

## JU admission tests begin today

JU CORRESPONDENT

Admission tests for honours programmes of Jahangirnagar University (JU) will begin today and continue till October 1.

A total of 3,59,962 students will be vying for 1,889 seats under six faculties and three institutes of the university. Abu Hassan, a member secretary of the university's central admission test committee, said the number of applicants this year is higher than previous year's.

"The tests of each unit will take place from 9am to 5:40pm," he added.

According to the schedule, the test for A unit (Faculty of Mathematical and Physical Sciences) will be held today and tomorrow, while H unit (Institute of Information and Technology) test will take place tomorrow.

Calculators, mobile phones and electronic devices are prohibited in the examination halls.



With the demand "rehabilitation before eviction", Bangladesh Hawker Sangram Parishad brought out a procession in the capital's Jatiya Press Club area yesterday.

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'RECEIVING DEATH THREAT'

## Govt official files GD against top N'ganj businessman

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A government official yesterday filed a general diary (GD) against Narayanganj Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Khalid Haider Khan Kazal, over a death threat.

In the GD filed with Fatullah Model Police Station, Mohammad Jakir Hossain, executive engineer of Public Works Department (PWD) in Narayanganj, alleged that Kazal on September 18 over phone threatened to kill him as he did not award Rafiq Construction Company, nominated by Kazal, a contract of a land development project worth Tk 74.23 lakh.

"You [Jakir] will be killed whenever you come to office," Jakir quoted Kazal as saying. Besides, Kazal hurled expletives at him, Jakir said in the GD.

Later in the day, Kazal along with a man arrived at PWD's Narayanganj office when he was not there, and told other PWD employees that Jakir will be beaten to death wherever he is found, according to the GD.

Talking to The Daily Star, Jakir said there is dispute between him and Kazal for the last couple of years over land.

When contacted, Kazal denied the allegations. "The issue is now under investigation by the enforcement agencies. I think the truth would come out after the probe," he added.

Aslam Hossain, officer-in-charge of Fatullah Model Police Station, said legal steps will be taken after investigation.

Khalid Haider Khan Kazal is often seen at programmes of ruling Awami League lawmaker of Narayanganj-4 constituency Shamim Osman.

## BNP

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Earlier, speaking at the reception, the minister said the present government has been striving to make the country a social and welfare state.

Keeping that in view, the prime minister has introduced allowances for the elderly and destitute.

The amount is being increased every year, he added.

SCS president and editor of the Daily Azadi MA Malek presided over the event, addressed by Chattogram city Mayor AJM Nasir Uddin, SCS secretary general Mohammad Abu Bakar Siddique, and Lion M Shamsul Huque, as well as award recipients AMM Zia Hossain, Dr Pranab Kumar Barua, Mahbub Uddin Ahmed and Begum Mustari Shafi, among others.

## Rajshahi, Khulna to get modern slaughterhouses

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With an aim to address concerns for public health and environment, two modern slaughterhouses will be set up in Rajshahi and Khulna cities.

Department of Livestock Services under its Livestock and Dairy Development Project (LDDP) will establish those with an estimated cost of around Tk 83 crore each.

In Rajshahi, LPPD officials revealed the information at a meeting with city corporation Mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton at the latter's City Bhaban office on Friday evening, RCC sources said yesterday.

LDDP Director Kazi Washi Uddin informed the mayor that such slaughterhouses will be established in Chattogram, Rajshahi and Khulna cities with financial support of World Bank in the preliminary stage.

"We have already selected a site [one-acre of land in Talaimary area]

in Rajshahi," he said, adding that the implementation works will start after signing a memorandum of understanding (MoU) by the end of current fiscal.

During his presentation, Dr Golam Rabbani, chief technical coordinator of the project, highlighted various features of the slaughterhouse along with its implementation and operational processes.

Upon its successful implementation, this facility will be environment-friendly and people will be able to get safe meat, he added.

The RCC mayor said time has come to strengthen the local government institutions and enable them to combat the spread of diseases. Both government and non-government organisations should come forward to set up such facilities, he said.

Deputy Project Director Engr Partha Prodeep Sarker and RCC Chief Executive Officer Shawgatul Alam and

Chief Engineer Ashraful Haque were present at the meeting.

