journalists.

The cabinet expressed gratitude to the almighty that the convicted killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman have been executed.

**JS sitting**  
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Jamaat lawmaker AHM Hamidur Rahman Azad told The Daily Star that the four-party alliance lawmakers are likely to sit this week to discuss their parliamentary strategy.

**New envoy**  
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after the German embassy in Dhaka refused to issue a visa for his domestic help as per Germany's immigration laws.

Mahmud was later made an Officer on Special Duty and finally sent into forced retirement.

The Awami League government subsequently appointed Ghyash Uddin, former high commissioner to the United Kingdom, as the new ambassador to Berlin on contract.

Ghyash also did not accept the post and retired soon afterwards.

A career diplomat, Mosud Mannan belongs to the 1984 Bangladesh Civil Service (Foreign Affairs) Cadre and joined the service in 1986.

During his distinguished career, Mannan has served in missions in Beijing, New York (Bangladesh Permanent Mission), Muscat and London.

He holds a postgraduate degree in Economics from Dhaka University and has an MA in International Relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, USA.

Mannan also completed a National Defence Course in 2006 from the National Defence College in Mirpur, Dhaka.

He was appointed ambassador to Morocco on June 26, 2008.

He is married and has a son. Germany is the second largest importer of Bangladeshi products and its imports bill came to around \$2.5 billion in the last fiscal year.

It has been a reliable partner in development cooperation since 1972.

Germany has committed a total of 2.4 billion euros in financial and technical assistance to Bangladesh.

Since 1978 the development assistance has been given exclusively as grants.

Germany is contributing to the development cooperation of the European Union and other multilateral institutions such as the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and UN organisations working in Bangladesh.

## JCD women

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protested the attack on Chhatra Dal workers and said attack on women activists could never be good for the rule of law and democracy.

Chhatra League leader Suman refuted the allegation of assaulting Chhatra Dal activists and said he had tried to take the banner away upon a directive of his high-ups.

It has become a common incident at Dhaka University that opposition student bodies take to the streets every year when the prime minister comes to the campus to inaugurate the book fair.

Around 50 Chhatra Dal activists brought out a procession and held a rally at Kataban area protesting Hasina's arrival on campus.

## Govt now shifts

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"Those, who will be found guilty of war crimes in the investigation, will have to face the trial," he said.

"The tribunal will be set up at the Old High Court building, where the chief justice of the Pakistani regime discharged his judicial functions," he said.

The existing offices of Bangladesh Judicial Service Commission at the Old High Court building will be shifted to the Judicial Administration Training Institute in front of Curzon Hall of Dhaka University, he added.

All formalities, including the seating arrangement for judges, lawyers, prosecutors, investigators, journalists and observers, and office accommodation of others, would be completed by February, Shafique said, adding that the law ministry, Public Works Department and other ministries and departments have already been engaged for this purpose.

The government has allocated Tk 5 crore for constructing courtrooms and other offices at Old High Court and shifting offices of Bangladesh Judicial Service Commission to Judicial Administration Training Institute, sources said.

On July 9 last year, parliament unanimously passed a bill incorporating a number of new provisions into the International Crimes (Tribunal) Act 1973 to try any individual or group of individuals on charge of war crimes in 1971.

Earlier, the House adopted a resolution for holding the trial of war criminals and the government last year allocated Tk 10 crore in the budget for holding the trial.

## PM pledges

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She also inaugurated the Language Movement Museum at the academy's Bardhaman Bhaban yesterday and later visited different stalls.

The prime minister said the government is working on introducing Bangla as one of the official languages of the United Nations.

"I have already made the demand at the General Assembly of the United Nations," she said.

The government is also working to preserve the rights of mother language of the country's ethnic minority groups and has resumed construction of the International Mother Language Institute to this end, she added.

She urged all to buy and read books. The publishers should publish books of new writers to encourage them, she added.

Bangla Academy Chairman National Professor Kabir Chowdhury chaired the programme while Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad, State Minister for Cultural Affairs Promode Mankin, Bangla Academy Director General Shamsuzzaman Khan and President of Bangladesh Gayn o Srijonshil Prokashak Samity Mohiuddin Ahmed also spoke on the occasion.

