



Attorney General Mahubey Alam along with senior lawyers entering the courtroom of the International Crimes Tribunal set up at the old High Court building in the city set for war crimes trial yesterday while Mozaffar Ahmed Khan, right, Dhaka district unit Muktiyoddha commander, from Keraniganj, who filed the first murder case, stands outside the courtroom to see the trial proceedings. (Story on Page 1)



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RECRUITMENT TEST BSMMU probe body submits report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A probe body of Bangladesh Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) has recommended not involving five of its staff in any examination related activities for their role in cancelling the recruitment test on July 16.

Controller Abdul Hakim. It also recommended conducting the recruitment test centrally.

"The probe body could not prove the involvement of the invigilators but they are not satisfied with the answers given by these five men who were on duty at the Library Hall in block A," said Prof Pran Gopal.

While talking to the reporters the VC said that the probe body interrogated Prof Julfikar Rahman Khan, in charge of the Library Hall, along with eight others.

Asked about the fresh date of the recruitment test, Prof Pran Gopal said that the VC alone couldn't take decision in this regard.

"The report will be placed to the Academic Council Meeting on August 3 and a fresh date of exam will be announced then," he added.

On July 16, a total of 628 candidates took the one-and-a-half-hour exam held from 10:00am.

Soon after the exam was over, many candidates came out of the hall complaining that the question paper was leaked.

They also alleged that a section of the invigilators helped a group of candidates inside the exam hall.

Implement govt plans properly BSC cadet falls into sea, missing

President asks DCs

BSS, Dhaka
President Zillur Rahman yesterday directed the deputy commissioners (DCs) to contribute properly to implementing the plans undertaken by the government to turn Bangladesh into a middle-income country within 2021.

He said, "We can turn Bangladesh into a happy and prosperous country within few years, if we work with patriotism, honesty and sincerity." He said the main aim of the government is to improve the living standard of the people. In this context, the president directed the DCs to find out ways and means for ensuring development in the districts, upazilas, unions and villages after studying them properly.

Zillur urged the DCs to give more importance to the development programmes than giving VIP protocol and holding seminars and symposiums to accelerate the pace of socio-economic progress of the country. He said peaceful environment is needed to enable the people to contribute to the development activities of the country. He said the DCs should play a major role in maintaining this environment. He hoped that the opportunity to exchange opinions with the policymakers through such conference will benefit the DCs in discharging their duties efficiently.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
An apprentice cadet of Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC) fell into the sea from a ship yesterday at the outer anchorage of Chittagong port. The cadet was identified as Shubhankar Bhattacharjee, 22, missing since he fell in the sea at around 9:30am. Cadet Shubhankar went to the "Bravo" point to join his service after enjoying a three-day leave. But, suddenly he fell into the rough sea when climbing up the ladder of the vessel from a boat. Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) Secretary Syed Farhaduddin Ahmed said CPA salvage ship Kandari-8 and three other salvage teams of Bangladesh Navy and Coast Guard continued rescue operation. "However, the missing cadet could not be traced out in the sea due to rough weather till now," the CPA secretary told the DailyStar. Shubhankar hailed from Rangamati district, joined BSC as apprentice cadet after passing out from marine academy.

City BCL council today

DU CORRESPONDENT
Council of Bangladesh Chhatra League's Dhaka city north and south units will be held today, after an eight-year gap, for selecting new leadership for one-year tenure. This year BCL leaders over 29 years old will be qualified to contest for the posts of presidents and general secretaries in the two vital units of the student body. The council will start at city's Engineers' Institution, Bangladesh at 9:00am and senior Awami League and former BCL leaders will address. In the south unit leading president candidates are Shaheen Ahmed Sagor, Anisur Rahman Anis and Gazi Sarwar Babu, among others while the general secretary candidates are Shahadat Hossain Shadu, Khorshed Alam Masud and Zabeed Ahmed. In the north unit possible president candidates include

Nasirul Hasan Shojib, Habibur Rahman Habib, Quazi Sazed Hossain, Anwar Hossain while vital general secretary candidates are Miraz Hossain, SM Sayem, Anwar Hossain Pasha, Anisur Rahman Razeem and Anisur Rahman Nayeem. Leaders and workers of both the units have become much enthusiastic with the occasion. Council to the units was last held in July 2002. BCL central committee has already formed two separate election commissions to conduct the polls. Farhad Hossain, an election commissioner for the south unit said AL and former BCL leaders will select leadership to the units. The BCL constitution, however, says that leadership to its units would be elected through voting. Before forming the central BCL leadership in 2004, the then organizational chief of BCL, Sheikh Hasina, fixed the age limit.

