

Nearly 15 lakh

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The written tests are to end on March 10. Practical exams are scheduled to begin the next day and end on March 16.
Yesterday, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid once again urged the BNP and its allies not to enforce shutdowns on exam days.
"Taking pity on the students, they [the BNP] should withdraw or at least suspend their programmes on the exam days," he told reporters after attending the second convocation of Sylhet Metropolitan University.

Several other ministers also talked about the issue yesterday.
At a programme in Jamalpur, Health Minister Mohammad Nasim said leaders and activists of the Awami League-led 14-party alliance will "guard the exam centres".
The BNP, however, has not shown any sign that it would consider lifting shutdowns on exam days.

Party's Vice Chairman Hafizuddin Ahmed yesterday wondered how exams could be held while abductions and killings are taking place in the country in the absence of the rule of law.

The rule of law must be established first and then the exams can be held, he said while speaking as a panellist at BBC Bangladesh Sanglap yesterday.

Meanwhile, Inspector General of Police AKM Shahidul Hoque said, "We will take necessary measures to ensure security of the students on the road and at the centres during exam hours."

Briefing reporters at the police headquarters, he said the exams are going to be held at an "unusual time".

Shahidul sought cooperation from politicians and people in general to make sure that the students can take the exams safely.

Asked about the security measures, he said it's not possible for them to provide security individually. "We will arrange security at macro level. We may escort a group of students at a time in a certain area."

PROTEST PROGRAMMES
Students and teachers of capital's Badda Girls High School formed a human chain near Khaleda Zia's Gulshan office, demanding withdrawal of the opposition's blockade and hartal on exam days.

Around 600 students and teachers stood on both sides of a road near the BNP chief's office for half an hour from 10:30am with placards, "We want to study"; "Don't kill us"; "Don't burn us."

Meanwhile, some guardians of students at Motijheel Model School submitted a memorandum to Khaleda, calling for withdrawal of the ongoing hartal and blockade.

Syeda Shamima Sultana and Irin Luna Akhter, who signed the memo on the guardians' behalf, told reporters that they wanted security of their school-going children.

The guardians would visit the Prime Minister's Office today to hand in a memorandum with the same demand.

In the meantime, students, teachers and guardians held demonstrations in a number of districts, including Jamalpur, Mymensingh, Khulna, Sherpur, Satkhira, Kishoreganj, Chittagong, Pabna and Rajshahi.

Fever grips

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Mila Monjusha, consultant of Pran RFL Group's spice department, and Israt Jahan, proprietor of Sukorna, a cooking school, were the judges of the Bogra round.

They tasted each of the dishes prepared and judged the candidates on their innovation, food presentation, taste and Super Chef quality. Afterwards, the judges discussed the merits and demerits of each participant ensuring that only the best would make it to the final rounds to be held in Dhaka.

From the Bogra round, eight contestants -- Nilufar Yasmin, Atia Jerin Khan, Mahbuba Begum, Sanjay Shill, Kawsara Begum, Nadim Sarkar, Rahela Begum and Bimasha Ahmed -- were selected for the next round.

The Rupchanda-Daily Star Super Chef, the biggest culinary competition in Bangladesh, will now go to Dhaka, Chittagong and Mymensingh to hold auditions on Friday, February 7.

Declared dead

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On December 4 last year, the DMCH doctors declared a female patient dead. However, she stirred to life on the way to the morgue three hours later. The woman, about 45, whose identity could not be known, died a day later at the hospital.

The boy was naturally born premature on Friday night and stopped breathing around 8:45 in the morning. When doctors were called in, they declared the infant dead without even checking him properly, the family alleged.

Around three hours later at Azimpur Graveyard in the capital, the boy's uncle Mahmudul Karim was holding the baby wrapped in a towel while father Jahangir Alam was preparing to bathe his son.
Suddenly, Mahmudul felt his



"I am gripped by the fear of ending up in the middle of a violent situation on way to the exam centre."

Prema Das Tumpa, Jagadish Saraswat Girls' School, Barisal



"The examination should be postponed as the risks of firebomb attacks are all too palpable."

Shamsun Nahar Mina, Shammo's mother



"Some say the exams will not be held amid blockade and hartals, but others say they will. This is hampering my preparation."

