



COUNTRYWIDE BLOCKADE - SECOND DAY



Clockwise from top left, a man with his skin peeled off due to burns in the shoulder, face and chest after an auto-rickshaw he was riding was set alight by pickets in Almas area of Chittagong city yesterday, the second day of BNP-led opposition's 71-hour countrywide blockade. Three motorcycles in flames in the city gate area. In nearby Colonel Haat area, a policeman fell off his moving motorcycle and broke his arm after an attack by opposition activists. An almost desolate Kanchpur bridge in Narayanganj. A roadblock with logs and burning tyres put up by Jamaat-Shibir activists on Kaliganj-Chuadanga road at Kotchandpur upazila, Jhenidah. In a reversal of the usual situation, this queue at the capital's Kamalapur Railway Station is not one of buyers but of those intending to return tickets due to schedule collapse of trains and violence on the rail routes. An auto-rickshaw set aflame in the capital's Mitford area. Jatiyatabadi Mahila Dal brings out a procession in Munshiganj town, carrying brooms and putting a garland of old shoes on an effigy of Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmed who announced the schedule for the 10th general election on Monday without the opposition's consent. They later burnt the effigy.

PHOTO: STAR



BU admission tests rescheduled

Barisal

The admission tests of Barisal University which were to be held today have been rescheduled for December 7.

The tests have been rescheduled due to the opposition alliance's blockade programme.

According to the revised schedule, the hour-long admission tests for "Gha" unit will be held at 10:00am, "Ga" unit at 1:00pm and "Ka" and "Kha" units at 4:00pm.

More information can be found at www.barisaluniv.edu.bd.

DU "Ka" unit admission test results published

UNB, Dhaka

The results of the admission test under "Ka" unit of Dhaka University (DU) for the academic session 2013-14 was published yesterday.

Some 23,374 candidates came out successful out of 59,253 candidates who sat for the test against 1,618 seats this year, official sources said.

The pass rate in the admission test, held on November 22, is 39.44 percent.

The results are available at the university website: www.admission.eis.du.ac.bd

BISHWAJIT MURDER

Prosecution ends arguments seeking highest punishment

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution in the Bishwajit murder case concluded its arguments yesterday and demanded exemplary punishment to all the 21 accused.

During the hearing yesterday, Public Prosecutor SM Rafiqul Islam pointed out several statements of 33 prosecution witnesses, including the complainant of the case.

"I was able to prove beyond doubt the charges brought against all the accused and sought maximum punishment for them," Rafiqul told The Daily Star.

Judge ABM Nizamul Haque of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-4

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Mother, 2 children burnt to death in Ctg fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A woman and her two children were burnt to death when a fire broke out at their house at Panchpukuria village in Fatikchhari upazila of Chittagong early yesterday.

The deceased are Sumi Nath, 25, wife of Milan Nath, an expatriate in Dubai; their daughter Barsha Nath, 3, and one-and-a-half-year-old son Shrabon Nath.

Quoting the other members of the family, Fatikchhari Police Station Officer-in-Charge Ataur Rahman Bhuiyan said the fire, originating from the kitchen, soon engulfed the thatched house while they were asleep.

As the house was in an isolated area, no neighbour could come to douse the fire, he said, adding that the house was totally gutted.

Sust reverts to unified admission exam with JSTU

Prof Zafar Iqbal, Prof Yasmeen withdraw resignations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The Sust yesterday finally decided to stick to taking a unified test for admission to Sust and Jessore Science and Technology University (JSTU), prompting Prof Muhammed Zafar Iqbal and his wife Prof Yasmeen Haque to withdraw their resignations.

The Shahjalal University of Science & Technology (Sust) academic council, in an emergency meeting chaired by Vice-Chancellor Prof Md Aminul Haque Bhuyan, also decided to hold another meeting to fix the exam date.

The academic couple, announcing before the administrative building around 3:00pm to stay back, had submitted their resignation letters at the registrar's office on Tuesday evening.

It was in protest of, what they said, the Sust's decision to postpone the combined test, scheduled for November 30 amidst opposition from "a group of people".

The duo stated that admission seekers would face less hassle as the unified exam can be taken

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