

# NEWS IN *brief*

## JSC, JDC results on Dec 24

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Results of Junior School Certificate (JSC) and Junior Dakhil Certificate (JDC) examinations-2011 will be published simultaneously on December 28. Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid will formally announce the results at a press briefing at the ministry at 3:00pm, said an official handout. The results of JSC and JDC will be published in grading system.

## President of Tuskegee University calls on DU VC

UNB, Dhaka

President of Tuskegee University in USA Prof Dr Gilbert L. Rochon called on Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique at the latter's office yesterday. During the meeting, they discussed matters of mutual interest, especially the possibilities of establishing collaborative research programmes and exchange of teachers, researchers and students between the two universities. Prof Gilbert L. Rochon expressed his willingness to start a joint research on various fields with Dhaka University. They agreed to sign a MoU between the two universities in this regard very soon.

## 3-day civil engineering congress begins today

BSS, Dhaka

A three-day first civil engineering congress and the 4th annual paper meet begins here today with a focus on expediting engineering innovations. Civil Engineering Division (CED) of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) is organising the congress at the IEB seminar hall in the city. The theme of the congress is "Innovation Fosters Prosperity". The organisers said this at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) yesterday. CED Secretary Eng Kazi Khairul Bashar read out a paper highlighting key features of the congress. IEB former president and eminent earthquake expert Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, Buet Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof M Habibur Rahman and CED Chairman Eng Abdul Azim Zoarder also spoke.

## JU admission under indigenous quota Dec 27

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The students will be admitted to the first year honours courses for academic year 2011-12 under indigenous quota in Jahangirnagar University (JU) from December 27 to 28, says a press release. The selected students' list under the quota is available in the respective deans' offices and education section of registrar office of the university. The students from waiting list will be admitted on December 29 if there is any vacant seat under indigenous quota. The details of admission under indigenous quota are available on the university website www.ju.edu.

## Board of ISACA, Bangladesh formed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The board of directors of Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA), Bangladesh chapter for 2012 has been elected recently with Ali Ashfaq as its president, says a press release. AKM Nazrul Haider and Aniruddha Neogi have been elected vice-president while Gopal Ghosh its secretary. Other board members are Ijazul Haque, Farmeen Mowla, Imran Ahmed, Wahid Uz Zaman, Tanvir Azad Chowdhury, Moshuul Islam Mishu, Shahinur Rahman, Tohidur Rahman Bhuiyan, Omar F Khandaker, Mahmudul Hasan Khusru, Mohammad Iqbal Hossain, Shahadat Hossain, Md Mahmud Hasan, Mostafa Kamal and Nanda Dulal Saha. ISACA, Bangladesh chapter was formed in July, 2009 as one of over 190 chapters in over 75 countries within the network of ISACA International, founded in 1967 in USA. It has become a pace-setting global organisation for information governance, control, security and audit professionals, it said.



Some men wash containers used to carry toxic chemicals in Buriganga river, a poignant reminder of the fact that pollution continues to ravage the river's ability to sustain life. The photo was taken from the Mitford Medical College ghat in the city yesterday. PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

## Chinese co to invest \$57.52m

BSS, Dhaka

A Chinese company, M/S Sonic (Bangladesh) Ltd, will invest US\$ 57.52 in Uttara Export Processing Zone (EPZ) for manufacturing collectible items including toys. A press release yesterday said the company would create employment opportunities for over 5,000 people. The agreement to this effect was signed between Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) and the company at BEPZA complex in the city yesterday. Member (Investment Promotion) of BEPZA Sayed Nurul Islam and Chairman of M/S Sonic (Bangladesh) Ltd Ben CY Wong signed the agreement on behalf of their respective sides.

# Work for people's welfare

## Prime minister asks army

UNB, BHATIARI, Chittagong

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the government is committed to building a smart, patriotic, skilled and new leadership of the army motivated with the spirit of the War of Liberation. She was speaking at the President's Parade marking the passing out of 65th BMA Long Course and 36th BMA Special Course at Bangladesh Military Academy (BMA) in Bhatiari of Chittagong. Congratulating the newly commissioned officers, Hasina said, "Your first and foremost duty will be protecting the country's independence and sovereignty even if it requires shedding the last drop of your blood." She also hoped that the new army officers would continue to work along with the people for the welfare of the country apart from safeguarding the nation's independence and sovereignty.