Meanwhile in Khulna, LDDP officials held a meeting with city corporation Mayor Talukder Abdul Khaleque in this regard on Thursday.

The LDDP director said the sight to construct the slaughterhouse has already been selected. The work will start during current fiscal, he said.

Dr Rabbani highlighted various aspects of the facility.

Mayor Khaleque said if modern slaughterhouses are set up in urban and rural areas, many biogas plants could be installed and the waste from the facilities could be managed properly, the mayor added.

Other than LDDP officials, KCC Chief Executive Officer Palash Kanti Bala, (acting) Chief Engineer Nazmul Islam, Chief Health Officer Dr AKM Abdullah, Chief Garbage Management Officer Engr Md Abdul Aziz were present at the meeting.

## Scrap PSC provision

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liquefied natural gas (LNG), saying the country has gas shortage, he said.

In the name of gas shortage, it is also constructing several coal-based power plants including the Rampal plant, which puts biodiversity of the Sundarbans at risk, as well as the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant which puts the country in danger, he said.

So, the prime minister should answer how her words are compatible with the Offshore Model PSC-2019 that keeps provision for gas export, Anu Muhammad added.

He further alleged that laws are being made in such way which have established multi-national companies' full authority over the country's gas sector.

"And now, the government is creating a favourable environment for their gas export," he remarked.

On September 28, the National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Ports will stage protest rallies all over the country, demanding omission of the provision and also protesting other activities against national interest, said Prof Anu, also member secretary of the committee.

He said the committee will stage divisional rallies to this end in coming

months, starting on October 4 in Sylhet.

By approving the Offshore Model PSC, the government has accepted an "indemnity" law that will create scope for legitimising corruption, said economist Prof MM Akash.

The country would not have had to face gas crisis if the government developed local expertise in the sector, he said, urging the government to strengthen capacity of state-owned Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration and Production Company Limited.

If the Offshore Model PSC is implemented in next few years, then the reality will be that the country is exporting its own gas while it is importing coal and LNG at higher price, said engineer Kollol Mustafa.

An all-out resistance has to be waged against it, "if we don't want to put people's lives and environment in danger and the economy at risk", he said.

Saiful Haque, general secretary of Revolutionary Workers' Party of Bangladesh, said the Offshore Model PSC has not been made public, which has kept people in the dark about the government's intention.

Such "contract" was also done in the past to serve interests of local and foreign looters and commission-seekers, said CPB central leader Ruhin Hossain Prince.

## Govt plans to give Shahbagh

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Regarding the national museum, Sheikh Hasina mentioned that the plan and design on the museum have already been prepared to construct it afresh by giving a spectacular look.

About DMCH, the prime minister said the hospital will be reconstructed so that it can provide services to 4,000-5,000 patients at a time.

"The DMCH will be developed with modern service facilities and medical equipment," she said.

Sheikh Hasina said the metro rail will be made soundproof in Shahbagh-TSC-Doel Chattar area, for the sake of maintaining a congenial academic atmosphere on the DU campus. She said students of the university have nothing to be worried, as the metro rail will not hamper the environment of their education.

Referring to protest of a section of the students against the construction of metro rail route and its station on the DU campus, the premier said she herself set the metro rail route considering the welfare of the people from all classes.

Sheikh Hasina said she decided the Shahbagh-TSC-Doel Chattar route for the metro rail considering the wellbeing of the students and patients alongside the common people.

Sheikh Hasina said a large international-standard platform will be constructed in TSC area considering the movement of huge number of students. "We will also construct a large underpass in front of the Bangla Academy considering movement of the students and the Ekushey Book Fair," she said.

The premier said the construction work of the metro rail or Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) is going on in full swing and DU students will be one of the top beneficiaries of it.

Sheikh Hasina said the entire Dhaka city will be brought under the metro rail network by constructing underground rail (tube) and elevated rail at various places.

She said the government will also construct elevated ring road surrounding the Dhaka city to facilitate movement of the city dwellers.

## Indian Navy chief

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Navies of the two countries regularly interact through dialogues, visits, training programmes and campaigns.

