

## BCS (SPECIAL) PRELIMINARY TEST Results published

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Bangladesh Public Service Commission (PSC) yesterday published the provisional results of the 32nd BCS (special) preliminary test held on March 9 this year.

The successful candidates are eligible to participate in BCS (Bangladesh Civil Service) written test, says a press release.

Results can be found at PSC website: www.bpsc.gov.bd Besides, one can also get the results by sending an SMS from any mobile phone operator. For this, one has to type BCS <space> 32 <space> reg no. and then send to 16222. The result will be sent in a return message.

The qualified candidates from Dhaka centre can collect the original application forms from the PSC secretariat new office Bhaban at Plot-27 and 29, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka (beside Statistics Bhaban). They have to present the admit cards used for the preliminary test.

The qualified candidates from Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet centres can collect the application forms from the PSC offices in the respective divisional cities.

The forms will be distributed from April 1 to April 15 between 10:00am and 4:00pm on working days. The applications have to be submitted by April 15.

## UK Support Foundation for AUW

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Former UK first lady Cherie Blair and also the Chancellor of Asian University for Women (AUW) laid stress on the education for empowering women to emerge as leaders and become role models for the next generation of young women.

She was speaking on Wednesday at a launching programme of UK Support Foundation based in London for AUW that is located in Chittagong of Bangladesh, says a press release.

Women must put emphasis on education that helps them to establish their rights and status in the society, she added.

Kamal Ahmed, founder and acting Vice-Chancellor of AUW, and Surinder Arora, co-chair of the UK Support Foundation, among others were present at the function.

## CHANDPUR, LAXMIPUR RALLIES Cops blamed for 4 deaths

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The citizens' investigation committee formed by BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday in its report blamed "police intolerance" for the killing of four opposition men in Chandpur and Laxmipur on January 29.

It asked the authorities concerned to take punitive actions against officials responsible for the killing.

The committee also recommended compensating families and police officials districts for the investigation. It stated the report. On January 29, Chandpur and Laxmipur fire on process out by the main

part of their countrywide demonstration which claimed four lives. The next day Khaleda Zia formed the citizen body.

Supreme Court Bar Association President Khandaker Mahub Hossain, also the convenor of the citizen committee, yesterday disclosed the probe report at a press briefing at the Jatiya Press Club.

## Beware of plot against war crimes trial: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged all religious-minded people to beware of any conspiracy against the trial of the war criminals.

"A certain quarter is hatching conspiracy to foil the trial of war criminals. I urge all religious-minded people to beware of any conspiracy designed to obstruct the trial of the war criminals," she told a programme at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the city.

The event was organised to mark the 37th founding anniversary of the Islamic Foundation.

Hasina said during the 1971 Liberation War, Pakistani occupation forces and their allies in Bangladesh had trampled the ideals of Islam, as their deeds did not match with the teachings of Islam -- the religion of peace.

The government has taken steps to bring the perpetrators of the crimes against humanity to justice, she added. "Those who polluted Islam, the religion of peace, must face the trial and it must be ensured."

She said after assuming the office, the present government has taken various steps for spreading Islam. These steps include renovation of mosques; Eidgahs and graveyards; setting up of 2,000 new libraries at mosques; and distribution of 5,000 books.

Some one million students are getting education from mosque-based children and mass education programme each year, she mentioned adding, around 1,536 resource centres are operating to monitor these activities.

Besides, three million students are receiving education under pre-primary, easy-Quran teaching and adult education programmes. Works on digitizing the holy Quran in Arabic along with Bangla and English translations are going on, maintained the premier.

Earlier, the PM distributed prizes and crests among the winners of competitions in different categories. The contests were organised marking the founding anniversary of the Islamic Foundation. State Minister for Religious Affairs Md Shahjahan Miah presided over the programme.

## 8TH WAGE BOARD Call to make March 28 rally a success

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Journalists will hold a rally before Jatiya Press Club in the city at 11:00am on March 28 demanding formation of the 8th wage board.

On the same day, journalists and workers in newspapers and news agencies will observe a token strike at their respective offices from 10:00am to 1:00pm to press home the demand.

The decisions came at an extended meeting of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ), Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ), Sangbadpatra Press Sramik Federation and Sangbadpatra Karmachari Federation at Jatiya Press Club.

The meeting expressed grave concern as the gazette notification for the 8th wage board was not published.

## Trying war criminals requires strong will

Says int'l expert

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Strong political will and people's participation are imperative to ensure justice in a court, which tries war criminals, an international crimes tribunal expert said yesterday.

"It's not easy to get justice in a war crimes court. Moreover political determination, people's participation, necessary evidence are very important", said Richard J Rogers.

