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SSC exams results today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The results of this year's Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and its equivalent examinations held under ten educational boards will be published simultaneously today.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid will announce the results through a press briefing at his ministry at about 1:30pm.

The SSC and its equivalent Dakhil and SSC (vocational) results will be available in the educational institutions and on the website www.educationboardresults.gov.bd.

Besides, anyone
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Zinc-enriched rice in 2 years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh is set to release in two years a rice variety enriched with zinc which might effectively fight zinc deficiency that causes physical and mental problems.

Most people in the country suffer from zinc deficiency. Growth of children is hampered and their disease prevention capacity decreases due to such deficiency. Forty-three percent children under five are stunted, 43 percent suffer from underweight and 64 percent suffer from anaemia, experts say.

Scientists conducting a long-running breeding experiment on iron and zinc content in rice have found 12 to 36 milligrams of zinc in rice per kilogram whereas polished rice in Bangladesh generally contains 3 to 4 mg of zinc per kilogram on an average.

"Concentrations of 24 milligrams of zinc a kilogram have been identified in several advanced breeding lines, which are the fast-track breeding lines for developing high-zinc rice variety in Bangladesh," said Dr Alamgir Hossain, principal scientific officer at Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI).

BRRI in cooperation with HarvestPlus, an international crop research organisation, has been conducting the breeding experiment on enhancement of iron and zinc content in rice in Bangladesh since 2005-06.

The progress made in the experiment was revealed
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Sand traders excavate around a kilometre of arable land at Manik Chawk in Bogra. The local authorities concerned seem rather reluctant in moving against such destruction of arable land while clashes between traders and farmers have become common. PHOTO: HASIBUR RAHMAN BILU

2,000kg OMS rice seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Police yesterday seized 2,000 kg of rice meant for open market sale (OMS) from a warehouse and arrested two people in this connection at Mistripara village of Dinajpur Sadar upazila.

Witnesses said villagers caught Din Muhammad and Saiful Islam red-handed when they were shifting the rice from the warehouse of
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**STOCK PROBE
NBR targets 15**

Moves to check bank account transaction of 5 years

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The National Board of Revenue has sought information on five years' bank transactions of 15 people including the Securities and Exchange Commission chairman and officials of Dhaka Stock Exchange and Investment Corporation of Bangladesh.

NBR said they have sought the information as per the articles of the Income Tax Ordinance. However, an NBR high official said names of the 15 people appeared in one way or other in the report of the committee probing share market

scam.

The NBR sought the information to scrutinise whether their wealth was consistent with the income they showed in their income tax returns. Earlier, the finance minister said in necessary cases the ACC, NBR, Bangladesh Bank and other agencies would conduct further investigations.

The central intelligence cell of the NBR in a letter sent yesterday to different commercial banks asked them to send the information within seven days.

The banks have been directed to send
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Summit to sign biggest ever power deals today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Seven months after winning three major power deals, local power company Summit today signs final agreements with the government for generating 1,017 megawatt private power within next two to three years.

Summit and the government initialled a set of contracts for the Bibiyana phase 1 and 2 gas-fired
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Sons slam bin Laden killing

Say it was arbitrary; al-Qaeda warns of new jihad; 3 Pak MPs pray for Laden in parliament

AGENCIES

The sons of Osama bin Laden have criticised the US authorities for carrying out his "arbitrary killing".

In a joint letter the family said it wanted to know "why an unarmed man was not arrested and tried in a court of law so that truth is revealed to the people of the world".

"Arbitrary killing is not a solution to political problems," they said.

Amid tensions between the US and Pakistan over the killing of bin Laden, US Senator John Kerry said Tuesday he will visit Islamabad seeking to mend ties and answer troubling questions.

Meanwhile, three Pakistani lawmakers offered prayers for bin Laden in parliament.

"Bin Laden was an international figure and above all a Muslim... I took it as my religious duty to offer prayers for him," said Maulvi Asmatullah, who led the prayers in the lower house of parliament yesterday, reports AFP.

HUMILIATION

The joint letter printed by the New York Times was attributed to bin Laden's 30-year-old Omar bin Laden, who has repeatedly distanced himself from his father's ideology.

Drawing comparisons with Saddam Hussein and the
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Youth held for kidnapping

Probe finds his involvement in making sex videos

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Working on a kidnap case, the police on Tuesday arrested a youth from the capital who has allegedly been involved in making sex videos of young girls.

The arrestee identified himself as Rashedul Hasan alias Russell, 28, of Bazalia village in Satkania upazila of Chittagong district.

