

# IIUB gives reception to HSC graduates

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ishakha International University, Bangladesh (IIUB) accorded a reception to the college graduates of Kishoreganj for their HSC and equivalent examination results in Shilpakala Academy auditorium of the district on Friday.

Prof Durgadas Bhattacharya, IIUB vice-chancellor, chaired the function, said a press release.

Siddiquir Rahman, deputy commissioner of Kishoreganj, Emdadul Haque Chowdhury, its additional deputy commissioner (education and development), Prof Ashim Sarker, chairman of Sanskrit department at Dhaka University, and ANM Nawshad Khan, secretary of IIUB Trust, were present at the event.

# MPs to decide

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any such thing. "We will work as per the law and will provide equal facilities to all to create a level-playing field."

On whether there is any directive from the government over the dissolving issue, Rakibuddin replied in the negative.

As per the constitution, the election is scheduled to be held between October 27 and January 24 next year.

The EC will start distributing national identity cards of new voters of Dhaka city soon, he informed. Afterwards, the EC will start distributing the cards in the other district.

"We will sit within a day or two to finalise the plan on how to distribute the cards, whether by going from home to home, through postal service or making it available at the election office," he added.

There are around 70 lakh new voters for the national election, around 3.5 lakh of whom are from Dhaka.

The EC, in a meeting yesterday, decided to notify voters through SMS before the election about the information relating to polling centres and voter serial number.

On holding dialogues with political parties, he said political parties could always give their suggestions and the door for dialogue was always open.

Despite fixing prior appointment, the CEC yesterday did not give time to meet Jamaat-e-Islami leaders. Earlier, the party sought time to meet the CEC twice but did not get the appointment.

"We could not meet them (Jamaat leaders) today (yesterday) due to the commission's important meetings. We informed them that we will sit with them later," Rakibuddin said.

On August 1, the High Court declared Jamaat's registration with the EC illegal.



Librarians of secondary level schools stage a sit-in before the capital's Jatiya Press Club for the second consecutive day yesterday demanding that they be included in the government's monthly pay order (MPO).

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# Why not protect doctors from mobs

HC asks govt  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule asking the government to explain why it should not be directed to provide adequate protection to doctors and hospitals, so that they can discharge duties without any fear of attacks from mobs.

In response to a writ petition, it also asked the government to show cause as to why it should not be directed to formulate a guideline about proceeding with the cases filed against doctors on charge of negligence causing death of patients.

The government has to explain in four weeks, petitioner's counsel Tanvir Parvez told The Daily Star.

Secretaries to the ministries of home affairs and health and family planning, and inspector general of police have been made respondents to the rule.

The HC bench of Justice Salma Masud Chowdhury and Justice Zafar Ahmed came up with the rule after holding hearing on the petition filed by Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) President Prof Mahmud Hassan last week.

The BMP president cited some newspaper reports on the incidents of attacks by angry mobs on doctors after deaths of some patients in Dhaka and other areas last year.

# 7 get life term

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The convicted are Belayet Kazi, Billal Mridha, Mohammad Israfil, Mohammad Monir, Md Ibrahim, Md Nizam and Mohammad Romance.

Of the convicts, Billal Mridha was present in the court yesterday while the rest went into hiding after getting bail from different courts.

Judge ABM Nizamul Haque of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-4 handed down the sentence.

Punishment of the fugitives will be effective from the day of their arrest or surrender, the court said, adding that the convicts were also

fined Tk 20,000, in default, to suffer two more months in jail.

According to the prosecution, Kanchan went missing at 8:30pm on April 28 of 2006, after he went out of his house to see an eye specialist.

Kanchan's brother Harun-or-Rashid, former joint secretary of establishment ministry, got a phone call from police at around 2:00am and came to know that an unidentified body was found in front of the emergency unit of Suhrawardy Hospital along with a phonebook containing this number.

# Cabinet okays

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of the government's bid to form a coordinated working strategy to deal with the Myanmar citizens, believed to be numbering from three to five lakh, illegally staying in Bangladesh.

The government is currently in discussion with its Myanmar counterpart to prevent the illegal passage of Myanmar citizens. Bangladesh would

also strengthen its border security with Myanmar by building outposts and observation towers, said the Cabinet secretary.

The government is also aiming to take necessary steps to deport Rohingyas living in camps at Cox's Bazar, he added. Currently there are around 30,000 Rohingyas living in the two camps.

