

Ctg nursing college students demand makeup exam

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Students of Chittagong Nursing College at a press conference on the campus yesterday demanded that the authorities hold a special examination for 96 students who did not sit for a make-up exam that was held in November last.

Rakibul Hasan, president of Students' Welfare Association, said nearly half the students of first, third and fourth year failed the final examination held in May last year.

Afterwards, a make-up exam was scheduled for November 30 for the 127 students who had failed the final exam, Rakibul said.

However, the students alleged that they failed as the then principal Hosne Ara Begum and teacher Rubi Dutta had intentionally did not give them pass marks. They refused to sit for the exam under the principal. Only the students of fourth year sat for the make-up exam, he said.

The authorities eventually removed Hosne Ara Begum in the face of students' demonstration and a new principal, Minara Begum, was appointed on December 22.

At the conference yesterday, Rakibul said they have repeatedly requested Selim Jahangir, dean of Chittagong University's medicine faculty, which oversees the college's academic activities, to arrange a special examination.

However, the dean paid them no heed and has organised the yearly final exam for Thursday.

"If the final exam is held from Thursday, then we will be behind by a year," said the demonstrating students.

Contacted, Minara Begum said if the final exam is postponed then other students would suffer session jam.

Selim Jahangir said they cannot do anything outside the academic rules.

He said he would discuss the situation with the CU vice chancellor tomorrow.



Barisal BM College's Jibonananda Das Hall, where Hindu students live, has been in a bad shape for a long time. The sufferings persist due to accommodation crisis as construction of a new four-storey dormitory, inset, after demolishing several tin-shed dorms on the campus, is going on at a snail's pace. The Education Engineering Department, Barisal which is entrusted with the construction, of which only 10 percent was completed in the last five years, says the total work is expected to be finished within four months.

PHOTO: ARIFUR RAHMAN

EU urges Dhaka to stop illegal migration

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The European Union has urged the Bangladesh government to take necessary measures for preventing illegal migration of its citizens to EU countries.

"He (European ambassador in Dhaka) spoke to me about illegal migration of Bangladeshis," Khandker Mosharraf Hossain, expatriates' welfare and overseas employment minister, told reporters yesterday.

Mosharraf Hossain made the remark after emerging from a meeting with EU Ambassador and Head of Delegation in Dhaka Pierre Mayaudon at the minister's office in the capital.

Without elaborating on "reasons" why some Bangladeshis stay illegally in European countries, the minister said they might be victims of circumstance.

Replying to a query about the present status of Bangladeshi expatriates in Italy and Greece, he said the two European countries were aware of the difficulties Bangladeshis living there were facing and that they would

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Book on rights of bloggers launched in capital

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A book titled "Blogger Der Adhiker", the Bangla version of a policy note "Right to Blog" and an online tool named "Nishonko" to help the bloggers record the violations of their rights were launched by Article 19 Bangladesh and South Asia at an orientation programme in Dhaka yesterday.

The organisation working for ensuring rights of bloggers, online activists and freelance journalists, arranged the event "Creating a vibrant and fearless online space" in Brac Centre Inn, Mohakhali, says a press release.

CLASSICS still in demand

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The appeal of classic literature, both Bangla and foreign, has not faded even in the 21st century.

Thirty-year-old Prabir Chowdhury was looking for a mistake-free volume of Tagore's Sanchayita in the Amar Ekushey Granthamela-2015 yesterday.

"I already have a copy back at home in Chittagong, but I want to buy one for my Dhaka residence," said Prabir who stays in the capital for work and likes reciting poems in his free time.

Many stalls at the fair cater to fans of classics, particularly to those of Rabindranath Tagore, Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay and Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay.

Some stalls such as that of Palash Media and Publisher are dedicated to one single author or poet.

Founded by Polli Kobi Jasimuddin, Palash Media and Publisher has all of the poet's volumes in the stall in the Suhrawardy Udyan portion of the fair.

Khurshid Anwar Jasimuddin, proprietor of the publishing house, said, "Our sales this year are half of what we sold last year."

He said they have a good number of books for young readers, including Jasimuddin's Bangaleer Hasir Golpo, but young visitors do not usually come to the Suhrawardy portion as Bangla Academy boasts the stalls catering to children and teenagers.

Shahidul Islam Bizu, managing director of Pathak Shamabesh, the only publishing house to have a collection of Tagore's 25 volumes, said, "Though the entire volume is costly, it nevertheless has demand."

