

NEWS IN brief

DU home economics entry result out

DU CORRESPONDENT

The result of the admission test of Dhaka University affiliated home economics colleges was published yesterday.

The results are available at www.admission.eis.du.ac.bd. The "choice form" on the website will have to be filled out and submitted between December 22 and 31.

6 passport brokers, 2 staff jailed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court backed by Rab on Monday sentenced six brokers and two staff of Rayerbagh regional passport office in the capital to different jail terms for their illegal dealings.

The court issued a 15-day jail term to Rafiqul Islam, 30, a staff, as he was using fake identity cards of higher officers and Shiba Das, 26, for assisting the brokers, said a press release.

The brokers -- Md Bayezid, Abu Hanif, Shymol Hossain, Shahidul Islam, Md Mostafa and Anwara Hossain -- were sentenced to three months in prison. Rab also seized around Tk.3.82 lakh and 15 passport forms and eight mobile phones from them.

Separate physiotherapy college demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Physiotherapists at a seminar yesterday demanded a separate physiotherapy college, an autonomous council and creation of position.

The seminar titled "Pain Management" was organised by Bangladesh Physiotherapy Association in the capital where former secretary Abdul Mueyed Chowdhury was the chief guest.

Chaired by Dr Altaf Hossain, the programme was attended among others by the daily Samakal editor Golam Sarwar, Prof Mahbub Hossain Mehedi of Mitford Hospital, and Prof Dr Iqbal Hasan Mahmood of World association of Integrated Medicine.

Sakhawat new president of Gulshan Club

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sakhawat Abu Khair Mohammed has been elected 20th president of Gulshan Club for the year 2015-2016.

He was elected though an annual general meeting followed by an election held on Saturday.

The 10-member executive committee of the club includes Shirin Shila, Faruq-uz-Zaman, Dewan Shamim Afzal, Matiur Rahman Chowdhury Dulal, Showkot Ali, MGR Nasir Majumder, SAMM Mahboobuddin, M Emdadul Islam, Mizanur Rahman and Ahmed Shah Jaheer.



Village kids playfully running across a rain-soaked field during the monsoon. This is one of the 10 shortlisted photographs of The Daily Star's photo contest inPixel.

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Give list of unauthorised buildings in capital

HC tells Rajuk

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) chairman to submit a list of unauthorised structures, including shops built on spaces allotted for car parking, in Dhaka before it in two months.

The court also issued a rule upon the government and Rajuk to explain in four weeks why they should not be directed to remove these unauthorised structures to ease traffic congestion in the city.

The HC came up with the order and rule after hearing a writ petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh.

The organisation filed the petition on December 14, saying these unauthorised structures were a cause of traffic congestion in the city.

During yesterday's hearing, petitioner's council Manzill Murshid told the court that owners of buildings have built shops and businesses at ground floors of buildings which were supposed to be for car parking.

Therefore, cars are now parked on roads causing traffic jams, he added.

Manzill also said Rajuk had prepared a list of such 208 unauthorised structures built in car parking areas during the army-backed caretaker government, but no action has been taken in this regard yet.

Why advance income tax on pvt automobiles?

HC asks govt to explain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday questioned the legality of the government's action to collect advance income tax (AIT) from private cars, jeeps and microbuses.

The court issued a rule asking the government to explain in four weeks why its gazette notifications of 2009 and 2012 to impose AIT on these vehicles should not be declared illegal.

The HC bench of Justice Justice Sheikh Hassan Arif and Justice JN Deb Choudhury came up with the rule after hearing a writ petition filed by Supreme Court lawyer Abul Kashem.

The petition said private cars, jeeps and microbuses are used for private purposes, not for earning money, so imposing AIT on them is illegal.

Secretaries to the ministries of finance and law and chairman of the Board of Revenue have been made respondents to the rule, petitioner's lawyer Masud Ahmed Sayeed told The Daily Star.

Kashem said the finance ministry issued a gazette notification imposing AIT on the vehicles in 2009 and it issued another notification in 2012 increasing the AITs.

Another petition for judicial

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said, adding that the HC might hold hearing on the petition tomorrow.

