

# Hold press conference outside DU campus

Authorities ask affiliated college students as they try to enter Madhur Canteen to present demands

DU CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka University authorities yesterday barred students of seven affiliated colleges from holding a press conference on the campus, regarding publication of their honours final examination results.

More than 30 students gathered on the campus to hold the conference at Madhur Canteen and place their five-point demand.

Shah Foran Ripon, a student of Government Kabi Nazul College, said, "The university has failed to publish our results even nine months after the exams were completed."

"As we went to Madhur Canteen... some students of DU obstructed us from entering."

Later, DU Proctor Prof M Amzad Ali asked them to leave the place and hold the conference elsewhere, he said.

"We have the right to organise a press conference on the campus as the seven colleges are affiliated with DU," he added.

Imam Hasan, one of the DU students who obstructed them, said, "We stopped them because they did not take permission from the university authorities."

"In order to avoid any untoward situation, we did not let them enter Madhur Canteen until the proctor arrived," he added.

Talking to reporters, Proctor Amzad Ali said, "We asked the students to hold the press conference outside of the campus as the campus is only for the university students, and we only have academic relations with the affiliated colleges."

"Earlier, none of the colleges affiliated with DU ever held a press conference at Madhur Canteen," he said.

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Children with physical disability, under the banner of Bangladesh Shishu Kalyan Parishad, yesterday form a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital, marking World Cerebral Palsy Day, to be observed today. Cerebral palsy is a physical disability that affects movement and posture. It occurs due to damage to the developing brain either during pregnancy or early childhood, according to Cerebral Palsy Alliance, an Australian non-profit organisation that supports people suffering from the disorder. PHOTO: STAR

# Scrap section 57 for freedom of speech

Speakers urge govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It is imperative to scrap Section 57 of the ICT Act to ensure freedom of speech for journalists and social media users, said Tahmina Rahman, regional director of Article 19 for Bangladesh and South Asia, yesterday.

She was addressing a discussion at the capital on the findings of a stakeholder report on the third cycle of Universal Periodic Review. It was organised by Article 19 and Research Initiative Bangladesh (REB).

Prof Ajay Roy, father of slain writer Avijit Roy, said journalists could not perform their duties independently due to Section 57.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shuhrat Alam, however, said the section was not aimed at harassing journalists and the law and information ministries would take a decision on it, says a press release.

REB executive director Dr Meghna Guhathakurta, Prothom Alo columnist Sohrab Hossain, and joint editor Syed Badrul Ahsan also spoke.

# Master plan a must to save rivers

Green activists tell ActionAid dialogue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A river master plan is very necessary to save the rivers across the country, said speakers at a dialogue yesterday.

They also demanded that the government formulate a policy to protect the rivers from encroachers and pollution. General Secretary of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon Abdul Matin said the projects taken by Bangladesh Water Development Board for controlling flood have nothing to do with protecting rivers.

He said there is no specific policy or law to save rivers.

Lawmaker Tipu Sultan said people kill rivers for their own interest. Due to the vote politics, lawmakers in many cases cannot go tough on the grabbers, he said.

Sharmen Murshid, member of the National River Conservation Commission (NRCC) and CEO of BKOTEJ, said the River Commission was formed to protect rivers, but it is a weak organisation.

She said its chairman post is vacant for the last three months for which it is not functioning properly.

To save the rivers, she said, giving emphasis on research work is a must. But reality is that the River Commission does not have proper budget to conduct research work, she said.

Stressing the need for water diplomacy to save rivers, Sharmeen said river issue is not high on the agenda of the foreign ministry, but it must be.

Emphasising the need for a river policy, advocate Hasnat Quayum of the Supreme Court said though there are over 100 policies on rivers, there is no policy on different subjects.

He said there is a water policy which is changed the rivers and it has to be changed.

About river-linking project of India, Hasnat said though India is saying it is a river-linking project, it is actually a basin-linking project — connecting Himalaya basin to Peninsula basin.

Bangladesh will have to stand against it, he said.

Lawmaker Fazle Hossain Badsha said bringing all the 54 transboundary rivers back to its earlier navigable stage is necessary.

# Act tough on hajj tour operators

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FROM THE BASEMENTS of houses in Saudi Arabia as the respective hajj tour operators did not arrange accommodations for them in hotels or houses as promised.

Bangladesh Hajj Office in Makkah informed the committee that some hajj agencies even did not rent any house or hotel either in Makkah or Madina for their hajjis. It also recommended taking actions against those agencies.

The hajj office also said some agencies did not provide the hajjis food and accommodation on time.

Some hajj agencies did not pay "moallem" (guide) fees to the Saudi

authorities, earning a bad name for the country in Saudi Arabia and abroad.

Some 127,103 Bangladeshis performed hajj this year. Around 90 pilgrims failed to go to Saudi Arabia as the respective hajj agencies did not arrange air tickets for them.

Hajis are returning home, and the last return hajj flight is scheduled today, said sources at the Biman Bangladesh Airlines.

Due to some hajj agencies' dilapidating in arranging visas, air tickets and accommodations in Saudi Arabia, several thousand pilgrims suffered in Dhaka.

Biman Bangladesh Airlines and Saudi Airlines had to cancel 27 hajj flights due to shortage of passengers.