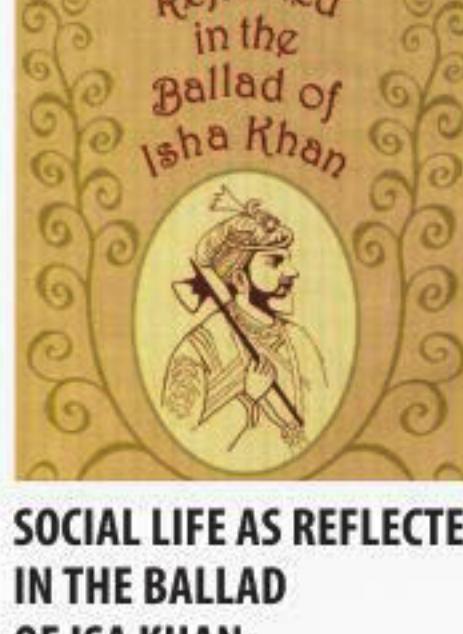
Bizu said volume 23, which received Bangla Academy award "Munier Chowdhury Smriti Puroskar" for best book of 2014 was



one of the best sellers at the Kolkata book fair.

"In our fair, people mostly buy the volumes with English writings, volume 19-21, which are not included in Biswa Bharati publication," he added.

BOOKS TO LOOK FOR



SOCIAL LIFE AS REFLECTED IN THE BALLAD OF ISA KHAN

Author: Ferdaus Rahman

Publisher: Bangla Academy

Price: BDT 140



BANGLADESHI SANGHORSHIK RAJNITI O PARLIAMENT (CONFLICTING POLITICS OF BANGLADESH AND THE PARLIAMENT)

Author: Jalal Firoj

Publisher: Mowla Brothers

Price: BDT 300



EKATTORE JUDDHASHISHU-OBIDITO ITIHAS (UNKNOWN HISTORY OF '71 WAR BABIES)

Author: Mustafa Chowdhury

Publisher: Academic Press & Publishers Library (APPL)

