

## Generate new ideas to tackle climate change, PM asks experts

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has urged the scientists and technical experts to innovate ways for adapting to climate change.

The prime minister also called upon them to work for increasing usage of renewable sources of energy compatible with economic growth.

"We will have to ensure abundance of food for all and keep our planet alive from the onslaught of pollution," Hasina said while she was addressing the 24th convocation of Islamic University of Technology (IUT) as the chief guest yesterday.

She advised the new graduates to face and overcome all future challenges through the knowledge and skills they attain from the education they receive at the university.

"You will need to overcome numerous challenges like poverty and hunger, scarcity of food and energy, climate change and natural disasters" Hasina said.

She recalled that Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman led Bangladesh to join the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) in August, 1974.

She also lauded the achievements of the OIC and Bangladesh in establishing the IUT, which has now grown as a premier institution of science and engineering with students' enrolment from all over the Muslim world.

She expressed her happiness as the IUT authorities have decided to enrol female students to the university to create more opportunities for women in higher education.

In this regard, Hasina advised the authorities to start construction work of its female dormitory on the present campus.

She said efforts are on to buy land for setting up the female dormitory.

"We are trying to buy a land for setting up the female dormitory. But price of land is now so high. Better you start construction of the female dormitory on the present campus," she said.

Hasina said women's participation in nation building is essential for real development.

She mentioned the National Education Policy-2010 which targets gender equality in education, free education for both males and females up to graduate level and cent percent literacy by 2014.

"It also aims at integrating various systems including madrasas with a unified curriculum to establish knowledge and technology based Digital Bangladesh" she added.

Earlier, Hasina distributed certificates and medals among the successful graduates of 2009-2010.

Mohammad Monjurul Ehsan from the department of Mechanical and Chemical Engineering secured the OIC Gold Medal-2010 in Bachelor of Science Degree.

Khan Mohammad Foysal from Technical Education Department in Master of Science, SM Masudur Rahman Al-Arif from Electoral and Electronic Engineering in Bachelor of Science and Abid Hasan in Bachelor of Science from Computer Science and Information Technology received IUT Gold Medal-2010 for their outstanding results in the examinations.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr M Intiaz Hossain gave the address of welcome at the

### 24th convocation of Islamic University of Technology



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gives away a gold medal to a meritorious graduate of Islamic University of Technology (IUT) at its 24th convocation in Gazipur yesterday. On her left are Foreign Minister Dipu Moni and Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid.

convocation.

OIC Assistant Secretary General Abdul Moiz Bokhari read out the message of Secretary General Prof Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu at the function.

Foreign Minister Dr Dipu Moni, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid and Ambassador of Turkey in Dhaka Mehmet Vakur Erkul and also the chairman of the governing board of the university were present on the occasion.

## JSC exams begin tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Junior School Certificate (JSC) and Junior Dakhil Certificate (JDC) examinations will begin tomorrow for the first time in the country, with the participation of more than 15 lakh students of Class VIII.

The examinations, considered the second largest public exam after primary terminal ones, will be held at 260 centres across the country under eight general education boards and one madrasa education board.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police restricts common people's access to a radius of 200 yards of each exam centre to create congenial atmosphere. DMP Acting Commissioner Mohammad Abdul Jalil Mondal in a press release said the restriction will continue from November 4 to 14.

JSC and JDC examinations will end on November 14 and November 15 respectively.

JSC examinations will be held on nine subjects, each carrying 100 marks. Of the nine, Bangla 1st paper and Bangla 2nd paper will be held in a day, and English 1st paper and English 2nd paper in another day. JDC examinations will be held on 10 subjects.

Some 15,20,731 students -- 12,48,0789 from schools and 2,72,653 from madrasas -- from 27,651 institutions are likely to take the examinations under a uniform question paper, according to official stats.

The highest number of examinees is from Dhaka Education Board, with the number being around 3.74 lakh. The lowest number of examinees, around 70,500, is from Sylhet Board.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid will brief the media today to inform of the latest state of the examinations.

The results will be published in grading system. Academic transcripts, not certificates, will be issued after the results, said the education ministry officials.

The ministry officials observed that the examinations would bring qualitative changes in the education system and help reduce the gap between the standard of education in urban and rural areas.

Around 18.23 lakh students of class V sat the primary terminal examinations introduced last year. From now on, there will be no separate scholarship examination. The students must pass the exams to get enrolled in class IX. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of their results, said the ministry sources.

## Court asks CID to collect LeT man's bank statements

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday allowed Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to collect accounts statements from Uttara branch of Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited how much money did Lasker-e-Taiba (LeT) member Abdul Malek withdraw and distribute among the militant organisations.

Judge Mohammad Zohurul Hoque of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court passed the order after CID Special Superintendent of police Abdul Kahar Akond, also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, submitted an application seeking an order from it to collect accounts from the bank.

Malek is an accused in the August 21 grenade attack case. The court also directed authorities concerned of Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited to help CID in supplying accounts statements which they sought.

