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# DU releases test results, snubs protest

DU CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka University authorities yesterday published the results of "Gha" unit admission test within the shortest period of time amid protest and outcry over question leak allegations.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Akhtaruzzaman officially announced the result at 1:30pm, two days after holding the test. The university took at least three days to publish the results of other four units' tests held so far.

The result of "Ka" unit admission test held on October 13 was published five days later, while the result of "Kha" unit took three days. The result of "Ga" unit test also took similar time. But the number of candidates vying for "Kha" and "Ga" units is smaller than that of "Gha" unit.

Many admission seekers boycotted the result and demanded a fresh admission test. A demonstration was staged on the campus voicing similar demands.

The questions of the English part of the admission test were allegedly leaked out eight hours before the test held at 10:00am on Friday. A number of candidates alleged that a few admission seekers received the questions in emails.

A written copy of the answers to those questions was also sent to the mobile phones of some admission seekers around 9:30am, said the complainants.

Several newspapers including The Daily Star and television channels published the news of question leak with evidence. However, the DU authorities kept denying the allegations without taking any steps to investigate the matter, causing disappointment among the admission seekers,

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## Poor highway causing pain

People get stuck in jams on Dhaka-Tangail highway; Many miss Rajshahi univ admission tests

STAR REPORT

Thousands of passengers and transport workers remained stuck on Dhaka-Tangail highway for the second day suffering long tailbacks triggered by rains coupled with poor road condition.

Hundreds of vehicles were lined up on a 20-kilometre stretch from Elenga to Karatia and on another 20-kilometre stretch from Chandra Intersection to Mirzapur until yesterday noon, passengers and transport workers said.

Many of the passengers of the Rajshahi-bound buses who were supposed to take admission tests at Rajshahi University could not reach the destination on time. Vehicles remained waiting for a minimum of five hours before they got to move on the highway, they said.

"I along with my family members started from Gabtoli Bus Terminal around 10:00pm on Saturday to go to Nilphamari but reached only Tangail around 10:00am

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## Abe wins polls gamble

Set to become Japan's longest-serving PM, says reforming country's pacifist charter a priority; ruling bloc maintains two-thirds 'super majority'

REUTERS, Tokyo

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe swept to a resounding victory in a snap election yesterday, bolstering his chance of becoming the nation's longest-serving premier and re-energising his push to revise the pacifist constitution.

Abe's Liberal Democratic Party-led (LDP) coalition has won a combined 310 seats, reaching a two-thirds "super majority" in the 465-member lower house, with 11 seats still up for grabs, broadcaster TV Asahi said.

A hefty win raises the likelihood that Abe, who took office in December 2012, will have a third three-year term as LDP leader next September and go on to become Japan's longest-serving premier. It also means his "Abenomics" growth strategy centred on the hyper-easy monetary policy will likely continue.

Final official results from the election, which coincided with an approaching typhoon, are expected early today.

The US-drafted constitution's Article 9, if taken literally, bans the maintenance of armed forces. But Japanese governments have interpreted it to allow a military exclusively for self-defence.

Backers of Abe's proposal to clarify the military's ambiguous status say it would codify the status quo. Critics fear it would allow an expanded role overseas for the military.

Abe said he would not stick to a target he had floated of making the changes by 2020. "First, I want to deepen debate and have as many people as possible agree," he told a TV broadcaster. "We should put priority on that."

The LDP's junior partner, the Komeito, is cautious about changing the



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RAPE ATTEMPT  
Arbitration lets suspect go scot-free

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Village arbitration allowed an influential youth to get away with the allegation of attempting to rape a madrasa girl in Pachashi of Gouripur upazila.

Sajib Mondol, 19, son of Abdul Kadir of Pachashi village, allegedly attempted to rape the 12-year-old girl when she was alone in the house on Monday afternoon.

As the victim raised a hue and cry, neighbours rushed to the scene and rescued her. However, Sajib managed to escape.

Sajib's grandfather Lal Mia Mondol, a former Union Parishad member, called for arbitration to settle the matter that night and allegedly threatened the victim's family not to inform police.

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## Titanic victim's letter sells for \$166,000



REUTERS, London

A personal letter found on the body of a man killed in the sinking of the Titanic sold at auction on Saturday for 126,000 pounds (\$166,000), a record price for correspondence from the doomed liner.

The letter is one of the last known to have survived the sinking and still carries stains from its time in the Atlantic.

Written by first-class passenger Alexander Oskar Holverson on embossed Titanic "on-board" stationery, the letter to his mother describes his impressions of the palatial ship, praising the food and music.

"If all goes well we will arrive in New York Wednesday A.M.," Holverson wrote the day before the ship's fateful encounter with an iceberg.

Holverson was a Minnesota-born salesman,

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Waterlogging in Mumbai, Kolkata worse  
Says LGRD minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain yesterday said the waterlogging situation in Dhaka was better than that of mega cities like Kolkata and Mumbai.

"How much waterlogging have you seen? Go to Kolkata or Mumbai. This problem is in every expanding city of the world," he said while addressing a seminar titled "Medical Waste Management" at a city hotel.

Dhaka South and North city corporations and Prism Bangladesh Foundation, a voluntary development organisation, organised the programme.

Indicating that there was a lack of coordination between service providers, the minister said Dhaka Wasa would work in coordination with the city corporations.

"We hope this problem [waterlogging] will not be so acute in the next rainy

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## AL leader shoots Jubo League man

Transport workers block road in Ctg protesting shooter's detention

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Jubo League activist was shot allegedly by an Awami League leader in the port city "over a trifling matter" early yesterday.

Police detained AL Leader Monjurul Alam Monju, a member of Chittagong district (north) unit AL and also the general

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Passengers and transport workers pushing hard a bus that got stuck in the mud on Dhaka-Tangail highway in Rasulpur area yesterday morning. The muddy surface at some stretches of the highway leads to a huge tailback, inset, creating immense suffering.

PHOTO:  
MIRZA SHAKIL

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- ভোটার হওয়ার যোগ্য কারো তথ্য সংগ্রহ করা না হয়ে থাকলে তারা সংশ্লিষ্ট এলাকার নির্বাচন কেন্দ্রে গিয়ে তথ্য ফরম পুরণপূর্বক ভোটার হতে পারবেন
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