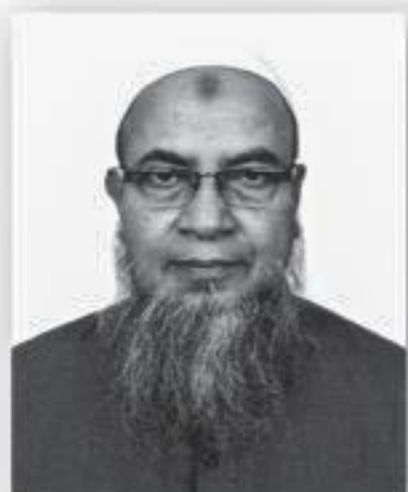
Serving and retired officers of Indian Navy regularly participate in Victory Day Celebrations held in Bangladesh to commemorate Liberation War of 1971, the PIB added.

## Condolence

Mr. Mohammad Nurun Nabi, FCA, one of the founder Partners of ACNABIN, Chartered Accountants passed away due to severe heart attack on Wednesday, 18 September 2019 at 08:20am (Dhaka time) at the Sukumvit Hospital, Bangkok, Thailand at the age of 71 years plus (Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilahe Rajoun). He left behind his 2 (two) sons, 1 (one) daughter and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

We are deeply shocked at the sad demise of our Partner Mr. Mohammad Nurun Nabi, FCA and convey our sympathy to members of the bereaved family to bear such irreparable loss and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Partners, Staff and Students of ACNABIN



Flanked by BNP senior leaders, Fazlur Rahman Khokon and Iqbal Hossain Shyamol, newly-elected president and general secretary of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, offer prayers at the grave of party founder Ziaur Rahman in the capital's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar yesterday.

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## Extortionists' syndicate

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government shows its activities. Then, after a few days, the situation returns to its previous state, he added.

Citing students' safe road demonstrations last year, he said the government -- following the events -- promised to implement the Road Transport Act soon, but it is yet to happen.

Echoing Saidur, Supreme Court lawyer Jyotirmoy Barua said the government lacks intention in implementing the act, although it is very necessary.

AI Mahbub Uddin Ahmed, president of Road Safety Foundation; and Mizanur Rahman Khan, joint editor of Bangla daily Prothom Alo; also spoke at the programme.

## Shykh Seraj receives

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and Animal Sciences University (heroes for change).

The institutions are: Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute (best agricultural organisation in research, innovation and technology), Grameen Jano Unnayan Sangstha (best agricultural organisation in support and execution), Lal Teer (best agricultural exporter), and Pran Agro Ltd (jury special).

## HOUSE FOR RENT

Seven (07) storied (32000 sq.ft.) modern building near Gulshan no-1 circle. Facilities-fully air-conditioned, full capacity 500 K.V.A auto generator, 550 K.V independent power sub-station, two lift, basement parking (18+), fully decorated with false ceiling & lighting inbuilt firefighting system. Priority- Multinational org./ Bank/ Insurance/ Office. Contact: Md. Osman Gani (Manager). Mobile: +8801726-294520, E-mail: mogani1978@gmail.com

## World Car Free Day today

UNB, Dhaka

World Car Free Day 2019 will be observed today in the country, as elsewhere in the world.

Car Free Day Observance National Committee, comprising Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority (DTCA) and some government and private organisations has taken up various programmes to observe the day, said a press release.

The day is a free international event celebrated on September 22, which formally started in the 1970s in Europe, urging citizens to avoid using private cars and encourage cycling, walking or using public transport instead.

For the first time, it was observed jointly by the government and non-government organisations in the country in 2016.

## BANGABANDHU AND LIBERATION WAR

## Book exhibition at IUB

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A month-long book exhibition and discussion session on "Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Bangladesh's Liberation War" was inaugurated by Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque.

The minister was the chief guest of the inauguration event that took place on Thursday at IUB auditorium in the capital's Bashundhara Residential Area, said a press release.

Abdul Hai Sarker, chairman of ESTCDT, IUB; and A Matin Chowdhury, chairman

of Board of Trustees; also spoke on the occasion while Prof Milan Pagon, vice chancellor (acting), gave the welcome speech.

The book exhibition at IUB library will continue from September 19 to October 18. Around 2200 books on Bangabandhu and Liberation War will be displayed.

The exhibition will be supported by many activities such as film shows, dramas, musicals and cultural events.

Faculty members, students, distinguished guests, dignitaries and media were present at the discussion session.