"Remember that you are an inseparable part of the country's people. You are the equal partners of the people's happiness and misery," she said. She expressed her firm belief that young army officers trained under the new curriculum of BMA will be able to give proper leadership to Bangladesh Army. The prime minister said she laid the foundation of Bangabandhu Complex of BMA two years ago as a part of the modernisation process of the force. The construction of the complex is expected to be completed by June 2013. The glittering ceremony witnessed the formal passing out of 127 cadets -- 116 from Bangladesh Army, six from Palestine and five from Sri Lanka -- from BMA. Among them, 111 cadets including two female cadets from the 65th BMA

Long Course and five cadets including one female cadet from the 36th BMA Special Course were commissioned to Bangladesh Army. From the 65 BMA Long Course, six cadets were commissioned to Palestine Army, and five cadets to Sri Lanka Army. Hasina witnesses the smartly turned out parade and took salute at the impressive march-past as the chief guest. She also distributed medals and awards to the outstanding cadets. Earlier, on her arrival at the BMA parade ground, Hasina was received by Chief of Army Staff General M Abdul Mubeen, Chittagong Area Commander and GOC 24 Infantry Division Major General Mohammad Ashab Uddin, GOC ARTDOC Major General AKM Muzaheid Uddin and BMA Commandant Brigadier General Md Anisuzzaman Bhuiyan.

## Obituary

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Dr Syed Kamaluddin Ahmed, professor of Psychiatry of Holy Family Medical College and Hospital, died of stomach cancer in the city yesterday at the age of 58. He left behind his wife and one daughter.

## Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 18th death anniversary of Kohinoor Banu, mother of martyred intellectual Prof Dr Abul Kalam Azad, says a press release. Her family members will arrange qurankhwani and a milad mahfil at house 35/B, road no. 7, block-G in the city's Banani.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina takes the salute during the President's Parade marking the passing out of 65th BMA Long Course and 36th BMA Special Course at Bangladesh Military Academy in Bhatiari of Chittagong yesterday. PHOTO: PID

## Kuwait to provide \$50,000 to Bangladesh

UNB, Dhaka

The government of Kuwait will provide US\$ 50,000 to Bangladesh in grant this year. The grant is part of Kuwait's contribution to the five-year Health, Population and Nutrition Sector Strategic Plan (HPNSSP) 2011-2016 undertaken by the health ministry, said a Kuwait Embassy press release in Dhaka yesterday. The government will implement the project in collaboration with its development partners. "This grant is a reflection of the deep commitment of Kuwait to the development and progress of Bangladesh," said the release.

## PM to meet JP, her Bandarban leaders today

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Prime Minister and Awami League (AL) President Sheikh Hasina will exchange views with the Bandarban district unit leaders of her party today to ensure better coordination within the party's rank and file. She will sit with the leaders of AL and its all associated bodies of the district at 12:00noon at her official residence Gono Bhavan. Earlier, the AL president talked to the leaders of Cox's Bazar districts. She will gradually meet leaders of other districts. According to AL insiders, the premier would sit with the grassroots-level leaders to get firsthand information on various issues, including organisational affairs, performance of the government and its ministers and anti government propagandas by the BNP-Jamaat alliance. AL-JP MEETING AT 7:00PM Later, at night AL will sit with the Jatiya Party (JP) leaders to discuss about the country's latest political situation. JP Presidium Member Ziauddin Ahmed Bablu said 24 of their party leaders and lawmakers will join the meeting with AL. The ruling party sat with the 14-party combine on Tuesday and Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) on Monday. The 14-party and the CPB agreed with the AL to work together with other like-minded parties to launch simultaneous political programmes across the country to resist the opposition BNP and Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami's latest "move to protect the war criminals" and to mobilise public support in favour of the war crimes trial.



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## WEATHER TODAY

### Moderate to thick fog likely

UNB, Dhaka

Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country in 24 hours till 6:00pm today. Moderate to thick fog may occur over the country during mid night till noon, Met office said. Mild cold wave is sweeping over the regions of Srimongal, Chuadanga and Feni and it may continue. Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:17 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:37am. Country's highest temperature 26.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Teknaf and lowest 08.8 degrees at Srimongal. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	18.2	13.0	89	85
Chittagong	21.0	12.8	95	82
Rajshahi	18.5	10.6	97	91
Rangpur	16.3	10.8	97	89
Khulna	14.5	11.8	100	95
Barisal	21.4	13.5	89	91