

HSC results today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 13 lakh students will start their day amid anxiety and anticipation as the results of this year's Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) and its equivalent examinations are coming out today.

All candidates can get their results from their respective examination centres; educational institutions; websites of their respective boards and through SMS on their mobile phones from 2:00pm, officials said.

To get the results, students can also log on to the website www.educationboardresults.gov.bd.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid will hand over the results to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at 10:00am.

Later, he will formally announce the results through a press conference at 1:00pm at his ministry.

A total of 13,11,457 students from 8,943 educational institutions appeared in this year's HSC and equivalent examinations in 2,541 centres under 10 education boards from April 2 to May 23.



PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED, PALASH KHAN

With most of Dhaka's footpaths already occupied by vendors, these fruit sellers have utilised the next best option available -- the dividers. Though nothing beats the heat better than delectable summer delicacies, haphazard way of selling fruits on the median not only impedes traffic, but also can cause an unwanted accident. The photos were taken at Gulistan and Farmgate, inset, on Tuesday and yesterday.

Govt, dev partners need close collaboration

Former BB governor Dr Salehuddin says at Cirdap's 39th anniversary programme

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Salehuddin Ahmed yesterday said the government needs to closely interact and collaborate with the private sector, the donors and NGOs to enhance its rural development efforts.

He made the remarks at the inaugural ceremony of a programme marking 39th anniversary of Centre for Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (Cirdap) at its auditorium in the capital.

"An overloaded bureaucracy of the government and fragile NGOs competing with each other or working separately will not be beneficial for the country," said Dr Salehuddin, now a rural development expert at Cirdap.

Along with the government, NGOs have emerged as one of the institutions that are most effective in the alleviation of poverty in the country, he said.

"Rural development strategy must combine both growth-oriented programmes and target-oriented programmes," he added.

The Cirdap anniversary programme comprised of six different sessions including four technical ones in two days.

Mashru Rahman Ranga, state minister for local government, rural development and cooperatives, said the

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Bangladesh now world's 3rd inland fish producer

Fisheries minister says citing FAO report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After being self-sufficient in fish production for the first time this year, Bangladesh has started to get global recognition as one of the biggest fish producers.

The country was ranked third in producing fish from inland water bodies, behind China and India, according to a report of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

The country was the fifth on the list last year.

Bangladesh is now also the fifth biggest aquaculture producer in the world, said the report titled "The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture 2018".

Fisheries and Livestock Minister Narayon Chandra cited the

- 3rd in inland fish production (10.48 lakh tonnes)
- 5th in aquaculture production (22 lakh tonnes)
- 11th in marine fish production (1.13 lakh tonnes)
- Total 41.34 lakh tonnes of fish produced in 2016-17

report findings yesterday at a press conference, organised by the Department of Fisheries at Matsya Bhaban in Dhaka, marking National Fisheries Week, to be observed from July 22 to 28.

"The continuous effort of the government for the country's fisheries sector has resulted in such achievements," said the minister.

In the 2016-2017 fiscal, Bangladesh produced a total of 41,34,000 metric tonnes of fish, including a first-time surplus of 84,000 tonnes. It helped the country to achieve the rank, he said.

The production of hilsa stood at around five lakh metric tonnes that year, twice the amount in 2008-09, he added.

Citing a report of Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), Narayon Chandra claimed that the country's per capita fish consumption -- about 63 grammes per day -- has exceeded the required daily demand.

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BNA looking to join 14-party alliance

Nazmul Huda meets AL leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former BNP leader and Bangladesh National Alliance (BNA) Chief Nazmul Huda yesterday met a group of ruling Awami League leaders, with intent to simultaneously work with AL-led 14-party alliance.

Nazmul Huda, whose party BNA was formed in 2016 with 31 political parties including his Trinamool BNP, met with AL-led 14-party alliance convenor Mohammed Nasim at AL president's Dhamondi office.

However, he took along representatives of only nine parties of the alliance to the meeting.

After the meeting, Nasim, also the health minister, said party chief Sheikh Hasina will give the final decision about taking Huda-led alliance on board.

He said they invited the alliance of nine parties under the directive of Sheikh Hasina, as she wants to fight against Khaleza Zia-patronised evil forces, and the nine-party combined also wants to be the part of the movement.

Earlier on Tuesday, at a meeting of the 14-party alliance, some partners of AL expressed their reservation over expanding alliance with Huda-led BNA, terming the 14-party alliance an "ideological alliance".

Earl R Miller might be new US envoy

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

US President Donald Trump has announced his intent to nominate Earl Robert Miller to be the ambassador of USA to Bangladesh, according to an announcement released by the White House on Tuesday.

His nomination awaits confirmation of the US Senate through a hearing.