During yesterday's meeting, the IS body also asked the religious affairs ministry to take actions against the hajj agencies responsible for cancellation of hajj flights, the body chief told this correspondent.

As private tour operators often provide poor services to pilgrims, the IS body suggested that the ministry send more hajjis under government arrangements from next year.

The Bangladesh Hajj Office in Saudi Arabia informed the committee that 185 Bangladeshis hajjis died during performing hajj this year.

# TM Akbar dies while

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He left behind two sons, two daughters and a host of well-wishers.

TM Akbar was the defence counsel for Maniul Islam Khan, assistant provincial secretary of former mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka.

Hailing from Barisal, he had been practicing law for the last 51 years. He joined the Dhaka Bar Association in 1967. In 2016, the association gave him a crest for his 50 years of law practice.

His first namaz-e-janaza was held at the association at 4:30pm. The second namaz-e-janaza was held at his North Basabo residence. He was buried at Shahjahanpur graveyard.

Dhaka Bar Association expressed deep shock at his death. Soon after the incident, Judge Md Akhtaruzzaman of the Special Judge Court-5 adjourned the trial proceedings until October 12.

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## IBA Admission Test

BBA 26<sup>th</sup> BATCH (SESSION 2017-2018)

BBA Admission Test (2017-18) of Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of Dhaka, will be held on Friday, November 3, 2017 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

### ELIGIBILITY

#### 1. For SSC/HSC Passed Applicants:

Students who have fulfilled the stipulated requirements for applying in different units of Dhaka University, and have passed their SSC or equivalent exam during 2012-2015 and HSC or equivalent exam in 2017 are only eligible to apply for 2017-2018 academic session. They must have a minimum 7.5 as total of SSC & HSC GPA (including the 4<sup>th</sup> subject). Candidates must secure at least 3.5 GPA in both the exams to be eligible to apply.

#### 2. For IGCEE/O-Level and IAL/GCE A-Level or Equivalent Exam Applicants:

Students who have passed IGCEE/O-Level exams in at least 5 subjects (including mathematics) during 2012-2015 and IAL/GCE A-Level exam in at least 2 subjects (final result of at least one subject must have been published in 2017) are eligible to apply. Out of the 7 subjects in IGCEE/O-Level and IAL / GCE A-Level candidates should get minimum 4 B grades and 3 C grades. Among the best five grades of O-Level and best two grades of A-Level, no 'D' grade will be accepted.

3. No candidate is eligible to sit for this year's admission test, if he/she had appeared in any admission test of Dhaka University, including IBA in 2016 or before.

Candidates from O-Level, A-Level or from all other boards outside the country have to obtain "Equivalence Certificate" from IBA before applying.

### SELECTION PROCEDURE

All **Bangladeshi** applicants must take the Admission Test. The test has two components: Written Assessment and Communication Test. The Written Assessment component evaluates applicant's aptitude in Language, Mathematics, and Analytical ability. To pass in the Written Test, an applicant must obtain a minimum qualifying score in each of the above areas. For the Communication Test, applicants will be selected on the basis of their performance in the Written Assessment.

**Foreign nationals** with a score of at least 1900 out of 2400 in SAT Reasoning Test (with at least 600 in Critical Reading and Math and at least 550 in Writing) may be exempted from the Written Assessment. Also foreign national candidates having at least 1265 out of 1600 in SAT Reasoning Test (with at least 600 in Math and 575 in Reading & Writing) may be exempted from the Written Assessment, but must appear in the Communication Test.

### HOW TO APPLY

The application is to be made **online starting from 3:00 pm, Thursday, September 28, 2017 to Wednesday, October 18, 2017**. Application fees of Tk. 865/- (including online processing fees & bank service charge) is to be paid **latest by Thursday, October 19, 2017 (before 4:00 pm)**. **Admit Card can be downloaded from Monday, October 23, 2017**. For detailed application procedure, visit the IBA website at <http://www.iba-du.edu> or the Dhaka University admission website: <http://admission.eis.du.ac.bd>

For further information, visit the IBA website ([www.iba-du.edu](http://www.iba-du.edu)) or contact the BBA Program Office (Room # 319, 2nd Floor, IBA) or call 01772563303 or 9683220 between 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm any day except for Fridays.

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- The written examination will be held on **Friday, October 27, 2017 at 10:00 am at IBA, University of Dhaka**. Successful candidates will be asked to appear for an interview.
- Applicants with foreign degree(s), who have a GMAT score of minimum 70 percentile, may be exempted from taking the written examination. However, they will be required to appear for an interview.
- For detailed application procedure, visit the website at [www.iba-du.edu](http://www.iba-du.edu) or <http://iba-emba.registration@ibad.com>. Application fee is Tk. 2000/- (including service charge).
- The application must be submitted online by Wednesday, October 25, 2017.

### Academic Qualifications:

- Minimum bachelor's degree (any discipline)
- For all foreign certificates/diplomas, equivalence is determined by the Equivalence Committee of IBA. Without such equivalence, the applicants are not allowed to sit for the admission test.
- No 3rd division/class (or equivalent CGPA) at secondary/higher secondary/bachelor's level of education
- **Job Experience:**
  - Minimum 3 (three) years full time managerial work experience after bachelor's degree

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