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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Recruitment in 9 dists stopped

Corruption, irregularities alleged

ALPHA ARZU

The government has suspended the recruitment of the class-III and class-IV employees for health department in nine districts for alleged political influence, corruption and irregularities in the process.

The districts are Gopalganj, Rangpur, Gaibandha, Shariatpur, Brahmanbaria, Jessore, Panchagar, Pirojpur and Jhenidah.

Health and Family Welfare Minister AFM Ruhul Haque told The Daily Star yesterday, "After receiving complaints from local level, we halted the procedure for few days. We are now reviewing the process to overcome the irregularities and mismanagement."

The districts where recruitment has already been completed will not come under the review. Rather it is only for the districts which faced problems, added the minister.

He also mentioned that the government formed district level investigation committees to scrutinise the issue.

The government has moved to recruit 4,217 class-III and class-IV employees for 79 health

complexes, medical college hospitals and civil surgeon offices in all 64 districts, said Dr Md Abul Hasnat, director (administration) of Directorate General of Health Services.

A total of 1,074 employees will be recruited in class-III and 3,143 in class-IV categories.

DGHS Director General Dr Shah Monir yesterday said, "We will take the decision on the recruitment process after the health minister returns home from a trip to the US."

Recruitment is a continuous process and some of them were suspended where the deprived and failed candidates tried to create chaos in the civil surgeons' offices, said the DG, adding that they were trying to make the staffing process more transparent.

Dr Rafiqul Islam, civil surgeon of Gaibandha, told The Daily Star yesterday that 65 out of 68 employees already joined during the last two days. "We just saw the media reports about the suspension, but we are yet to receive any official instruction either from the ministry or from DGHS."

Some unruly jobseekers ransacked



Bus passengers on the capital's Bijoy Sarani fan themselves to feel cooler in the noon's scorching heat. The city experienced a highest temperature of 35.6 degree Celsius yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ



Singer Bipul fighting for life

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra artiste Bipul Bhattacharya is fighting for his life at a city hospital.

Bipul, also one of the premier folk singers, has been

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Establish women's rights in all spheres

PM calls on South Asian nations

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has called for concerted efforts among South Asian countries to address the challenges of establishing women's rights in all spheres of life.

She made the call while addressing the inaugural ceremony of the 7th South Asian regional conference on women rights at Hotel Sheraton in the city yesterday morning.

Ministry of Women and Children Affairs and United Nations Development Fund for Women jointly arranged the conference titled 7th South Asia Regional Ministerial Conference, Commemorating Beijing with the slogan "Delivering for Women in South Asia."

High official delegates including ministers

and secretaries from eight Saarc member states are attending the conference.

The premier in her speech termed women and child trafficking as a major problem in South Asia. "We must take united stand to combat this social menace," she said.

Hasina reiterated that her government is working round-the-clock to alleviate poverty and ensure socio-economic emancipation of all including women by providing best educational and health services.

The PM emphasised on proper implementation of laws on women rights in all the Saarc countries.

"Every country has its own laws to establish women rights. What we need is the laws' proper

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Court's decision on BDR carnage charges Oct 31

More courts set up for quick disposal

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court will decide on October 31 whether the charges against 801 Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) jawans and 23 civilians for the carnage at its Philkhana headquarters on February 25-26 last year would be taken into cognisance.

Meantime, BDR authorities have formed 10 special courts after reshuffling the existing six for quick disposal of the cases.

After scrutinising the case docket and other documents, Judge (In-charge) Mohammad

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HC issues rule on BGMEA building

Asks authorities why it should not be demolished

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a suo moto rule upon the authorities concerned asking them to explain within two weeks why they should not be directed to demolish Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) building at Hatirjheel in the city.

A divisional bench comprised of Justice Zubayer Rahman Chowdhury and Justice Farah Mahbub issued the rule following a report published in the daily New Age on October 2 stating that the building was constructed without any approval from Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk).

Advocate GHM Muniruddin yesterday placed the news item before the HC bench, and told the court that BGMEA building was illegally built.

As per section 3(a) of Construction Act 1952, the authorised

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OMS to be expanded to upazilas

UNB, Dhaka

The Open Market Sale (OMS) of rice at Tk 24 per kg will be extended to the upazila level within a couple of days to contain price hike of rice, said Food Minister Abdur Razzak.

Fair price card will also be re-introduced along with

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Prayer Timing		
October 4		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-45	5-20
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-15	4-30
Maghrib	5-53	5-56
Esha	7-30	8-00

Source: Islamic Foundation



PHOTO: AFP

With fireworks above, Indian dancers perform during the XIX Commonwealth Games opening ceremony in New Delhi yesterday.

Youth held over sending SMS to GM Quader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion arrested a youth who sent a text message to Civil Aviation Minister GM Quader.

Rab says that they arrested Shubhro Barman, 18, on Saturday in connection with threatening the minister. But Shubhro claimed that he had intended the text for the person who had actually threatened

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JS passes bill on quick energy deals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Parliament yesterday passed a bill for introduction of a new law providing the government with sweeping authority to quickly award energy sector contracts on unsolicited negotiation basis.

On consent of the president to the bill passed, it will have effect as law that also precludes the court's jurisdiction to review actions done under this law.

The new legislation styled Power and Energy Fast Supply Enhancement (Special Provision) Act, 2010 empowers the government with

authority to take and implement any projects for quick generation, distribution and marketing of power and gas for next two years.

"All acts done or purported to have been done, actions taken or orders made under this law shall not be called in question in any court," says a provision of the bill.

In defence of introducing the special law, State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Enamul Haque, who yesterday proposed for passage of the bill, pointed to the country's acute shortage of power and gas.

He said the country's agriculture, industries,

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Give full marks for erroneous questions

HC asks PSC on 30th BCS test

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the Public Service Commission to publish the results of 30th Bangladesh Civil Service preliminary test and award candidates full marks for 11 wrong questions on the disputed set-2 question paper.

There were three sets of question papers in the July 30 exam, and of them, the set-2 contained a number of errors and inconsistencies putting the examinees into confusion.

The two other sets of the test will however be evaluated on 100 questions, since there was no anomaly in those question papers, Manzill Murshid, the lawyer for the writ petitioners, told The Daily Star.

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OnlinePoll ✓

Do you think BNP's decision to focus on anti-Indian issues during its 2-month campaign against the government will benefit the opposition?

Yes (40.5%)
 No (57.4%)
 No Comments (2.1%)

Total votes: 383

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the government will be able to remove all makeshift shops from footpaths in the capital?

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