Shammo Nahid, Rajshahi Govt Collegiate School



"I can't even imagine what's going to happen on Monday. Since everyone and even the [education] minister requested them [BNP and allies], they should cancel it."

Zarin Rashid Chowdhury, Blue Bird School and College, Sylhet



"My preparations were satisfactory. But if the exam dates are changed, all my hard work might go in vain as I would be confused what to study and when."

Puja Das, Daulatpur Mohsin Girls' School, Khulna



"Who will ensure our children's security on roads? We want political parties to reach a consensus to end this violence."

Sanju Nandy, Sudeshna's mother

Our correspondents from Rangpur, Chittagong, Khulna, Mymensingh, Rajshahi, Sylhet and Barisal compiled these quotes.

Caught red-handed

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Saiful Islam Selim, 35, and Nawshad Ali, 19, in Rajshahi; Ekramul Huq Sumon, 23, in Chittagong; and Mohammad Ali, 25 in Sirajganj.
Saiful and Nawshad were arrested from in front of Lohknath High School in the city when a group of masked Shibir men were fleeing having thrown a crude bomb at police, said Ifte Khair Alam, an assistant commissioner of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police.

Ekramul was arrested from near the Didar Market area of Chandanpura in the port city. As police, upon secret information, chased a large group of Shibir activists who allegedly were planning subversive activities, the group hurled two crude bombs at police. Ekramul was caught on the spot but others managed to flee the scene, said Mohiuddin Selim, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station.

Police later raided the Darul Ulum Aliya Madrasa as most of the attackers ran inside it and picked up 34 more people. They also seized explosive materials weighing around 2 kgs, he added.

Mohammad Ali, 25, a staunch Shibir activist who is accused in many other cases, was arrested as he, disguised as a passenger, attempted to set ablaze an auto rickshaw at Kanshona Ghoshpara on the Ullapara-Belkuchi road around 2:30pm. He was stalled and caught by a mob who then beat him up and handed him over to police, said Md Ataur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Ullapara Police Station.

On January 28, locals handed over to police two Shibir activists after they

were caught trying to attack a vehicle at Kashipur Bilbabari in Barisal city.

On January 24, locals caught and beat up a Shibir leader and his two associates when they were attempting to hurl petrol bombs on a passenger bus on the Dhaka-Narayanganj road. They later handed them over to police.

Shihabuddin Shihab, general secretary of Fatullah Shibir unit, later confessed before a Narayanganj court his involvement in the incident.

On January 23, an angry mob beat up two Shibir cadres in Rajshahi's Poba upazila after they torched a passenger bus. Later they were handed over to police.

On January 21, police arrested the Shibir president of Keshabpur upazila in Jessore with a petrol bomb and some explosive materials.

On the same day, law enforcers arrested five leaders and activists of Shibir and seized 130 crude bombs, two litres of petrol, one kg of gunpowder and other bomb-making materials from a building in the capital.

"It was a bomb factory. The Shibir men used to supply bombs across the capital from there," a police official said on that day.

Throughout 2013, Shibir hogged the headlines for beating up policemen, torching public vehicles and properties and killing people, exploding bombs, felling trees on roads and uprooting railway tracks.

Their violent activities were reflected in the IHS Jane's Global Terrorism & Insurgency Attack Index 2013 which said Shibir was the third most active non-state armed group in the year.

year-old daughter as well, said around 12:30am.

NEGLIGENCE ALL THE WAY

The boy weighed around 1.2kg and had respiratory complications, said Prof Ferdousi Islam, head of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of the DMCH.

He needed ICU support but the hospital authorities did not provide him such treatment, saying no incubator was available at that time, the family alleged.

The hospital said they recommended moving the infant to another hospital with available incubators.
But the family could not afford to do so.

Yesterday morning, when the boy apparently stopped breathing and was baby rushed to the doctors at the

Woman

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therapy to grow a womb, ovaries, and fallopian tubes inside Hayley Haynes, who is from North London.

Ms Haynes, who is now 28, discovered her condition at age 19 after consulting doctors when she did not get any periods despite going through other signs of puberty.

Doctors told her she had been born with XY chromosomes, which made her genetically male.

Haynes told the Daily Mirror newspaper: "When they told me I had no womb I was so confused I felt sick. My biggest fear was never having children."

"Suddenly a huge piece of my life was missing. I felt like half a woman and was embarrassed. How I was going to tell a guy I was genetically male when I started dating?"