The fair having a total of 505 stalls will remain open from 3:00pm to 9:00pm daily while 11:00am to 9:00pm on holidays and 8:00am to 10:00pm on February 21, the International Mother Language Day.

Parts of the fair premises have been named after Rabindranath Tagore, Kazi Nazrul Islam, Dhirendranath Dutta, Abdul Karim Sahitya Bisharad and Begum Rokeya while the corners for children and little magazine have been named after poet Sufia Kamal and writer Somen Chanda.

A good number of stalls, however, could not open as a few number of books came out on the first day that resulted in less participation of people.

## Gunmen kill 13

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Witnesses said the gunmen drove up to the house in several cars, first shooting at people gathered outside the dwelling, then pursuing some of the youngsters who jumped over a fence to get away.

"A young man was celebrating his birthday with his schoolmates... and when the host of the party came out to drop off his girlfriend" the shooting broke out, a neighbour told AFP.

Local press reports said the party host's father was among the dead.

Other sources said the young people were members of a local soccer team celebrating a championship victory, the Reforma daily said on its website.

The shooting took place in Ciudad Juarez, the city on the border with the US state of Texas that holds Mexico's record in bloodshed, with more than 2,500 people killed last year in drug-related gangland crimes.

It was the third mass shooting of youngsters in Mexico since September when, within two weeks, 28 youths were killed in two separate shootings at drug rehabilitation centres.

Meanwhile, 10 people were

## Nepali students

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The suspension followed recent media reports that unscrupulous businessmen were helping thousands of migrants from south Asia to obtain places at bogus colleges in Britain.

India has yet to make any official reaction to the suspension, while the Bangladesh foreign ministry said it wanted normal service to resume as soon as possible.

"We want genuine students to study in England," a spokesman said. "We don't want anything that may harm the causes of authentic students."

The British High Commission in Dhaka received 9,500 visa applications from Bangladeshi students between October and December 2009 -- up from 1,200 the same period in the previous year, he said.

Authorities in Nepal said the increase in student visa applications came after Britain relaxed rules in 2008.

"The new policy encouraged a lot of students to opt for Britain instead of the United States or Australia," said Narayan Krishna Shrestha, head of the foreign study department at Nepal's education ministry.

"After that, the number of students going to Britain in a single month exceeded the total number for the whole of the previous year."

According to figures supplied by the ministry, 24,824 people left Nepal last year to study abroad, 6,627 of whom went to Britain.

Richard Stagg, the British high commissioner in New Delhi, said the suspension was necessary as "some applicants are attempting to abuse our visa processes and we will not let that happen".

## Top Lankan army

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were considered a "direct threat to national security".

The ministry said the officers had breached military discipline by becoming involved in politics.

Rajapakse and Fonseka were close allies in the massive offensive that finally crushed the separatist Tamil Tigers in May, but they fell out after the victory and went head-to-head in the presidential elections.

When he resigned from the military in November and launched his ill-fated bid to unseat the president, Fonseka accused Rajapakse of falsely suspecting him of planning a coup.

Rajapakse also carried out a major shake-up of the army over the weekend, transferring 40 officers and promoting several considered loyal to his administration.

Fonseka told reporters in Colombo on Monday that he "was very surprised to know that I had so many loyal people at the very top and middle level in the army".

He accused Rajapakse of politicising the military and said his party workers and supporters were still being harassed.

"Even retired army officers who helped me have been taken in (to custody), and no one knows where they are being held," he said.

Fonseka said the government had targeted his office to prevent his party from collecting evidence to mount a legal challenge to the election result.

## HC rule

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Tyebur filed the petition seeking a direction from the HC upon the government to preserve the quota.

Five government officials including health and family welfare ministry secretary have been asked to reply to the rule.

Advocate Yusuf Hossain appeared for the petitioner.

killed and 11 were wounded when gunmen attacked a bar in the city of Torreone, in the northern state of Coahuila.

Most of the victims were students aged between 19 and 25, authorities said.

The war waged by several powerful drug cartels in Mexico has already left 15,000 people dead. The government has deployed 50,000 troops and thousands of police in an effort to put the violence under control.