

BU admission test begins on October 18

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

An average of 25 admission seekers will vie for one seat at Barishal University (BU), the 33rd public university in the country and only such university in the division.

The admission test will be held on October 18-19, informed Assistant Professor Rahat Hossain Faisal of computer science and engineering department and convener of the intake test (for 2019-2020 session) committee.

He said 36,685 candidates will sit for the admission test. A total of 1,440 seats are allocated for 24 subjects under six faculties divided into "Ka", "Kha" and "Ga" units. Applications for the admission test were received from September 1-25 through SMS.

Distribution of admit cards started from October 1 through BU website: admission.eis.bu.ac.bd



An executive magistrate of Barishal district administration fines a trader for not selling onion at the price set by the government. The mobile court during its drive in the city's Hatkhola wholesale market on Wednesday also fined two more businesses on the same charge.

No extortion

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Transport Owners' Association, are not involved in any extortion. It's BSPMSOL secretary Bachchu who is an extortionist, killer and fraud."

On Tuesday, BSPMSOL leaders arranged a press conference, urging the government to conduct drives in the transport sector in order to put an end to corruption and harassment by "godfathers and police".

BSPMSOL secretary Ismail Hossain Bachchu in a written statement said extortionists collect around Tk 1.65 crore every day in Dhaka's transport sector, and DRTOWA leaders are also involved in it.

Abul Kalam also demanded the arrest of BSPMSOL leaders, including Bachchu and SM Shah Alam, claiming that they are involved in terrorist activities and embezzlement.

Dead in a Slovakian forest

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fell sick on the way to France, and went missing in a forest in Slovakia.

Later on September 9, they learned from a Slovakian online news portal that the police recovered a body from the forest.

Farid's family members and relatives then contacted Slovakian Police and identified the body. They also visited Slovakia to complete all formalities.

After a long and arduous process, with help from foreign ministry of Bangladesh, the body was returned home.

Farid's brother Alauddin was at the airport to receive the body. He alleged that the agents intentionally killed Farid on the way and assured them that he was alive until they got confirmation of the death.

"We want the agents to be punished," he said.

Farid will be buried in the graveyard of his home village today, his family members said.

Father claims police forced

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"Assisted by a local ward councillor, we called him to our police station and sent him along with three other villagers to Rajshahi in a microbus," he said.

In January this year, Liza Rahman, an 18-year-old HSC student of Rajshahi Women's Government College secretly married Shakhawat Hossain, 19, an HSC student of Rajshahi City Government College.

Since learning of their marriage, Shakhawat's family members had been pressuring them to divorce each other. On Saturday, Shakhawat finally gave in to his parents' pressure and asked Liza for divorce.

Becoming upset, Liza went to the police, asking them to intervene to protect her marriage.

When the police denied her assistance, as claimed by the family members, she decided to set herself on fire near the police station.

Locals and police took her to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital. That afternoon, a police team took her to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, where Liza lost the battle for life on Wednesday morning.

The autopsy was performed at DMCH morgue and then her family members took her body to their village home in Boalia under Govindaganj in Gaibandha. She was buried at their family graveyard beside Boalia Mosque yesterday morning.

A two-member committee headed by Rajshahi Metropolitan Police's Additional Commissioner Salma Begum is investigating into the incident.

A committee of National Human Rights Commission is also investigating into the incident. Al-Mahmud Faizul Kabir, a director of the commission, is heading the four-member committee.

Woman found dead in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the body of an elderly woman from her residence in Dhaka's Mirpur area yesterday afternoon.

Shahnaz Begum, 65, was the owner of the five-storey building located on road-6 in the area, Dadan Fakir, officer-in-charge of Mirpur Police Station told The Daily Star.

Her daughter-in-law Nazneen Akter first saw the body around 12:30pm after she went to Shahnaz's room on the first floor where the woman used to live alone. On information, police recovered the body around 1pm, the official said.

Her hands and legs were tied up and mouth was taped, he said.

A pair of gold bangles was missing. Police suspected that she might have been killed after 8am, as one of her grandchildren was with her until then.

Her son, daughter's family, and some tenants live on the other floors of the building.

Salim remanded

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enforcers conducted raids at his office and residence in Gulshan and Banani for nearly 20 hours.

During the raid, law enforcers seized around Tk 29 lakh in cash, foreign currencies of 23 countries amounting to Tk 77.63 lakh, 32 cheque books of three banks, five electronic transaction cards, two pieces of spotted deer hide and 48 bottles of foreign liquor.

One network server, four laptops and a desktop computer used for the gambling operations were also seized during the raids.

Md Akhtaruzzaman, who was in-charge of the gambling site, and Md Roman were also arrested.

Later on October 2, two cases -- one for possessing liquor and another for laundering money -- were filed with Gulshan Police Station. Salim and two others were made accused in the drug case while Salim and seven others were accused in the money laundering case.

