



Lottery for admission to class-I at Viqarunnisa Noon School and College being held on the school's Siddheswari campus in the capital yesterday while parents, inset, anxiously await the results.

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ADMISSION TO CLASS-I Lottery begins at two schools in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Lottery for admission to class-I began yesterday at two schools in the capital in the presence of anxious guardians trying their children's luck for a seat.

Viqarunnisa Noon School and College and Ideal School and College, Motijheel held the lottery on their respective school premises amid school managing committee members, teachers, lawmakers, education ministry officials and journalists.

Viqarunnisa Noon School and College began its 3-day lottery on its main campus in Siddheswari with the assistance of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet).

The lottery for the school's Azimpur and Bashundhara branches were conducted yesterday.

The school managing committee Chairman Rashed Khan Menon MP was present on the occasion.

However, a section of guardians staged demonstration at the school's main gate, alleging that the lottery was not held in a transparent manner.

Some guardians said they could not understand the lottery process as it was done electronically rather than manually.

Meanwhile, some guardians expressed satisfaction over the lottery process as it was

conducted by experts from Buet.

This year, as many as six students are trying their luck for a seat in class-I at Viqarunnisa Noon School and College. Around 9,290 forms were selected for lottery against 1,440 vacant seats.

The school's lottery will continue till Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the first day of lottery at Ideal School and College, Motijheel went peacefully yesterday.

The lottery was conducted manually on its main campus avoiding any doubts among guardians.

Dhaka Education Board Chairman Prof Fahima Khatun inaugurated the lottery through which class-I candidates for the school's Banasri branch, which can accommodate 300 students, were chosen.

A number of parents were invited to draw outnames from the lottery box.

"We are happy with the lottery as it was done fairly and transparently and we took part in it," said a guardian like many others.

The school will also hold lotteries today and tomorrow.

It may be mentioned that the government had ordered all schools to conduct lottery to choose new entrants to class-I. Admission to other classes, except for class-IX, would be done through admission tests like in the previous years.

2 JnU students held for exam fraud

JNU CORRESPONDENT

Jagannath University (JnU) authorities yesterday handed over two students to police for taking semester final examinations of another student and forging an admit card.

The arrestees were identified as Sayed Ohiduzzaman, student of the university's Islamic history department, and Mehedi Hasan, student of political science department.

Earlier on October 21, Detective Branch of Police arrested Ishtiaq Ahmed, a student of the university's political science department, for leaking questions of the university's admission test, said sources.

After Ishtiaq's arrest, Ohiduzzaman has been sitting for Ishtiaq's semester final exams using the fake admit card he made with the help of Mehedi Hasan.

Using the fake admit card, Ohiduzzaman had already given three exams of Ishtiaq yesterday but was caught during the last exam by a team led by examination controller AKM Akteruzzaman, who handed him and Mehedi over to police.

AKM Akteruzzaman said acting on a tip off, they checked the examination room and found Ohiduzzaman giving Ishtiaq's exam.

Contacted, Dr Asoke Kumar Saha, proctor of the university, said a departmental inquiry committee would be formed to investigate the incident and the accused students would be duly punished.



Khaleda's mass contact in capital Dec 26 for CG

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia will conduct a mass contact campaign in the capital on December 26 for the reinstatement of the caretaker government system before the next parliamentary elections.

During the daylong campaign she will address a few roadshows at different areas of the capital.

"Our chairperson will conduct the campaign to drum up public support for the caretaker government system," said Tariqul Islam, a senior BNP leader.

The party will also stage a demonstration on December 23. He was briefing reporters after a meeting at the party's central office in Naya Paltan. The meeting also demanded unconditional release of BNP leaders including its acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir.

BNP Joint Secretary General Rizvi has been living at the party office since December 8 to avoid being arrested.

A case was filed against him and Fakhrul, along with many others in connection with the violence on December 9 during the 18-party alliance's nationwide blockade.

Fakhrul was arrested on December 10.

Freedom fighters will hold a rally tomorrow at Mahanagar Nattyo Mancho.

"At least ten thousand freedom fighters will attend the programme," Tariqul said.

The BNP leaders bitterly criticised the government for releasing top criminal Bikash, claiming that killers were being released to foil opposition's demonstration and to kill its leaders.

Meanwhile, police yesterday did not allow Jatiyatabadi Sangskritik Sangstha (Jasas) to hold a cultural programme in front of BNP's office at Naya Paltan.