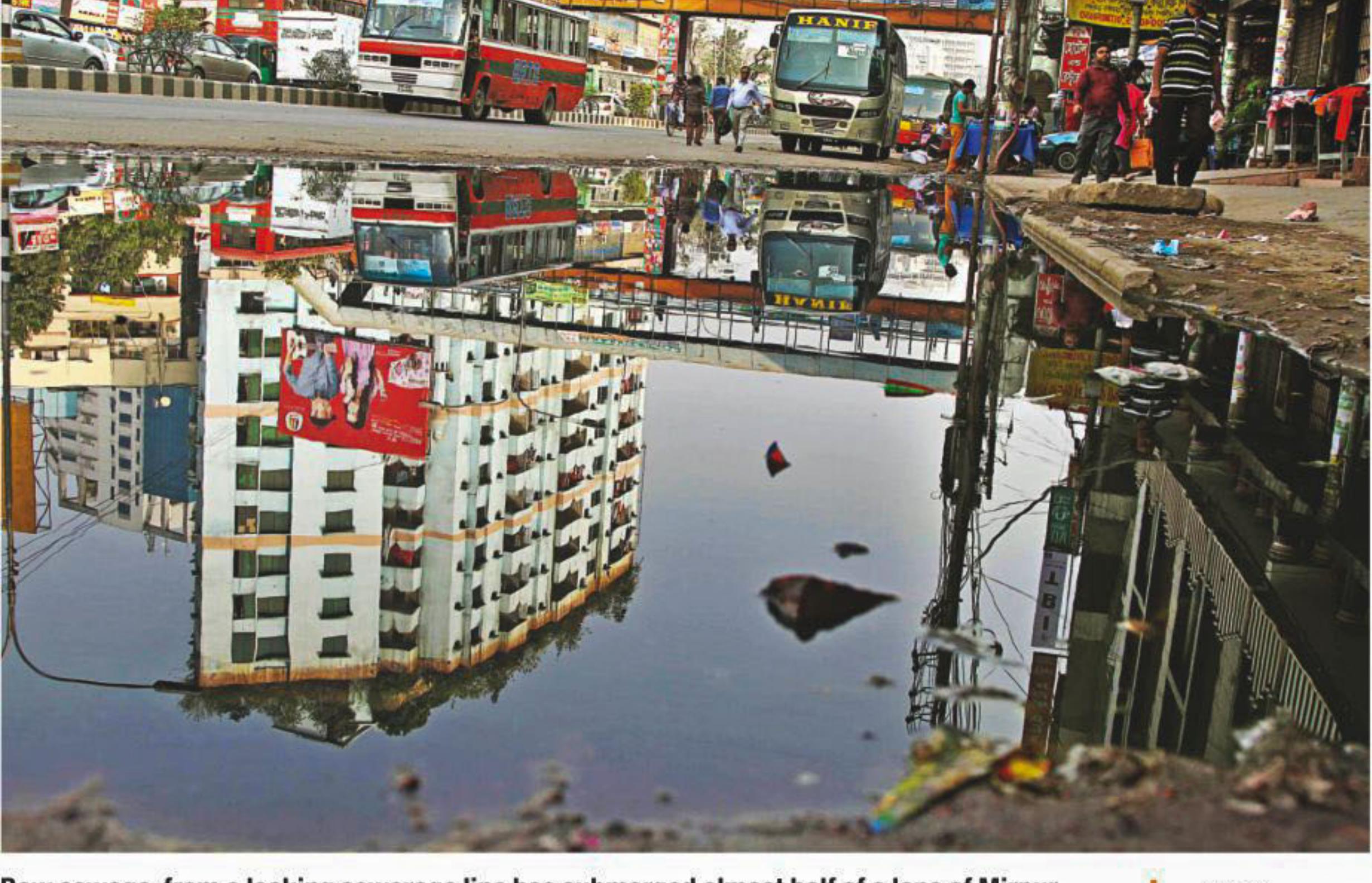
Price: BDT 800

This year Pathak Samabesh brought out a translation of the Greek classic Iliad.

Murdhonna's publication of Tagore is also unique. It has 151 books on different arena explored by Tagore as well as analysis of some of his novels, stories and poetry in easy language to make Tagore more approachable for ordinary people.

Other stalls where a range of classics can be found include Shova Prokash, Mizan Publishers, Pearl Publications, Jonaki Prokashani, Bornayon, Srizoni, Shuchayani, Anupam Prokashani, Khan Brothers, Afsar Brothers and Ahmad Publishing House.

A total of 63 books were published yesterday and seven new ones were launched.



Raw sewage, from a leaking sewerage line has submerged almost half of a lane of Mirpur Road in Dakhin Kalyanpur in the capital. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Dhaka-Guwahati trial bus service from May 2

UNB, Dhaka

The government has decided to launch Dhaka-Guwahati bus service on a trial basis from May 2, said Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday.

A minibus of 26-30 seats will ply the route.

BNP's Zainul

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Supreme Court Bar Association, in the arson case following the HC order. Police filed the case on February 2 after a bus was torched on February 1.

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In the academic session of 2014-15, a total of 96 ward applicants out of 139 failed in the admission test.

Arrest warrants issued

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There is evidence of their involvement in several crimes committed in Kishoreganj during the Liberation War, said investigation officer Ataur Rahman.

Earlier, the tribunal's investigation agency had provided a probe report against Nasir and Shamsuddin, but the chief prosecutor's office sent it back, citing errors.

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Mokhlesur Rahman, 82, of Shibganj upazila's Chandshikari village, said he along with his brother Fazlul Haque and nephew Ariful were detained by Razakars Mahibur, Afsar, Gafur and Kubed and the

Pakistani army.

"At one stage, Mahidur shot my brother Fazlul to death while Razakar Chutu shot my nephews Ariful and Fitu dead. Mahidur also hit me with his firearm," said the case's fifth witness. He managed to escape by lying that one of his sons was a Razakar.

Mokhlesur said he was acquainted with Mahidur and Afsar but would have problems identifying them now for he has poor vision and had last seen them 40 years ago.

The tribunal adjourned proceedings until today. Mahidur and Afsar deny the three charges including mass killings.

Troublemakers won't last

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Shahidul reiterated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's vow not to allow terrorist groups at home and abroad to use Bangladesh's territory. "We have had significant successes in curbing terrorism in the country in the last six years," he said.

On the training course, he said these would increase cooperation among police of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) countries to control transnational crimes.

The course deals with combating transnational crimes in the Saarc region through sharing knowledge and experience in professional issues, maximising cooperation among police in the Saarc states and exchanging the best practices in policing.

Participating in the three-week course are 20 police officials, nine from Bangladesh, two each from Afghanistan, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, the Maldives and India and one from Nepal, with ranks equivalent to Superintendent of Police.



Police destroy illegal structures on Kalshi Road in the capital's Mirpur yesterday.



Appeal for help

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Md Mozammel Haque, 32, has already lost use of the left eye long before due to wrong treatment and needs urgent surgery abroad on his right eye.

Being financially insolvent, he requires financial assistance from the benevolent and well-off of the society to save his sight, appeals his brother Md Ataur Rahman, son of late Nurul Islam of Rasulpur village, Hazratpur union, Keraniganj.

Donations can be sent to Md Ataur Rahman, account number 332, Bangladesh Krishibank, Hazratpur branch, Dhaka. Mozammel can be contacted over cellphone number 01840118926.