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AL warns party MPs, BCL troublemakers

MPs won't get party ticket in future if found involved in graft, ALCWC meeting told

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

The high-ups of ruling Awami League yesterday warned its legislators that if they indulge in corruption and irregularities they would not be given the party ticket in future elections.

Meanwhile, the grassroots of Awami League urged the party high command to reduce the gaps that have developed between the government and the party, and the ministers, lawmakers and grassroots.

Prime Minister and Awami League

President Sheikh Hasina said she is making a · all-party parliamentary comlist of people in Bangladesh Chhatra League . mittee this week to make who were involved in incidents of violence; changes to the constitution, across the country and those people would be · Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina arrested soon.

At the four-hour-long Awami League . "The committee will Central Working Committee meeting at Gono · decide on how to go about Bhaban, presidents and general secretaries of : constitution amendment, the the party's district units also urged the party : process of which will begin in central to strengthen the party activities by . the current session of parliaforming new committees of different bodies of : ment," she added.

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: All-party JS body soon to amend constitution

PM tells AL meet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

. The government will form an · yesterday said.

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Tough battle for admission

Two-thirds of eligible HSC pass students won't get scope for university education

WASIM BIN HABIB

over death

of patient

treatment.

Mohammadpur Thursday

night following a patient's

death allegedly from wrong

Hospital and Medical Research

Centre around 11:00pm after

Fazlul Rahman, father of the

deceased, alleged the doctors

injected his son Anisur

Rahman wrong drug that

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claimed the 32-year-old's life.

Police raided Eastern

Nearly two-thirds of the students with fairly good results in the HSC exams would be denied admission to public and private universities because of scarcity of seats.

Some 2,91,116 students, who scored between GPA-5 (Grade Point Average) and GPA-3.5 in this year's HSC and equivalent examinations, are eligible to apply for admission to these institutions that can accommodate about 1,07,000 students.

Of the total number, 28,671 students

secured GPA-5 while 2,62,445 students scored between GPA 3.5 and 5.

Nearly 37,000 seats are available in public universities and 70,000 in private universities.

However, many private universities might raise the number of seats to cater to the demand.

Besides, public and private medical colleges have around 5,500 seats and a portion of the students will get admitted

There will be an intense competition for admission to renowned public universities forcing many to choose colleges

affiliated with the National University (NU), said academics and teachers.

However, most colleges affiliated with the NU in rural areas do not get enough students due to poor quality of education,

they said. As many as 5,33,369 students --244,823 male and 244,823 female -passed HSC this year while nearly 4.37 lakh seats are there in public and private universities, and colleges offering medical, honours and degree education under

The colleges under the NU could **SEE PAGE 15 COL 4**



A boat sailing under this bridge on the river Turag at Ashulia almost touches the span over it. The bridge was built keeping so little space from the maximum water level that river traffic would be blocked if water level rises a bit more. The photo was taken a few days ago.

QUESTION LEAK

BSMMU cancels recruitment test

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University authorities yesterday cancelled the written test for 60 vacant posts of medical officer following allegations of question leak and invigilators helping candidates inside the exam hall.

Several hours after the test was held, BSMMU Vice-Chancellor Prof Pran Gopal Dutta made the decision after examinees and invigilators reported irregularities.

A two-member probe body led by pro-VC (education) was also formed to investigate the matter. The body was given a week to complete its job. The next date of examination will be announced after the report is submitted.

This question paper leak comes only eight days after another incident of question leak forced the Directorate of Secondary SEE PAGE 15 COL 3

Businessman dies while escaping police raid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A trader died after falling from the first floor of a building while trying to evade arrest at Bangshal in Old Dhaka early yesterday. The deceased, Sabed Hasan, 55, was owner of a motor parts

shop. His family said the incident happened when a team of Bangshal police went to their six-storey building at around

1:00am to arrest Sabed, former president of local motor parts traders' association, in a "false mugging case". Solaiman Moyna, incumbent president of the association,

filed the case against Sabed and eight of his family members over previous enmity. Within an hour after the case was filed on Wednesday, police

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Power import deal with India likely this month

STAR REPORT

Bangladesh is likely to sign with India a power transmission agreement within this month to allow import of 250 megawatts of power from India, said a top source at the Power Development Board (PDB).

Side by side, the two countries are likely to finalise a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for a joint venture between the PDB and Indian National

Thermal Power Company (NTPC).

This joint venture would allow the two nations to set up a 1320MW coal fired power plant in Khulna.

"Negotiations with India for power transmission connectivity have already been completed," said the source. Now, the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh (PGCB) and Power Grid Company of India (PGCI) are ready to sign an agreement that would dictate the financial and technical terms.

As per the draft agreement on power transmission, PGCI would recover cost of a 100-kilometre power transmission line that is being built in bordering India to connect to the Bangladeshi grid. The payment will be made under a fixed formula every year for the contract period of

The Indian power tariff, a separate cost, will be determined by the Indian Energy Regulatory Commission.

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'WRONG' TREATMENT Bangladeshis Three docs held among 30 die in Iraq fire STAFF CORRESPONDENT Police arrested three doctors of a hospital in the capital's

REUTERS, Iraq

A fire at a hotel in the northern Iraqi city of Sulaimaniya, possibly ition from Baghdad about the triggered by a gas leak, killed 30 people, including Bangladeshis : casualties of Bangladeshis but and other foreign nationals, and injured at least 22 others, police ' the move was facing difficulsaid yesterday.

violence-free Kurdish region was not a terrorist act and the cause · the troubled area. was under investigation. The fire broke out late on Thursday in a restaurant on the : Bangladeshis, were killed and

ground floor of the Soma hotel in the centre of the city and raged · at least 22 others were injured out of control for several hours, officials said.

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Govt still in dark about Bangladeshi victims

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Foreign Ministry was trying to collect informa-· ties due to disruption of tele-A security official said the fire in Iraq's relatively stable and : communication services in

Thirty people, including yesterday in a fire at a hotel in **SEE PAGE 15 COL 8**



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