Discussion

Swadhinata Shikkha Parishad will organise a discussion "Trial of war criminals-responsibilities of teachers' society"; Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity; Time: 11:00am.

Discussion

Gono Forum will hold a discussion marking Victory Day; Venue: Institute of Diploma Engineers; Time: 4:00pm.

Inauguration

Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education will inaugurate "Bangabandhu O Mukti Juddha Corner and Shikha Bhaban Library"; Venue: Shikha Bhaban; Time: 1:00pm.

Workshop

Housing and Building Research Institute will organise a workshop "Earthquake resistance in

3-nation cadet corps team meets PM

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday underlined the importance of strengthening people to people contact for mutual benefit of the region's people.

She was talking to a delegation of officers and cadets of the national cadet corps of Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka who called on her at her Gono Bhaban residence.

Governments are elected for five years but people are the main future makers and their contacts are essential for mutual benefit, she said.

Hasina thanked the cadets of the neighbouring countries for visiting Bangladesh in December when Bangladesh was celebrating its 41st anniversary of victory.

The cadets thanked the prime minister for giving them the privilege to visit the head of a government for the first time.

They said they visited a number of historical places including the marine academy in Chittagong, Patenga beach, and Jamuna Bridge and received warm hospitality from the humble people of Bangladesh.

Bangladesh National Cadet Corps Director General Brig Gen Mirza Ezazur Rahman, Indian National Cadet Corps Head of Delegation Col Mahendra K Joshi and Sri Lankan Cadet Corps Head of Delegation Col SLDE Lanerolle were present.

Cop dies of burns Brother suspects murder

STAR REPORT

The brother of a Narayanganj policeman, who succumbed to his burn injuries at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday, is accusing an officer-in-charge (OC) of murder while the accused is terming the burn incident an accident.

Sub-inspector Md Shahjahan Miah, 51, of Bandar Police Station suffered 90 percent burn injuries in an "explosion" before his quarters inside the station compound on December 13 around 11:00pm, said Narayanganj Superintendent of Police Sheikh Nazmul Alam.

The brother, Farid Ahmed, claimed that Shahjahan, hailing from Kuraliapara village in Tangail's Mirzapur upazila and serving in the force for 25 years, had told him what happened that night.

Shahjahan was standing before his quarters after his shift's end when two men arrived and threw an object at him. His clothes caught fire and he tried to put it out by rolling on the ground. Afterwards, people in the vicinity took him to DMCH, said Farid.

Shahjahan had a feud with Bandar police OC Noor Mohammad Bepari after the former disagreed to the latter's intent to sell some confiscated goods. The OC might have a hand in setting his brother on fire, said Farid.

Denying the allegations, OC Noor said police investigations revealed that Shahjahan's clothes accidentally caught fire while he was seeking warmth in an outdoor fire and there was a big sound.

He said Rab, DB police and CID collected samples from the spot. A three-member investigation committee will submit a report within a day or two, said police.

Two hit with bullets as police come under fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two people sustained bullet injuries when criminals shot at law enforcers in the capital's Sabujbagh yesterday afternoon.

Lipu Sarder, 38, who caught one of the criminals, was hit in the leg and jaw. Imran Hossain Chowdhury, 19, a student of University Laboratory School and College, was hit in the back.

Imran happened to pass by on a rickshaw, said Officer-in-Charge Qayum Ali of Sabujbagh Police Station. Lipu and Imran were hurried to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Sub-Inspector Nurul Alam received minor injuries while trying to nab the offenders.

Lipu's friend Obaidur Rahman Sumon said they had personally known SI Nurul Alam. They were at Sabujbagh on their way to Rampura when Lipu phoned the SI. The

SI told them to drop by and see him at a police check post there, which they did.

On duty with a patrol team at the check post, the SI treated them to some snacks at a nearby shop, saying that he would join them soon.

"Suddenly three men appeared on a motorcycle. The SI signalled them to stop," said Sumon. "They did stop but then started running, leaving the bike behind I don't know why."

Chased by the team of police, the three opened fire. "Lipu and I came forward along with police when the three started running," Sumon added.

The team detained two of them, Dulu, 40, and Javed, 35, who admitted they had been roaming the area to rob people and had come from Jatrabari, the OC said.

Police recovered from them a pistol loaded with six bullets and a revolver with four bullets.

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