He was speaking at a commemorative meeting titled "International crimes and significance of the war criminals trying process in Bangladesh" at the city's Liberation War Museum.

Rogers, who was chief of the defence team in the war crimes tribunal in Cambodia, said lawyers involved in trial processes must be careful so that witnesses could place evidence properly before the tribunal and were not influenced anyway. "Getting eye-witnesses in the war crimes cases is not easy. And in many cases, getting satisfactory information is also tough", he said.

About the war crimes trial in Bangladesh, he said that though it started after 40 years, the trial process had come a long way, and it had taken a solid shape at present.

Now the trial process should be taken ahead effectively, he added.

## Youths look forward to vibrant events

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Chittagong youths are eagerly anticipating the events centering on "The Daily Star Odommo Chhattagram" festival, to be launched at MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong city on March 30.

Of the 20 unique events, 11 have caught their attention as they bring to light the culture, history, heritage and prospects of Chittagong.

One such budding mind, Salsabil Sumaiya, expressed her enthusiasm to participate in "Historical Journey of School Students" on March 25 and 27.

The class eight student said she had already read about the historical sites in Anderkilla area in the city that 400 students like her would be taken around during the event to understand the significance they represent.

"These two days will play a vital role in our self exploration," said Nurul Abrar, a student of Chittagong University. "Each of us will delve deep into our roots to get a greater understanding of our history and heritage."

Another event that Nurul expressed his eagerness to witness is "Chittagong Youth Cultural Activities", which will be held at

Chittagong Shilpakala Academy on April 3 and 4.

It would be a treat to watch the school, college and university students of Chittagong showcase their talents in different cultural programmes and go head-to-head in different competitions like debates during the event, he said.

Nurul, who is in his final year in BBA, said he would also set aside time to visit "Chittagong Brands Expo" at the MA Aziz Stadium gymnasium from March 31 to April 7.

"I am looking forward to knowing what entrepreneurs of Chittagong have to offer at the event which would help me gain a better understanding of what business opportunities Chittagong is yet to access," he said.

A music enthusiast, Shibani Eshwari, said she just could not wait for the start of "Music, Dance and Indigenous Festival" on DC Hill premises from April 7 to 9.

"I just love to see performances on music and dance. This event, where all of Chittagong's talents will congregate at one point, will be a spectacle to watch," said the

class nine student gleefully.

"I also have a knack in painting and am planning to visit the Painting Exhibition which will be held at the Institute of Fine Arts, Chittagong University from March 30 to April 5," she said.

Food lovers will not be left out during the festival as some social organisations and eateries of Chittagong are going to present the succulent dishes the port city boasts of.

Shibani said she would definitely go round MA Aziz Stadium gymnasium grounds where "Chittagong Food Festival" will be held and experience the food diversity in Chittagong's kitchens, like the meat of Mezbani and dry fish curries.

Tushar Shubra Dev, a college student, said he would definitely be the first to be present on the banks of the Karnaphuli river to witness the boats participating in the "Shampan Baich" (boat race), which will begin at 3:00pm on April 6.

An aspiring scientist, Shubhankar Datta, has his hopes held high on "Science in Chittagong" to be held at Theatre Institute Chittagong on April 6.

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## HC order on Ducsu election April 8

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday fixed April 8 to pass order on a writ petition filed seeking its directives upon the authorities concerned for taking immediate steps to hold election to Dhaka University Central Students' Union (Ducsu).

The court fixed the date after concluding hearing of the petition filed by 25 students of Dhaka University.

They submitted the petition on March 21, also praying to the court to issue a rule upon the government and the DU authorities to explain why their failure to hold the Ducsu election should not be declared illegal.

Advocate Manzill Murshid appeared for the petitioners while Attorney General Mahubey Alam opposed the petition.

## Why power plant near Sundarbans?

HC asks govt to explain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday asked the government to explain in two weeks why it should not be directed not to set up the proposed 1,300 megawatt coal-fired power plant in Rampal upazila of Bagerhat near the Sundarbans.

The ruling came following a writ petition that says if the plant is set up at Sapmari-Katakhal Mouja of Rampal, the world's largest mangrove forest and its biodiversity will be damaged. Sheikh Siddique Ahammed, organising secretary of environmentalist organisation Save the Sundarbans, filed the petition on January 31 as public interest litigation.

Secretaries to the ministries of planning, environment and forest, energy and mineral resources, and land, the director general of environment department, the chairman of Power Development Board, the deputy commissioner of Bagerhat and project director of the proposed plant have been made respondents to the rule.

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