# ACC approves charges

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of over Tk 40.93 lakh, he said.

He said Akhtar used the other two vehicles -- one jeep and one microbus -- during the period that resulted in a loss of over Tk 58.71 lakh.

ACC Deputy Additional

Director Khandaker Akheruzzaman lodged two cases against the duo with Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station on January 16, 2011 in this connection.

The ACC official said the aforesaid amount was spent on fuel and maintenance of the five vehicles used by the former speaker and his deputy.

# BNP JS caucus

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dialogue over the proposal and it be placed in parliament for discussion.

At the seminar, Opposition Chief Whip Zainul Abdin Faroque presented the keynote highlighting the poll-time government, BNP's electoral manifesto focusing on anti-corruption measures and improvement of the law and order situation.

Referring to the issue of nominating candidates in the upcoming election, several participants asked the BNP policymakers, "What will they do with the corrupt politicians?"

"What will happen to those among us who are

corrupt? Let's find a way so that they don't get nominated," said Moazzem Hossain Alal, president of Jubo Dal, BNP's youth wing. Meanwhile, the BNP during a meeting at a city hotel with foreign diplomats yesterday highlighted the necessity of a non-party caretaker government to oversee the next general election.

A BNP delegation headed by Fakhrul made a powerpoint presentation detailing the grounds.

The envoys of the US, UK, European Union, Germany and Canada, except that of India, attended the meeting, said Osman Faruq, an adviser to BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia.

# Give 60pc dearness

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He said Bangladesh, as a signatory to the International Labour Organization conventions 87 and 98, should ensure the right of government staff to form associations.

He also demanded abolishing contractual appointments (outsourcing tasks) in government offices and providing Tk 2,000 as medical

and Tk 1,000 as conveyance allowance.

He demanded promotion of graduate and post graduate class III employees to posts of officers in their respective departments. For employees working in hilly, coastal and Haor regions and tourist spots, he demanded an additional Tk 5,000 as "hilly allowance".

# Removal hampered

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They could move contempt of court petitions against people responsible for installing illegal billboards if the full text was available, he added. Moreover, they were also not able to move an appeal to vacate the SC order, he said.

The verdict was delivered by the HC bench of Justice A H M Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik and Justice Md Delwar Hossain.

Justice Shamsuddin is now a judge of the SC's Appellate Division. Delwar is no more an HC judge since his service was not renewed after his two-year appointment as an additional judge ended on November 15, 2010, said SC sources.

The HC bench had observed in the short verdict that unauthorised billboards were being placed in unsafe

positions. This was causing those to fall, leading to civilian casualties.

No law will be violated if these billboards are removed since protecting the life of people and their properties is the supreme law, it said, adding that the respondents were legally and constitutionally liable to protect the rights of people.

Two people were killed and eight others were injured when a loosely mounted hoarding on Gulshan Shopping Centre at Gulshan-1 collapsed on them on March 15, 2010.

A security guard, Hazrat Ali, was killed on June 17, 2006 on Pragati Sarani in a similar incident. Moreover, a hoarding crushed a young man to death near Zia International Airport on May 6, 2009.

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# BDR CARNAGE CASE Reading out allegations deferred

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A trial court's move to read out allegations against the accused in the 2009 BDR carnage case yesterday was deferred by two days as the written allegations of the prosecution witnesses contained errors.

Moreover, the court decided to provide the accused with the written allegations instead of reading those out considering the huge number of accused.

The total number of charge-sheeted accused in the case is 850.

On September 2, the court wrapped up recording statements of prosecution witnesses by recording statements of 654 of them out of the total 1,333.

Aminul Islam, a defence counsel, said there were many differences between what the prosecution witnesses said earlier and what the written allegations contained.

There were written confessional statements of some accused although they had not given any confessional statements.

The court allowed two days to fix the mistakes and fixed tomorrow for the next hearing.

Earlier, the defence counsels wanted the allegations to be read out by the judge but prosecution counsels opposed this considering the large number of accused.

Fifty-seven senior and mid-ranking army officers including the then BDR chief Maj Gen Shakil Ahmed were among the 74 people killed in the 25-26 February rebellion and carnage inside the Pikhana headquarters of the then Bangladesh Rifles, later renamed as Border Guard Bangladesh.