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Poor show in education

Study reveals most school students' lack of competence in 3 major subjects

WASIM BIN HABIB

Around 92 percent of sixth graders don't have the required competence in English, and 89 percent of them lack proficiency in Bangla, according to a government survey.

The picture is also dismal in the case of mathematics as more than 82 percent of them cannot gain expected competence in the subject, shows the Learning Assessment Survey-2013.

It, however, found that class-VIII students did better than sixth graders. Around 23 percent of the eighth graders achieved the desired level of competence in English and 38 percent in Bangla.

In mathematics, 22 percent of the students gained competence, mentions the survey report launched at a national workshop at the National Academy for Educational Management in the capital yesterday.

The findings come amid growing concern over the standard of education following abysmal results in recently-held admission tests at Dhaka University.

Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Wing of the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE) conducted the survey with financial assistance from the DSHE's Secondary Education Quality and Access Enhancement Project (SEQAEP).

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Tailbacks on both sides of Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue in the capital yesterday. Tired of back-to-back hartals enforced by Jamaat-e-Islami, people came out of their home defying the shutdown and the city streets experienced a heavy rush of traffic. The photo was taken around 4:30pm.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Security not an issue for them now

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Defence counsels went to Dhaka Central Jail yesterday to meet death row war crimes convict Muhammad Kamaruzzaman, ignoring the "security issues" they had been citing as reasons for their absence from the trial proceedings on hartal days.

In 2012 and last year, senior defence lawyers did not attend the two international crimes tribunals on hartal days, even after repeated assurances from the courts that they would be provided with necessary protection.

On several occasions, the tribunals imposed fines on them but they continued remaining absent, delaying the court procedures.

However, lawyers of Jamaat-e-Islami leader Kamaruzzaman went to meet him in jail in an ambulance braving the hartal that

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Rohingya camps to be shifted

Says PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the government has planned for shifting Rohingya refugees to suitable places from the existing camps at Kutupalang and Nayapara in Cox's Bazar.

She was speaking at a meeting with the high officials of the disaster management and relief ministry at Bangladesh Secretariat.

The Rohingya refugees will be shifted to a wider area as they are now living in a very inhumane condition, PM's Press Secretary AKM Shameem Chowdhury told newsmen after the meeting, quoting

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Mujib should be sued for sedition

Another antics by Tarique

STAR REPORT

In yet another controversial remark, Tarique Rahman has said that Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman should be sued for sedition.

"Sheikh Mujib returned home with a Pakistani passport [after the Liberation War] and became the president of the country. For this, a sedition case needs to be filed against him," said the BNP senior vice-chairman.

Tarique has recently hit the headlines for making a flurry of controversial comments on the Father of the Nation and his role in the

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FAKE WAR HERO CERTIFICATES 2 secretaries quit

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

They did not fight for the country's liberation. Yet they obtained freedom fighter's certificates at the fag-end of their careers to secure job extension by one year.

But in the end the "dream" did not materialise; they instead earned a name one had better not earn: fake freedom fighter.

Two secretaries, whose war hero's certificates were found fake and was already revoked, tendered their resignations yesterday.

In the resignation letters submitted to the public administration ministry, however, they cited personal reasons. The two are MM Neaz Uddin Miah, who was health secretary, and AKM Amir Hossain, who was public service commission secretary.

Sources said they were asked to resign by the higher authorities.

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No action yet for assault on lensman, nieces at DU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It all happened in broad daylight and at a place like Dhaka University.

On Wednesday afternoon, four youths assaulted noted photographer Imtiaz Alam Beg and his two nieces on the campus without any provocation.

Imtiaz, son of legendary photographer Manzoor Alam Beg and principal of Begart Institute of Photography, needed six stitches in the forehead, while the attackers tore up the clothes of his nieces. "What

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The man who shot Osama

THE TELEGRAPH ONLINE

The Navy SEAL responsible for killing the world's most wanted terrorist, Osama bin Laden, has been identified, breaking the crack team's code of silence.

It was the special force's most famous operation, carried out by a team whose names had until now remained top secret.

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Shakib Al Hasan in the thick of things once again. After scoring a century on Tuesday, he grabbed five Zimbabwe wickets for 80 runs at Sheikh Abu Naser Stadium in Khulna yesterday to complete his second double.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

BASIC BANK SCAM BB finds former MD at fault

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Bank yesterday said former managing director of BASIC Bank Kazi Faqurul Islam was one of the responsible persons behind the financial scams in the state-owned bank in last few years.

Removed by the BB in May, Faqurul appealed to the central bank seeking clearance of allegations. The BB, however, rejected the appeal.

The central bank made the decision in a board meeting at its headquarters in the capital.

"Officials concerned have examined his appeal and submitted their suggestion to the Bangladesh Bank board," said an official.

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Grameenphone announced today that it will offer iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus, the biggest advancements in iPhone history, beginning on Thursday, November 20, 2014. Customers can pre-order iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus beginning on Friday, November 14, 2014 through www.grameenphone.com/personal/customer-service/notice-board

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5th Death Anniversary



Today marks the Anniversary of Mir Zahir Hossain (1947-2009) former Managing Director of Mir Akhter Hossain Ltd., Mir Cement Ltd., Mir Concrete Products Ltd., Mir Real Estate Ltd., Mir Telecom Ltd. He was also the former Chairman and one of the founders of NCC Bank Ltd., former president of Bangladesh Association of Construction Industry (BACI) and general secretary of International Federation of Asian and Western Pacific Contractors' Associations (IFAWPCA).

His hard work, vision, work ethics, perseverance and philanthropic sense has set the path of establishment for Mir Group of Companies. May we all strive to achieve the standard of success that he was able to.

On this holy Friday we mourn his loss and we remember him at his element: an enthusiastic perfectionist in business and general people's welfare. May the Almighty Allah bless him with eternal peace and a place in heaven.

On behalf of Family and Mir Group of Companies
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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with some ministers that war criminals and anti-liberation forces might be behind the blackout since verdicts were coming one after another?

Yes (21%)

No (79%)

TOTAL VOTES: 209

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with a TIB survey that the health sector of the country is being affected by corruption of doctors, concerned officials and employees?

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Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-25	5-30
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