Miller has been serving as the US ambassador to Botswana since December 18, 2014. If confirmed, he will succeed current US Ambassador in Dhaka Marcia Bernicat, who has been on assignment to Bangladesh since February 4, 2015.

Bernicat is expected to leave Dhaka by the end of

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OPEN TO ALL, CATTLE INCLUDED! It seems there are many ways to use the parks in Dhaka city, and cattle grazing in the green patch inside the one at Farmgate is just one example. With parts of the iron fencing missing here and there, the park is being used for anything except for giving people a space to breathe fresh air, cool off after work, or take a morning walk to stay healthy. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

QUOTA REFORM MOVEMENT

Rashed sent to jail after court rejects bail plea

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Muhammad Rashed Khan, a joint convenor of quota reform-demanding platform Bangladesh Sadharan Chhatra Odhikar Sangrakshan, was finally sent to jail yesterday after completion of his 15-day remand in two cases.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Asaduzzaman Nur passed the order after detectives produced Rashed before the court and appealed for sending him to jail. The court also rejected Rashed's bail petition in the case filed over attack on Dhaka University vice-chancellor's residence on April 9.

Rashed was quizzed for the last 15 days in connection with two cases -- one filed under the ICT Act and the other for the attack on Dhaka University vice-chancellor's residence.

He was placed on a five-day remand in the ICT case on July 2, filed by a Bangladesh Chhatra League leader with the Shahbag

Police Station for allegedly demeaning Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Facebook on June 27.

Police later produced him before the court on July 8 in the ICT case, seeking a 10-day remand.

Police also showed Rashed arrested in another case filed over the attack on Dhaka University vice-chancellor's residence on April 9, even though his name was not included in the first information report of the case. The investigation officer of the case appealed to a court to place him on a 10-day remand, which the court granted.

The investigating officer yesterday said Rashed gave important information about the incidents and needs to be kept in jail until investigation of the cases are completed.

Rashed's parents and wife were present at yesterday's hearing, where they demanded his immediate release, claiming that Rashed was implicated as part of a conspiracy.

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'IMPURE' GOLD IN BB VAULT Corruption reached new height: Fakhrul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday said the reported incident of finding adulterated gold inside Bangladesh Bank's vault is a manifestation that the government has "ruined the country's economy".

The government's motto has become clearer to all. Corruption has now reached such a height that mixed metals have been kept in the Bangladesh Bank's vault changing gold," he told a human chain.

He said though huge amount of money was stolen from the central bank's reserve earlier, the finance minister could not yet make the investigation report public.

Health certificates for sale!

ACC finds civil surgeon's office staffers guilty

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has found staff members of civil surgeon's office of Dhaka guilty of taking bribe from people to issue health certificate.

An ACC team, accompanied by members of law enforcement agencies, yesterday led a drive at the civil surgeon's office at Aizimpur and interrogated its staffs.

"In the interrogation, they admitted that they took Tk 300 to Tk 1,000 from people to issue health certificates," said Pranab Kumar Bhattacharya, ACC's Public Relations Officer. They also unearthed how people are harassed to get health certificate, he said.

However, Civil Surgeon Dr Md Ehsanul Karim was not present during the drive.

Talking to the correspondent over

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Bodi won't be spared if found involved in drug dealing: Amu

STAR REPORT

Industries Minister Amir Hossain Amu yesterday said ruling party lawmaker Abdur Rahman Bodi will not be spared if evidence of drug dealing is found against him.

Anyone involved in drug peddling will not be spared as the government led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has a "zero tolerance" policy against drug trade, said the minister.

Amu came up with the remark while addressing reporters after a meeting of the cabinet committee on law and order in the home ministry conference room, report BSS and UNB.

Bodi's name appeared in intelligence reports of five agencies that also listed several of his relatives and associates.

Besides, the latest report of Department of Narcotics Control mentioned the name of the MP from Cox's Bazar-4 as a patron of yaba trade in Ukhia-Teknaf, the gateway of smuggling the drug into Bangladesh.

A total of 37,225 people were arrested and 25,575 cases were filed in the drives against narcotics so far, said the minister. Currently there are 89,589 inmates in jails, and 42 percent of them have been arrested during the anti-drug drive since mid-May.

Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal and Expatriates Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Nurul Islam joined the meeting.

Among others, two secretaries of the home ministry, Border Guard Bangladesh Director General Maj Gen M Shafeenul Islam, Inspector General of Police Dr Javed Patwari, Ansar-VDP DG Maj Gen Sheikh Pasha Habib Uddin, Rapid Action Battalion DG Benazir Ahmed and Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Asaduzzaman Miah were present.

The industries minister, who chaired the meeting, said

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