

## UAE envoy meets Khaleda

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United Arab Emirates (UAE) Ambassador in Dhaka Saeed Bin Hajar Al Shehi called on BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday evening.

The 40-minute meeting was held at Khaleda's Gulshan office. Neither of the sides spoke to the media about the agenda of the meeting.

## Rotary Club Dhaka awards intellectuals

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Several intellectuals were given Vocational Excellence Award of Rotary Club of Dhaka Cosmopolitan at the capital's Cirdap on Saturday for their contributions to different sectors of the society.

The awardees include Vice Chancellor of Eastern University Abdur Rab, Dr ASQ Md Sadique, Md Musharraf Hossain, and Jaago Foundation Chief Korvi Rakshand, said a release.

## Death anniversary

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Today is the 11th death anniversary advocate Badiul Alam, a freedom fighter in Chittagong.

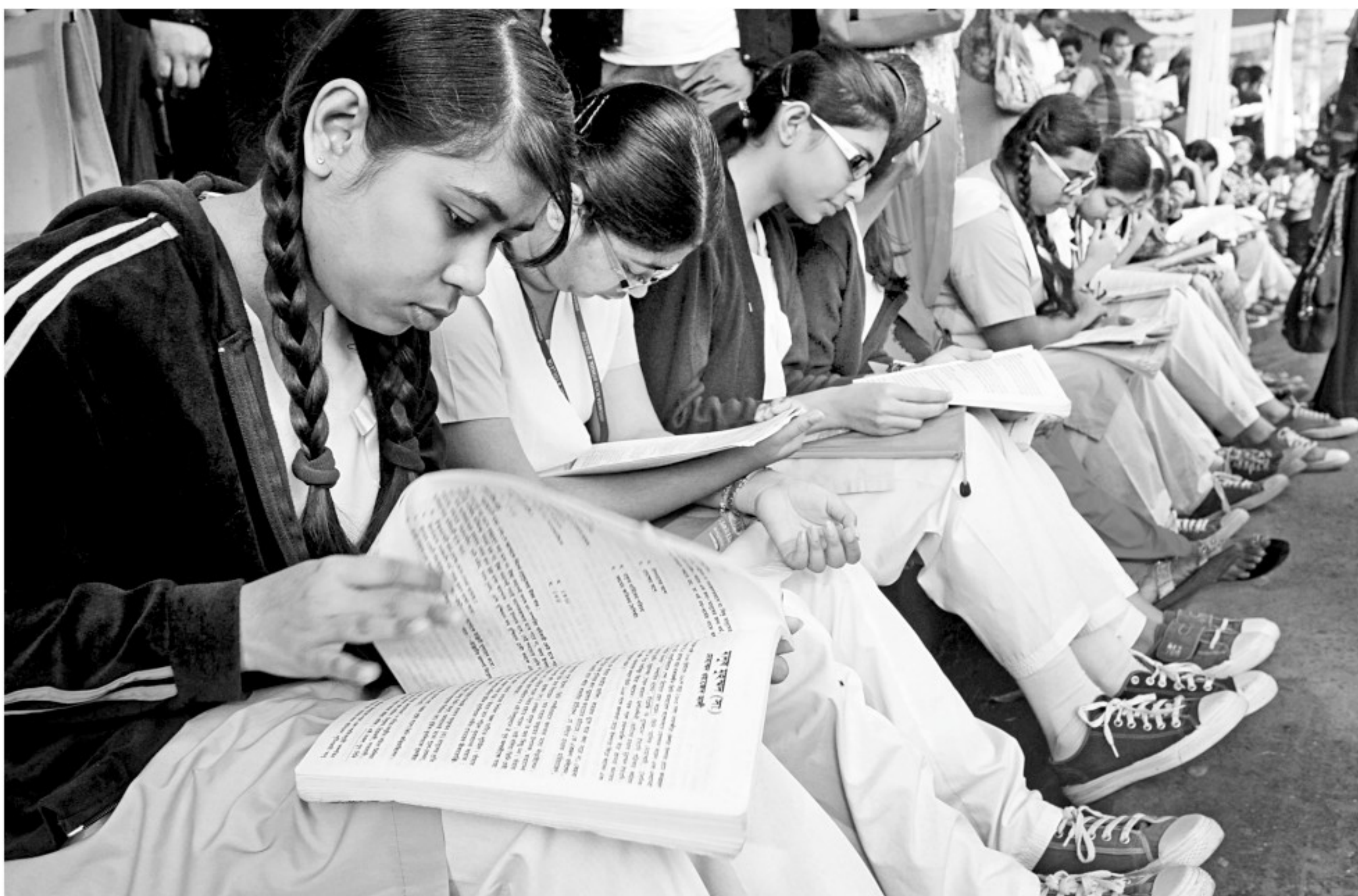
On the occasion, a doa mahfil will be held on Fatnagar Sharifunessa Nazir Uddin Girls High School premises in Chandanaish of the district, says a press release. He was also a member of the committee of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society.