Scans of her body in 2007 revealed that she had a womb measuring millimetres in size inside her, which doctors treated with hormones to enlarge.

After years of treatment she began IVF, which she had to pay for privately at a clinic in Cyprus after the NHS refused to fund her course. The treatment cost £10,500.

Mrs Haynes explained to the newspaper: "I was so nervous. We only had one shot and couldn't afford to go through it all again. I desperately wanted to be a mother and knew if there were no viable eggs or the implantation wasn't successful I'd be distraught."

"Of the 13 eggs harvested only two were viable. After they were implanted I spent the rest of our 10 days resting."

Ultimately both eggs took and she was told she was due to give birth to non-identical twins. She named the two girls Darcey and Avery.

Ms Haynes said she and her husband Sam had "empty wallets" and were "emotionally exhausted" but that they would "do it again in a heartbeat".

Dr Geetha Venkat, of Harley Street Fertility Clinic, London, described the case as "amazing".

The news comes as the regulator consider whether to allow "three-parent" IVF in Britain after a series of medical breakthroughs.

18 female

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vigilance around Khaleda's office from 6:40pm. Khaleda has been staying at the office since January 5.

The 18 BNP female leaders and activists were detained in three hauls after they came out of Khaleda's office, the BNP claimed.

However, Shafiqul Alam, a sub-inspector of Gulshan Model Police Station, admitted detaining 13, but refused to give any details.

'CIA, Israel

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that killed 29 people.

He was also linked to the bombing of the US marine barracks at Beirut airport in 1983, in which 241 American servicemen died, and the hijacking of TWA Flight 847 in 1985, in which a US navy diver was killed.

The CIA declined to comment to the Post about the report.

According to the newspaper, the authority to kill required a presidential finding by George W Bush. Several senior officials, including the attorney general, the director of national intelligence and the national security advisor, would have had to sign off on the order, it added.

"FIND, FIX AND FINISH" The former officials that spoke to the newspaper said Mughniyeh was directly involved in arming and training Shiite militias in Iraq that were targeting US forces, and though it occurred in a country where the United States was not at war, his assassination could be seen as an act of self-defence.

hospital.
"They issued a death certificate hurriedly, without even properly checking him up," Mohammad Masud, another uncle of the boy, alleged.

Terming it a mistake, DMCH Director Brig Gen Mustafizur Rahman at a hurriedly-convened press briefing at his office said they would take stern actions against those responsible.
The director declined to name the certificate issuer despite repeated requests from journalists.

He said a four-member committee had been formed to probe the incident and report in five working days.
A doctor of the hospital said, "The boy was on an incubator which fell vacant following the death of another child today [yesterday]."

The book fair begins

BANGLA ACADEMY PREMISES SUHRAWARDY UDYAN TOTAL			
Participating institutions	92	259	351
Total publishers	32	259	291

INSIDE BANGLA ACADEMY

	TOTAL
Children's publications	32
Government institutions	25
Media and IT institutions	20
Other publishing organisations	17
Little Magazines	72

HIGHLIGHTS OF AMAR EKUSHEY BOI MELA 2015

- ➡ 3-day International Literary Festival from Feb 2
- ➡ Fair area now 3 times that of last year
- ➡ Introduction of 2 awards

FAIR TIMING

- Week Days: 3:00pm-9:00pm
- Weekends: 11:00am-9:00pm
- February 21: 8:00am-9:00pm

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10:00am to 1:00pm and then from 2:30pm to 5:00pm on prose, poetry and drama inside the Abdul Karim Sahitya Bisharad auditorium.

From February 5, the regular programmes of the academy, including seminars and cultural performances, will be held at 4:00pm every day.

Children's painting, general knowledge, recitation and speech competition will be held like the previous years. The dates for Shishu Prahar, a day or part of a day dedicated to children, will also be announced.

Latest books by Bangla Academy will be sold at 30 percent commission and those published before 2000 at 70 percent. Other publishers will sell their books at 25 percent commission.

The academy is planning to bring out 100 new books this year. Last year, different publishers brought out a total of 2,959 new books and book sales amounted to around Tk 16 crore.

