



GOOD LUCK! Aspirants throng the Chittagong University campus as the honours admission tests for the 2017-2018 academic session started yesterday. A total of 1,26,057 candidates are vying for 4,924 seats. The tests will continue till Sunday.

Continuity of gov't must for dev: PM

UNSB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the continuity of the government is essential to maintain the continuity of the country's development activities.

"For the continuity of development, the continuity of government is very much essential... we've been able to carry out development works in an appropriate manner as we have been in power since 2008," she said.

The prime minister said this while laying the foundation stones of two projects – one for constructing 10,000 rental-based flats for slum dwellers in city's Mirpur, and another for constructing 253 residential flats on abandoned plots in city's Dhanmondi and Mohanmudpur areas – through a videoconference from her official residence Gono Bhaban.

National Housing Authority (NHA) will implement the first phase of the project, while the second phase will be implemented through a videoconference from her official residence Gono Bhaban.

"Rental-based residential flat project for the slum dwellers", with an estimated cost of Tk 111 crore from the NHA's own fund.

In the first phase, some 533 flats will be built in five 14-storey buildings. In the 2nd phase, some 9,467 flats will be built in some 80 buildings (14-storey).

About the allocation of flats, the NHA will make the list of the area's slum families and allocate the flats on a priority basis.

The NHA will also construct some 253 flats on 2.07 acres of land at Dhanmondi and Mohanmudpur with an estimated cost of Tk 373 crore, also with its own fund.

Of the flats, 202 will be sold among the government officials and common people while the remaining 51 will be reserved for the NHA.

Sheikh Hasina also exchanged views with the future beneficiaries of the two projects through videoconference.

Hasina also renewed her pledge to ensure housing for all, saying that no one will remain homeless in the country.

Regarding waterlogging problem, she said this pond has been created due to filling up of ponds, canals and other water bodies.

Return Utpal, please Family plead at press conf

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"Ma [mother] will die if Utpal does not return soon," said Bobita Rani Das while pleading for safe return of his younger brother, Utpal Das, who went traceless more than two weeks ago.

Bimola Rani Das, mother of the senior reporter of news portal purboposhchimbhnews, has been bedridden and anxiously passing her time since she heard the news. She had stopped taking meals for the last four days.

"Mother doesn't respond well. At times, she opens her eyes, but only to ask about Utpal. Please return him to my mother," said a teary Bobita.

She was speaking at a press conference at the capital's Bangladesh Crime Reporters Association yesterday. The family sought the prime minister's intervention in this regard.

Hailing from Raipura upazila of Narsingdi, Utpal, 27,



The grieving family members of Utpal.

began journalism five years ago. After working at various media outlets, he joined the news portal about a year ago.

He went missing and his phone was found switched off since he had spoken to his mother on October 10. Utpal used to live in a mess at the capital's Fakirapul and he was on his way to office in Motijheel area that day.

Two general diaries, one by his father Chittaranjan Das, were filed with Motijheel Police Station.

Hours after filing a CD on Monday, Chittaranjan received several phone calls from his son's numbers. The unidentified caller demanded Tk 1 lakh as ransom. They did not allow him to talk to his son, he said.

Police, however, said they could not trace the calls and suspected those were spoofed calls meant for realising money from the family.

"I brought up my children amid hardship. I need your help..." appealed Chittaranjan at yesterday's conference.

While talking, Chittaranjan, a former headmaster of a primary school, was consoling his two daughters. "We miss him... we are very worried," the father could not finish his sentence as he also broke down in tears.

The family members said they were unaware of any reports by Utpal that might have angered some quarters.

Peer Habibur Rahman, chief editor of the news portal, also demanded the prime minister's intervention.

Asked, Omar Faruk, officer-in-charge of Motijheel Police Station, said they were trying to trace out the journalist.

Meanwhile, expressing deep concern, rights body Ain o Salish Kendra yesterday found that the law enforcers take proper measures to demand Utpal.

Cry for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Syed Mamunur Rashid, 24, a final semester student of electrical and telecommunication engineering at East West University, is suffering from large B-cell lymphoma, a type of blood cancer.

He is being treated at the supervision of Haematologist Srikant Muralikrishnan at Apollo Hospital Chennai in India.

The family has lost almost everything for the expensive treatment and now needs another Tk 70 lakh more, said Rashid's father Syed Ali Sarkar, a schoolteacher in Kurigram.

Kind and generous people of the society can send help to these bank accounts. Syed Nahid Hasan, Ac: 12615198187, Elephant Road Branch, Dutch Bangla Bank Limited; Syeda Nazmun Nahar, Ac: 5212634042754, Nagewari Branch, Sonali Bank Limited; and Syed Mamunur Rashid, Ac: 0100089835253, Kurigram Corporate Branch, Janata Bank Limited.

SADIA MURDER VERDICT HC commutes death penalty of prime accused

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday commuted the death sentence of Zahidul Hoque Rintu to life imprisonment in the sensational case filed for killing his niece Sadia Nowshin Priyanka, who was a student of Viganurissa Noon School and College, in 2007.

The HC came up with the verdict after hearing the death reference of the case and the appeal filed by Rintu challenging the trial court verdict that had sentenced him to death for killing Priyanka.

The HC commuted the death sentence of Rintu on the ground that there was no eye witness of the case and Rintu has been serving in jail since February 2008 in this case. Deputy Attorney General Md Bashirullah told The Daily Star.