In the petition, Akond said he gathered information from Pakistan-based LeT member Abdul Majid Butt and Malek where they disclosed that one Shahed of Pakistan sent huge amount of money through Western Union to the Dutch-Bangla Bank on different occasions.

The money was sent to patronise Bangladesh-based militant organisations. Malek withdrew the money from the bank and supplied those to different militant organisations for running their activities, the IO said.

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested Malek from the airport railway station area in the city on October 5 for his alleged role in supplying grenades, which were used for attacks on the AL rally.

Later, he was shown arrested in the August 21 grenade attack case and remanded for ten days in three phases. He also gave confessional statement to a magistrate on October 31.

Earlier, another LeT member Abdul Majid Butt gave confessional statements to the magistrate regarding his involvement in the grenade attacks.

## 2 traders jailed, fined for storing polybags

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court yesterday fined three traders at Mirpur in the city a total of Tk 50,000 for illegally trading and storing polythene bags, says a press release.

The court led by Department of Environment (DoE) Dhaka Divisional Director Sukumar Biswas also seized 4.5 tonnes of polythene bags and sentenced two traders to two months imprisonment.

Dhaka district's Executive Magistrate Md Kamruzzaman conducted the mobile court accompanied by police and DoE officials.

## Tk 3,136cr projects get Ecneec nod

UNB, Dhaka

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecneec) at a meeting yesterday approved eight development schemes involving Tk 3,136 crore that includes the Laksam-Chandpur section railway rehabilitation project aimed at ensuring safe and fast train communications.

Ecneec Chairperson and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina chaired the meeting held at the NEC conference room in the city.

"Of the total projects cost, Tk 1,414 crore will come from the government, Tk 40 crore from the JDCF and Tk 1,682 crore as project assistance," said Planning Minister AK Khandker while briefing reporters after the meeting.

Planning ministry sources said the railway rehabilitation project will be implemented at a cost of Tk 169 crore to be borne by the government.

The project is likely to be completed by June 2013.

Under the project, some 55.01 kilometers of railway track (51.12km main line and 3.89 km of loop and side line) will be rehabilitated. The project area covers Laksam upazila of Comilla, and Hajiganj, Shahrasti and Sadar upazilas of Chandpur district.

Besides, some six railway stations will be reconstructed and two others will be repaired under the project. The economic life of all the eight stations has already expired as these were constructed in 1895.

The railway stations to be reconstructed are Shahtali, Modhuroad, Balakhal, Hajiganj, Mehar and Chitoshi road while the two railway stations to be repaired are Chandpur and Chandpur Court. A waiting hall will also be set up at the Chandpur railway station.

Besides, the Modhuroad station will also be

upgraded to 'B' class from 'D' class while 13 bridges will be reconstructed and 49 bridges repaired and their guarders installed.

The other projects approved in the meeting are 26 (Greater Dhaka, Rajshahi, Pabna, Bogra, Comilla, Sylhet, Chittagong and Noakhali district) project-3rd revised (Tk 2,603 crore), Sher-e-Bangla Agriculture University further development project (Tk 91 crore), communication activities in child and women development-3rd phase revised project (Tk 34 crore), infrastructure development project of Rajshahi metropolis (79 crore), road widening and development project of Roads and Highways Department in Rangpur Sadar (Tk 78 crore), Magura-Mohammadpur-Kalishankar-Nouhata-Lohagara road development project (Tk 33 crore), and the project for pollution control measures of Gulshan-Baridhara lake by diverting the drainage outlets (Tk 49 crore).

## Bail prayers of 19 Jamaat men rejected

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday rejected bails of 19 Jamaat-e-Islami men, including a former lawmaker, and sent them to jail in connection with a case filed on charges of possessing explosives and bomb making materials.

Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Nazrul Islam passed the order after Sub-Inspector Abu Shahed Khan of Mirpur police, also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, produced them before it on completion of their three-day remand.

The arrestees include former Jamaat lawmaker Mujibur Rahman, Jamaat Mirpur thana (west) unit Ameer Mahfuzur Rahman, thana unit member Kazirul Islam, Khulna city unit nayab-e-ameer Shafiqul Alam, Sramik Kalyan Federation Publicity Secretary SA Abdul Hai, city unit leader Abdul Karim, ATM Rahim Uddin, Ahsan Ullah Patwari, Abdullah Al Noman, Rubel Mridha, Hemayet Uddin, Monirul Islam, Yasin Ali, Nazmul Hossain, Ruhul Amin, Moazzem Hossain, Idris and Moazzem Hossain.

In the yesterday's forwarding report, Abu Shahed said information derived from them is being verified. Moreover, the government is starting a process for filing a sedition case against them on charges of planning some subversive activities to destabilise the country. So, they should be confined to jail until the investigation of the case completes, the IO said.

Police arrested them on Thursday from a residence in the city's Mirpur area and recovered some explosives, bomb making materials and leaflets from their possession.



Participants at a roundtable on 'Strategic Information and HIV Prevention Among Adolescents' organised jointly by The Daily Star and UNFPA at The Daily Star's conference room in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 16)

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