Annee gets bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A High Court bench yesterday granted ad-interim bail for three months to BNP lawmaker Sheikh Uddin Chowdhury Annee in four cases. The cases were filed with Shahbagh Police Station against him on charges of vandalising vehicles and obstructing police in discharging their duties during the June 27 hartal. The division bench comprising Justice Syed Muhammad Dastagir Husain and Justice AKM Zahirul Hoque issued four separate rules asking the government to explain within four weeks why Annee should not be granted regular bail in the cases. The court came up with the orders and rules following four separate petitions by the legislator seeking bail in the cases. Barrister Mahub Uddin Khokon, a counsel for Annee, told The Daily Star that there is no bar for his client to get released from prison following the HC order.

CU students protest fee hike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Students of Chittagong University (CU) staged demonstrations on the campus yesterday protesting the recent fee hike. From a rally during the agitation, the students announced an indefinite strike from attending classes and examinations from Tuesday and to halt activities of the Agrani Bank, CU campus branch, which receives fees from the students. The university authority and police foiled a Human chain by several hundred students in front of Arts Faculty at about 11:30am. Later, the students brought out a procession that paraded the campus demanding immediate withdrawal of the additional fees and gathered in front of the administrative building to agitate. Meanwhile, CU Board of Residence, Health and Discipline at a meeting expelled a student for two years on charge of manhandling two teachers during yesterday's agitation. The board at the meeting presided over by the CU Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Abu Yusuf expelled Sujon Kanti Dey, a second year student of public administration, and also issued show cause notice to five others to explain why action will not be taken against them. Expelled student is an assistant secretary of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front of CU unit.

DHAKA TODAY

Seminar
Dhaka Ahsania Mission and Campaign for Popular Education will jointly organise a seminar titled "People's voice and choice on quality primary education". Venue: LGED auditorium, Time: 10:00am.

Workshop
An inception workshop titled "Capacity building for the Planning Commission: Poverty, environment, and climate mainstream". Venue: Lake Shore Hotel (Gulshan-2), Time: 9:30am.

Meeting
Bangladesh Chhatra League Dhaka City will hold a meeting. Venue: Bangladesh Engineer's Institute auditorium, Time: 11:00am.

Award ceremony
A ceremony will be held to present the "Shapla Cub Award" to Cub Scout achievers. Venue: Prime Minister's Office, Time: 10:30am.

Discussion
A discussion on "Impact of global weather change and energy usage" will be held. Venue: Reporters Unity auditorium, Time: 3:30pm.

Inaugural ceremony
Bangladesh Krishi Bank will organise the inaugural ceremony of "Ghorey Fera" programme. Venue: Institution of Diploma Engineers Bangladesh Multipurpose hall, Time: 11:30am.

Discussion
Bangladesh National Awami Party will hold a discussion marking its 53rd anniversary. Venue: Dhaka Mohanagar Natya Mancha, Time: 4:30pm.

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Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami and Secretary General Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mojahid are being produced before a Dhaka court yesterday. (Story on Page 16)

US embassy closed tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The American embassy in Dhaka, including the consular section and the public affairs section with the Archer K Blood American Centre Library and the student advising section will remain closed tomorrow on the occasion of Shab-e-Barat, a national holiday, says a press release. Emergency services for American citizens will be available. Please call 885-5500 and ask for the duty officer.

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Re-opening of Amar Desh press demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Journalists and employees of the daily Amar Desh staged a demonstration in front of the National Press Club in the city yesterday demanding re-opening of the press and immediate release of the acting editor Mahmudur Rahman. They blamed the government for not re-opening the press of the newspaper despite the Supreme Court order. They also threatened of laying siege the city streets if the acting Editor is not freed. Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) President Ruhul Amin Gazi, Secretary General MA Aziz and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) General Secretary Mohammad Baker Hossain spoke with journalist Bachhir Jamal in the chair.

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