He also said the government will move an appeal before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court seeking death sentence for Rintu in this case.

The 17-year-old, Priyanka, who passed SSC in 2006 from the school, was found dead at her house at Bero Moghbar in Dhaka on July 18, 2007.

Priyanka's mother, Shamsunna found her daughter lying on the floor with several knots of a georgette scarf around her neck while the door closed from outside.

Priyanka's father filed a criminal case against Rintu on July 19 the same year showing Rintu, her maternal uncle, as the main accused.

On January 29, 2012, the Special Trial Tribunal 4 of Dhaka sentenced Rintu to death.

Then Rintu filed an appeal with the HC challenging the lower court verdict.

SNAPS & snippets

2 jailed for 8yrs for Yaba peddling

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, CG

A Chittagong court yesterday sentenced two people to eight years' imprisonment for possessing 52,000 Yaba pills around two years ago.

The court of Chittagong Metropolitan Sessions Judge Md Shahe Noor also fined Shahjahan, 27, and Manik, 20; Tk 10,000 each, in default of which they are to suffer one more month in jail, said Public Prosecutor Fakhruddin Chowdhury.

The Department of Narcotics Control arrested them with the Yaba tablets concealed inside their van on December 28, 2015.

CU admission seeker injured falling from train roof

CU CORRESPONDENT

An admission seeker of Chittagong University was injured after falling from the roof of a speeding train in the city's Atarapdia area yesterday.

Kamuzzaman Rabby, 20, from Chhagalnaiya upazila in Feni, was returning home after taking the test, said police at CMCH outpost. With head injuries, Rabby was undergoing treatment at the hospital.

SC upholds bail to Ragib Ali, son

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld a High Court order that granted bail to industrialist Ragib Ali and his son Abdul Hye who were convicted of forging legal documents for grabbing an endowed property in Sylhet.

The SC dismissed a leave to appeal petition filed by the government challenging the HC order of bail.

There is no legal bar to the release of Ragib Ali and Abdul Hye from Sylhet jail following the apex court order, their lawyer Barister Mehdi Hasan Chowdhury told The Daily Star.

A Sylhet court on February 2 this year handed down six years' imprisonment to each of the father-son duo for fabricating legal documents of Tarapur Tea Estate.

SC order on Khaleeda's plea Monday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday fixed Monday to pass an order on a petition filed by BNP Chairperson Khaleeda Zia seeking its directive on the trial court concerned to allow her lawyers for re-examination of nine prosecution witnesses of Zia Orphanage Trust corruption case.

After the hearing, a four-member bench of the Appellate Division of the SC headed by Justice Md Abdul Wahhab Miah, who is now carrying out the duties of the chief justice, set the date.

Earlier on October 24, Khaleeda filed the leave to appeal petition with the SC seeking its directive on the trial court concerned to allow her lawyers to re-examine the nine prosecution witnesses.

Six Khulna schools get sanitation award

CITY DESK

Three primary schools and three secondary ones in Khulna were awarded for maintaining sanitation on Wednesday, says a press release.

Khulna City Corporation's FSM School Sanitation Programme in association with SNV Netherlands Development Organisation awarded the award giving ceremony in the city's Shaheed Hadith Park, marking Global Handwashing Day.

The schools are Daulatpur Moshin Govt Primary School, Raimahal Hamidnagar govt primary school, and Sonar Bangla govt primary school; and SOS Herman Gheiger School, BN School and College, and Reverend Paul's High School.



Distinguished guests at the launching ceremony of Honorary Consulate of Botswana at Lakeshore Hotel in the capital on Tuesday. Entekhabul Hamid, managing director of Hamid Group and secretary general of Bangladesh Shooting Sport Federation, center, has been appointed honorary consul of Botswana. Also present were High Commissioner of Botswana to New Delhi Lesego Ethel Motsumi, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam, State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasirul Hamid, and State Minister for ICT Zunaid Ahmed Palak, among others.

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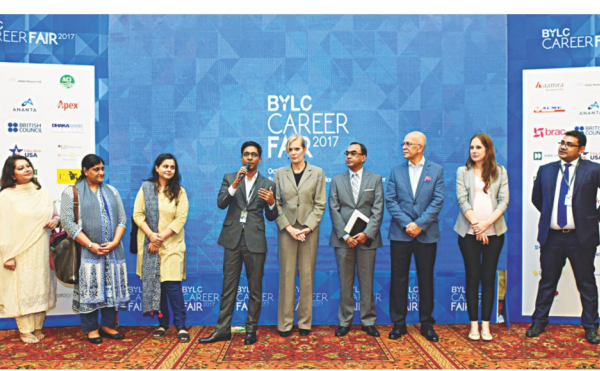
BYLC hosts second career fair

CITY DESK

Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center (BYLC) hosted the second BYLC Career Fair at the Bangladesh International Convention Center in the capital yesterday, bringing together 300 BYLC graduates and 30 leading private and non-profit sector employers, who are looking to recruit talented young people for entry level jobs.

The fair was organised by BYLC's Office of Professional Development, which is supported by The Aga Khan Foundation (Bangladesh) and Bishwan Adatia Foundation, says a press release.

While inaugurating the



Guests and organisers at BYLC Career Fair 2017 at Bangabandhu International Conference Center in the capital yesterday. The fair was hosted by Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center (BYLC), and it brought together 30 employers and 300 youth.