Earlier on September 21 and November 9, the HC rejected two writ petitions filed by Supreme Court lawyer Eunos Ali Akond seeking its order for cancelling the medical admission test and conducting a judicial inquiry into the question paper leak allegation.

65 win book reading contest

DU CORRESPONDENT

Sixty-five winners of a nationwide book reading competition organised in June were awarded at British Council on the capital's Fuller Road yesterday on the occasion of World Book Day 2015.

British Council and Daffodil Education Network jointly organised the competition with the theme "Own a book, read a book" to create new readers and to popularise English reading habit among students and mass people.

Around 3,000 people took part in the contest under four groups from which the 65 were chosen through tests in September 2015.

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique distributed laptops and certificates among the top scorers of each group.

The top scorers are Humaira Habib Oroni of Udayan School, Dhaka (Group -A), Siddhartha Sankar Das of St Joseph High School, Dhaka (Group-B), Tama Chowdhury of Chittagong Grammar School (Group-C) and Ramita Atiq of United International University (Group-D).



Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Dr Arefin Siddique looks at photographs at an exhibition, organised by Dhaka University Journalists' Association, on the Teacher-Student Centre premises yesterday, marking Victory Day being observed today.

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Code of conduct for TV ads sought

CITY DESK

Speakers stressed the need for formulation of a code of conduct for television advertisements to maintain quality of programme contents.

Journalism and media studies department of Manarat International University (MIU) organised the seminar on "Effects of Excessive Television Commercials and its Contents in Bangladesh" on its Mirpur campus yesterday with Prof Dr M Zahangir Kabir, head of the department, in the chair.

Vice Chancellor of MIU Prof Dr Choudhury Mahmood Hasan said women should not be used as a product in advertisements. CEO of SA TV Syed Salahuddin Zaki and Ershad Mazumder also spoke.

Two link 'Al-Badr'men to killing of family

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alias Shona Miah, the son of martyr Yad Ali, gave almost a similar description of the night of July 7.

The defence counsels cross-examined the two before the proceeding was adjourned until December 27.

The four along with another four alleged Al-Badr men -- Shamsul Haque, SM Yusuf Ali, Harun, and Abul Hashem -- face five charges of crimes against humanity.

Why shouldn't family be compensated

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down a 300-foot well shaft in the capital's Shahjahanpur Railway Colony on December 26 last year.

The rule is still pending with the HC. Meanwhile, a Dhaka court yesterday placed Shahriar Ahmed Shukkur, 40, who is responsible for maintenance of the sewer in Shyampur, on a two-day remand.

The order came after police produced him before the court seeking seven days' remand.

Shukkur was nabbed due to negligence in his job that caused Nirob's death, said Kadomtoli police Officer-in-Charge Kazi Wazed Ali.

Inspector Saiful Islam filed a case on Sunday, accusing Shukkur and some unnamed persons.

BYLC Youth Leadership Bootcamp concludes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The graduation ceremony of the 2015 Youth Leadership Bootcamp, a national residential leadership development programme of Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center (BYLC), was held at Grand Sultan Hotel in Sreemangal, Sylhet, said a press release yesterday.

The 100 participants selected from over 1,000 applicants from across the country spent the last four days learning about leadership, teamwork and team building, career development, and problem solving.

Akhter Matin Chaudhury, chairperson of BYLC, said, "Leadership involves sacrifice. You will become an effective leader only when you are able to put the collective interest ahead of your personal interests."

Three participants from English, Bangla and madrasa medium of education spoke about how the bootcamp inspired them to dream big and take concrete actions to positively impact the world around them.

The bootcamp was designed with discussions and visits to leading public, private and non-profit organisations to prepare them for their careers. They also met with like-minded peers and professionals from different fields.

Ejaz Ahmad, president of BYLC, and scientist Dr Abed Chaudhury also spoke.

The gold sponsors of the Bootcamp were Chevron and the US Embassy in Dhaka, the silver sponsors were Prothom Alo and Paragon Group, and the industry partners were Brac, Summit Group and the Mouvibazar district commissioner's office.

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