## Saarc ministers'

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Sri Lanka.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam will lead Bangladesh delegation at the Saarc ministerial meeting.



Some SSC examinees go through their books sitting on the footpath in front of Motijheel Government Boys School centre in the capital yesterday as they had arrived there two hours before the exams started, fearing that traffic congestion might make them late. The photo was taken around 8:30am.

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## AMASSING ILLEGAL WEALTH ACC summons ex-minister's APS

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The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday summoned former state minister for religious affairs Shahjahan Miah's assistant private secretary to appear before it on February 18 over an allegation of amassing wealth worth Tk 50 crore illegally during the last tenure of Awami League-led grand alliance government.

Legal action will be taken against Sumendra Lal Chandra Soilen if he fails to respond to the notice, an ACC source said.

He siphoned a portion of the money off to India where his mother lives, said the source.

ACC had information that Soilen had a five-storey building in Patuakhali town, and plots of land and flats in the capital, the source added.

## SWAN, AWN call for repeal

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especially the Independent Oversight Commission on the Constitution, to uphold the equal rights of women and men, as enshrined in the Constitution of Afghanistan, which prohibits any discriminatory laws against women," said SWAN Convener Veena Sikri.

"SWAN and all the women of South Asia share the pain and anguish of our sisters in Afghanistan and support them in this hour of need," she said.

SWAN consists of rights activists and non-government organisations of the countries in South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation.

## SSC examination centre vandalised

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the school.

The SSC examinees, however, alleged that the invigilators took time to give question papers for multiple choice questions (MCQs). The invigilators even took the answer sheet of MCQs five minutes before ending of the exam, they added.

A general diary has been filed in this regard.

SSC examinees sat for Bangla (compulsory) first paper while Dhakil examinees for Quran Mazid and Tajbid and SSC vocational candidates for Bangla-2 creative test.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid urged the political parties and individuals to

refrain from any activity that disrupts the examinations. After visiting Motijheel Govt Boys' High School centre, the minister made the call before journalists.

Among the expelled students, six are from Technical Board while two from Madrasa Board and one from Jessore Board, according to the control room of the education ministry.

The Madrasa Board had the highest number of absentees as its 2,400 examinees did not take the exam.

Eight education boards, one madrasa education board and one technical education board are conducting SSC, Dakhil and SSC vocational examinations for 2014.

## Over 27 students selected from Dhaka, Ctg, Sylhet

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in Chittagong and Jalalabad Cantonment Public School & College and Scholars Home School & College in Sylhet.

Yesterday, students of Bangladesh Navy School & College in the capital and Anandaniketan School in Sylhet participated. A student of the latter, Argyo Roy, who reached the third and final TV round in the last two seasons was selected this year too.

Students shortlisted by teachers are spell-

ing words based on four clues, the part of speech the word is, the word's English and Bangla meaning and its use in a sentence.

The first round will be held for students, except SSC examinees and O level candidates, from class VI-X of 200 English and Bangla medium schools in seven divisions alongside on the web at [www.champs21.com](http://www.champs21.com) all throughout February. Those selected will sit for the second divisional round next month.

## ICT-1 to get new chairman

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by Justice ATM Fazle Kabir completed the trial of war crimes accused Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Motiur Rahman

Nizami on November 20 last year and kept the case waiting for verdict. A few other crime cases are pending with the tribunal.

## Victims' future uncertain

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refrigerator that was almost unrecognisable.

"I bought the reconditioned refrigerator only six months earlier and it was quite good," he added.

A child was burnt alive and belongings of some 374 families were burnt to ashes as the devastating fire swept through the slum at Jhilpar in the capital's Madhubagh on Saturday morning.

Mostly garment workers, rickshaw pullers, domestic helps and CNG-run auto-rickshaw drivers lived as tenants in the shanties made with corrugated tin.