Apart from "Chittaranjan Saha Smrity Puroskar" and "Munier Chowdhury Smrity Puroskar" for the best publisher and the three best books, "Rokonuzzaman Khan Dadabhai Smrity Puroskar" and "Qayyum Chowdhury Smrity Puroshkar" will be given for the best children's book and the best stall decoration this year.

Shamsuzzaman said as a book fair, the Amar Ekushey Granthamela has "the longest duration in the world". He also hoped that the current political situation of the country, marked by violence, would not hamper the fair.

Publishers too had similar expectations. Milan Nath, publisher of Anupam Publication, said, "We had seen worse times in the '90s during the anti-autocracy movement. We hope that this time too this national festival will be kept free from political programmes."

"Four layers of security will be put in place. Around 100 Ansar members will be deployed in addition to police and

Rab personnel," said Altaf Hossain secretary of the academy. The road from TSC to Doyel Chattar will remain closed during fair hours throughout the month, he added.

Entrance to the Suhrawardy Udyan portion of the fair will be through the gate leading to Ramna Kali Mandir and two exits through the gate near TSC and Engineers' Institute.

Seventy-five close-circuit cameras and fire extinguishers in every two stalls will also be installed.

The budget for this year's fair and the conference, of a sum of Tk one crore 80 lakh, will be funded by the government and sponsor organisation Teletalk, Hossain said.

Int'l tender

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Geo-technical and other surveys were being carried out on the 20km metro rail stretching from Uttara Third Phase to Motijheel. The route would go through Pallabi, Rokeya Sarani, Khamarbari, Farmgate, Hotel Sonargaon, Shahbagh, TSC, Doyel Chattar and Topkhana Road.

The first phase, starting from Uttara Third Phase to Agargaon, of the metro rail was scheduled to be done by December 2019, and from Agargaon to Bangladesh Bank at Motijheel by 2021.

Japan is providing majority of the metro rail fund. It has already approved \$2.1 billion in soft loan.

According to a study of Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica), 14 trains would operate every three minutes and carry 60,000 passengers every hour.

The country's second largest infrastructure project after the \$2.9 billion Padma Bridge project faced complexities in the last few years over modification of routes following objections from the air force and conflict with the Gulistan-Jatrabari flyover.

"Now the project is on the right track," said the PD.