The law enforcers raided hotel Royal Palace
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SC verdict on fatwa today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court will deliver a verdict today on an appeal against a High Court judgment declaring fatwa (religious edict) illegal.

A six-member bench headed by Chief Justice ABM Khairul Haque on May 4 concluded hearing the appeal. The SC yesterday fixed today
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A year after Wills Little Flower school-goer Hamim died on this street under a bus, parents cross the street near Kakrail intersection with their children amid oncoming traffic. A footbridge can be seen only yards away.

5 murders in city, suburb

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Public Works Department (PWD) engineer was stabbed to death Tuesday night at his Kalabagan residence in the city.

Meanwhile, a youth was hacked to death in the city's Mothertek area last night, two adolescent boys were killed in Elephant Road and Kadamtoli areas yesterday morning and an elderly woman was murdered in Keraniganj Tuesday night.

PWD's additional chief engineer Golam Rahman, 58, was killed allegedly by his caretaker Nurul Islam, who was the only other person in the house during the incident.
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**MUTINY AT PILKHANA
84 jawans of BGB jailed**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eighty-four jawans of Dhaka sector headquarters of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) yesterday were sentenced to imprisonment ranging from four months to seven years for their involvement in the 2009 mutiny at Pilkhana.

The Special Court-11, led by Mymensingh Sector Commander Col Iftekhar Uddin Mahmud, also fined each of the convicts Tk 100.
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ONLINE POLL

Do you think the reason for BNP's fresh anti-government agitation is justified?

Yes 49.1%
No 47.5%
No Comments 3.4%

TOTAL VOTES: 556

TODAY'S POLL

Do you support the Supreme Court verdict that declared caretaker government system illegal?

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PRAYER TIMING May 12

Fajr	4:10	4:45
Zohr	12:45	1:15
Asr	5:00	5:15
Maghrib	6:36	6:40
Esha	8:00	8:30

Source: Islamic Foundation

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পলিখিন শপিং ব্যাগ বর্জন করুনঃ দেশকে পরিবেশগত বিপর্যয় থেকে রক্ষা করুন

পলিখিন শপিং ব্যাগের ক্ষতিকারক বিষয়সমূহ বিবেচনা করে সরকার সকল প্রকার পলিখিন শপিং ব্যাগ উৎপাদন, আমদানি, বাজারজাতকরণ, বিক্রয়, বিক্রয়ের জন্য প্রদর্শন, মজুদ, বিতরণ, বাণিজ্যিক উদ্দেশ্যে পরিবহন ও ব্যবহার সম্পূর্ণ নিষিদ্ধ করেছে।

২। এতদসঙ্গেও ইদানিং লক্ষ্য করা যাচ্ছে যে, বাজারে কোনো কোনো স্থানে পলিখিন শপিং ব্যাগ বিভিন্নরূপে ব্যবহৃত হচ্ছে। এটা স্পষ্টতঃ সরকারি আদেশের লঙ্ঘন এবং দণ্ডনীয় অপরাধ।

২.১ পলিখিন শপিং ব্যাগ উৎপাদন, আমদানি, বাজারজাতকরণ করলে আইন লঙ্ঘনকারী অনধিক ১০ (দশ) বছর সশ্রম কারাদন্ড বা অনধিক ১০ (দশ) লক্ষ টাকা অর্থদন্ড বা উভয় দন্ডে দণ্ডিত হবে।

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২.৩ পরিবেশ অধিদপ্তর কর্তৃক মোবাইল কোর্ট পরিচালিত হচ্ছে। কাজেই পলিখিন শপিং ব্যাগ উৎপাদন, আমদানি, বাজারজাতকরণ, মজুদ, বিক্রয়, বিক্রয়ের জন্য প্রদর্শন, বিতরণ, বাণিজ্যিক উদ্দেশ্যে পরিবহন ও ব্যবহার থেকে বিরত থাকুন।

৩। নিষিদ্ধ ঘোষিত সকল পলিখিন শপিং ব্যাগ উৎপাদন, আমদানি, বাজারজাতকরণ, মজুদ, বিক্রয়, বিক্রয়ের জন্য প্রদর্শন, বিতরণ, বাণিজ্যিক উদ্দেশ্যে পরিবহন ও ব্যবহার থেকে বিরত থাকার জন্য পুনরায় অনুরোধ জানানো হলো।

৪। পরিবেশ সংরক্ষণের স্বার্থে পরিবেশ অধিদপ্তর সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের সহযোগিতা কামনা করছে।

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