After the fire, some 400 victims took refuge in the auditorium of Bangladesh Telecommunications Company Limited (BTCL) in Moghbazar. Others like Ratan had to sleep under the open sky.

Sufia Begum, a garment worker, asked how she can possibly bounce back from this. She came to the capital eight years ago after losing her properties to river erosion in Lalmonirhat. She built a life for herself and her family in Dhaka, but a single event took her back to zero.

Some government and non-government organisations yesterday distributed relief among the victims.

## Strike called for tomorrow

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to the department's chairman and submitted a memorandum to the vice-chancellor but to no avail."

The department's Chairman Prof AJM Shafiu Alam Bhuiyan said the department has more practical courses than other departments and so the fee is higher.

On affordability, he said the course which can accommodate 30 students has already registered 28 students.

Meanwhile at the same venue, the jote's Central Committee demanded immediate cancellation of evening master's programmes and fee hikes in public universities.

Bangladesh Chhatra League activists who on February 2 attacked the Rajshahi University students protesting the programmes and hikes should be brought to book, said Bangladesh Chhatra Moitri Convener Foysal Faruque Ovik.

## Lopa gets 6-month ad-interim

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aide and Jubo League leader Maruf Reza Sagar, seeking bail in the case.

Milky was shot dead in front of a shopping mall in the capital's Gulshan on July 30 last year.

Milky's brother Rashidul Haque filed the murder case with Gulshan police the same day. On August 3, law enforcers arrested Lopa in connection with the murder.

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## Museum's stall continues to strengthen Liberation War's spirit

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Unlike book fairs around the world, the one being held on the Bangla Academy premises since 1972 specifically in the month when the Language Movement took place in 1952 bears the objective of strengthening the Liberation War's spirit.

Accordingly, the Liberation War Museum's stall in this year's Amar Ekushey Granthamela stands as proof to the endeavour to adorn the fair with Bangladesh's history and the struggles and movements that led to its birth in 1971.

The stall has two units, a sales centre and another bearing pictorial displays including paper cuttings and other documents on Bangladesh's history from 1952 to 1971, chronology of the trial of the 1971 war criminals and list of the 1952 Pakistani war criminals.

"I bought 14 postcards, two of each kind for myself and my cousin and this CD on Bangabandhu's 7 March speech," said one visitor, school student Atik Khan, showing his postcards, one of which had the Bangladesh flag and another the cover of a 1971 edition of Newsweek magazine as the subject matter.

Another visitor, Manik Ghosh, said, "I have not been to the museum yet but this display has awakened my interest in our country's history."

Yesterday 78 new books of different genres arrived including ones on the Liberation War -- Khalifa Ashraf's "Agnijhora Ekattur" published by Noboraag Prokashani and Abu Ishak's "Joyoddhoni" published by Shobdoshoili.

Publication ceremony of 16 books including Moshiru Rahman Shanto "Gonomadhhome Shishu-Kishorera" published by Nouroze Kitabstan, journalist Indrajit Sarkar's children's fiction "Dossbur Jongole Toton" by Subhro Prokash and Sayedi Suraiya's "Asmani Kitab Somuher Bhoishshotbanite Biswa Nabi (pbuh) Ebong e Kitabgulote Manusher Hostokheper Tothyo Proman" by Nondini Prokashon.

## Education in mother tongue

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still forces the parents to hide their identities when they send their children to schools," he said.

"Three generations of families consisting of around 20 members live in one room apartments at Ganakuli colony of Dalits," he said explaining how Dalit children get little opportunity to study at home even if they do go to school.

Bashar demanded budgetary allocation for the development of the Dalit communities' education to ensure their rights.

Prof Amena Mohsin and Prof Mesbah Kamal of Dhaka University, among others, spoke.

Rights activists demanded that all educational institutions introduce quotas for Dalit students so that they do not drop out of the institutions.

## BCL leader on 10-day

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students informed the Rajshahi University Journalist Association yesterday around 2:00pm.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Muhammad Mizanuddin told The Daily Star that the evening master's programmes were "not part of the academic activities" at RU.

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Willing candidates should send their application along with CV to the following address by 25th February 2014: EngenderHealth Bangladesh, Concord Royal Court (5th Floor), House # 40, Road # 16 (New), Dhanmondi R.A., Dhaka-1209. Please include details of the salary requirements and salary history. Only the short-listed candidates will be contacted.



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