বিজেএমসি'র দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি					
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আমিন জুট মিলস, যোলা শহর, চট্টগ্রাম।	২০১৪-১৫ অর্থ বছরের জন্য মিলের পাটক্রয় কেন্দ্র সমূহের পাট হ্যাভলিং ও ক্যারিং ডিউটি-ড্র-ব্যাক, আন্তঃমিল এলাকায় পাটপণ্য হ্যাভলিং ঠিকাদার নিয়োগের জন্য আগ্রহী দরদাতা গণের নিকট হতে দরপত্র/পুনঃদরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। ১। ঠাকুরপাট ও কেন্দ্র, ঠাকুরপাট ও এর পাট হ্যাভলিং ও ক্যারিং কাজের পুনঃদরপত্র (৪র্থ বার) ২। গোয়ালন্দ কেন্দ্র, গোয়ালন্দ এর পাট হ্যাভলিং ক্যারিং কাজের পুনঃদরপত্র (২য় বার) ৩। অন্তঃমিল পাট/কাটিং/সূতা ও অন্যান্য পাটপণ্য পরিবহন ঠিকাদার নিয়োগ পুনঃদরপত্র (৪র্থ বার) ৪। ডিউটি ড্র ব্যাক এর টাকা আদায়কল্পে দক্ষতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা সম্পন্ন কাটম এডভাইজার/কমিশন এজেন্ট এর নিকট হতে তাদের নিজস্ব প্যাডে আবেদন আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। আবেদনপত্র ডিউটি ড্র ব্যাক বাবদ আদায়কৃত অঙ্কের উপর কমিশনের শতকরা হার উল্লেখ করতে হবে পুনঃদরপত্র (৪র্থ বার)	ক্রমিক নং ১-৩ পর্যন্ত প্রতি গ্রুপ ৪০০/- (চারশত)	ক্রমিক নং ১ ও ২ এর হ্যাভলিং ৫,০০০/- পাট হাজার টাকা) ও ক্যারিং ১০,০০০ (দশ হাজার)	১৫-০২-২০১৫	
কে.এফ.জি (কর্নফুল জুট মিলস) রাঙেনিয়া, চট্টগ্রাম।	১। সাপলার তারের খুচরা বাস্তবায়ন ২। হার্ডওয়ার সামগ্রী ৩। ইলেকট্রিক সামগ্রী মালামাল ক্রয়ের জন্য আগ্রহী বিক্রেতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। উল্লেখ্য যে, দরদাতাগণের বেধ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স এর ফটোকপি দরপত্র সিউইল ক্রয়ের রশিদ দরপত্রের সহিত দাখিল করতে হবে নিম্নমানুযায়ী ভাউচ/ট্যাক্স প্রমাণকৃত হলে তাহা কর্তন যোগ্য হবে।	৪। নিজস্ব প্যাডে আবেদন	৩। ৫,০০০/= (পাঁচ হাজার) ৪। ৫,০০০/= (পাঁচ হাজার)		
মিলস ফারনিশিংসে ২৯৮ বায়েজিদ বেগমী রোড চট্টগ্রাম।	১। রিটেনিং ওয়াল কাম বাউন্ডারি ওয়াল ও সারফেস ড্রেন নির্মাণ করণ কাজের জন্য বাংলাদেশ পটকল কপারেশন এর আওতাধীন মিলসমূহে অথবা সরকারী/আধাসরকারী/শায়ত্বশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানের তালিকাভুক্ত ও নির্মাণকাজে কম পক্ষে ৮,০০,০০০/- (আট লক্ষ) টাকার কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা সম্পন্ন নির্মাণ ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। উল্লেখ্য যে, কর্তৃপক্ষের মনোনীত ঠিকাদার লেটার অব ইস্টেপ পাওয়ার পর ১,০০,০০০/- (এক লক্ষ) টাকা (ফেরতযোগ্য) পারফরম্যান্স সিকিউরিটি দাখিল করতে হবে। দরপত্রের সাথে তালিকাভুক্ত সনদের সত্যায়িত কপি, ভাউচ রেজিস্ট্রেশন, ট্রেডলাইসেন্স, ব্যাকসলভেবল সার্টিফিকেট, আয়কর সনদের সত্যায়িত কপি অভিজ্ঞতার সনদ এবং অন্যান্য প্রয়োজনীয় সনদ এর ফটোকপি দাখিল করতে হবে। অংশগ্রহণকারী ঠিকাদারগণ দরপত্র দাখিলের পূর্বে কাজের এলাকা পরিদর্শন করতে পারবেন।	৭৫০/- (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ)	২৫,০০০/- (পঁচিশ হাজার)	১৮-০২-২০১৫	

* দরপত্র জমার পূর্বদিন অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত সিউইল ক্রয় করা যাবে। যাবতীয় তথ্যাদি সিউইলে বর্ণিত আছে।
* জমার তারিখে দরপত্র ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত গ্রহণ এবং ১২.০১ মিঃ দরদাতাগণের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র বাস্তব খোলা হবে।
* দরপত্র সিউইল বিজেএমসি প্রধান কার্যালয়ের হিসাব বিভাগ, মিলের হিসাব বিভাগ, মিলের রঙানী অফিস এবং চট্টগ্রাম অঞ্চলের মিল সমূহের পাওয়া যাবে।
* চট্টগ্রাম জোনাল অফিস থেকে ক্রয় করা যাবে। চট্টগ্রাম অঞ্চলের মিল সমূহের ক্ষেত্রে চট্টগ্রাম জেলা প্রশাসক কার্যালয়, চট্টগ্রাম জোনাল অফিস ও সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ মিলে। ইউএমসি জুট মিলের ক্ষেত্রে বিজেএমসি প্রধান কার্যালয়ের পরিকল্পনা বিভাগ, রঙানী অফিস ও মিলের রক্ষিত বাস্তব দরপত্র জমা দেয়া যাবে। আনেষ্টিম্যানি ছাড়া কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে না। আনেষ্টিম্যানি মিলের আনুকুলে ডিউটি/পে-আর্ডার মূল দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে। মিলস ফারনিশিংস-এর সিউইল বিজেএমসি প্রধান কার্যালয়ের পরিকল্পনা বিভাগ আদমজী কোর্ট, মতিবিল, ঢাকা জমা দেওয়া যাবে।
* কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র আংশিক বা সম্পূর্ণ গ্রহণ/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।
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