In the money laundering case, three accused are Korean nationals.

Meanwhile, Executive Magistrate Md Sarwoer Alam sentenced Salim, Akhtaruzzaman and Roman to six years' imprisonment for keeping spotted deer hide in their possession.

ALCOHOL SOLD AT MOHAMMEDAN CLUB ON LOKMAN'S DIRECTIVE

Police yesterday told a Dhaka court that foreign liquor was sold to Mohammedan Sporting Club as per directive of its director in-charge M Lokman Hossain Bhuiyan.

Investigation officer of the case Sub-inspector Mohammad Kamrul Islam of Tejgaon Police Station, made the comment while producing Lokman before a Dhaka court yesterday with a five-day fresh remand prayer.

After the hearing, the court placed Lokman on a two-day remand in a case filed for possessing narcotics at his Monipurpara residence.

Lokman was earlier remanded for four days in two phases.

Pro-VC shows documents

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journalism department said, "A VC can not deliver such remarks standing in an independent country. It is against our independence. We do not expect such remark from a person. We should protest it."

About pro-VC Zakaria, he said, "The audio clip of a conversation is just a part of continuous corruption in teacher recruiting. We urged the authorities concerned to take immediate action against those officials who are involved in corruption."

Prof Shafiqunabe Samadi of Bangla department said, "We want the university to be a place for practicing knowledge, not a place for corruption. We want immediate action against top officials who are involved into corruption," he added.

Around 300 students also started a demonstration with the same demand from the central library at the same time, and later joined the teachers' programme.

Earlier around 10am, Farid Uddin Khan, an associate prof of economics department, held a three-hour-long silent protest, standing alone at university's Zoha Chattar, holding a placard demanding corruption-free educational environment.

HOW IT ALL STARTED

On Monday, an audio clip of a conversation between the pro-VC and wife of Nurul Huda surfaced on social media, where Prof Zakaria is heard talking about money for a job recruitment.

In a written statement, Prof Zakaria had acknowledged that he had the conversation, saying, "I made the call to verify information that the job seeker was involved with some people to get the job through illegal dealing."

RU VC Prof Abdus Sobhan said a probe committee would be formed immediately to look into the matter.

Meanwhile, speaking at an international conference at the university's senate building on Saturday, the VC said "Jai Hind", alongside "Joy Bangla" and "Joy Bangabandhu", which drew strong reaction on social media.

While talking to journalists, Prof Sobhan claimed that he did not make any remark against the country's independence. He said he only said those words expressing gratitude to Indian delegates at that conference. "I heard many people of top authorities shout such slogans before," he added.

Bangladesh surprised

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percent -- reaching 8.13 percent in the last fiscal and expected to be 8.2 percent in the current one.

"Inflation has been reduced to 5.4 percent; per capita income increased

to USD 1,909; foreign currency reserve raised to USD 32 billion; export earnings more than doubled to USD 41 billion; Human Development Index increasing at 1.6 percent annually, to mention a few economic indicators," he said.

Sale of wild birds rampant

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Tofazzal Sohel, general secretary of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon, Habiganj unit said, some professional and seasonal bird hunters are active in the district. "Some dishonest and greedy people have been hunting migratory birds. The authorities are not conducting enough raids to stop this practice."

Narayan Saha, former head of the department of forestry and environmental science at Shahjalal University of Science and Technology said, "Birds help maintain the balance of the environment, and hunting them is a punishable offence."

"Widespread awareness is needed to stop this terrible practice of killing birds. Law enforcers have to be strict about punishing the poachers," said Saha.

Growing use of e-cigarettes

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Thirty countries including India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Thailand and Singapore have already banned e-cigarettes, he said.

According to CDC reports released on September 27, 2019, as of September 24, 805 confirmed and probable cases of lung injury associated with e-cigarette use or vaping have been reported to CDC by 46 states and the US Virgin Islands.

Those cases included 12 deaths in 10 states. More than two-thirds of the patients are male. The median age of patients is 23, with about 62 percent of patients aged between 18 and 34, according to the report.



Ramchandrapur canal in Mohammadpur remains choked by garbage at many points. Even though the authorities concerned cleaned it around a month ago, due to unabated waste dumping, the once-flowing waterbody is once again under threat. The photo was taken on Wednesday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Saima Wazed among

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goodwill ambassador for autism in the Southeast Asia region for her innovative work as a spokesperson for individuals with autism in Bangladesh.

Saima, also the daughter of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, is the chairperson of Shuchona Foundation, a not-for-profit advocacy, research and capacity-building organisation, based in Dhaka. She is also one of the trustees of Centre for Research and Information. She is also a Specialist in School Psychology, nationally certified in the US.

A graduate of Barry University in Florida, Saima is an expert on neurodevelopmental disorders and mental health, and an accomplished speaker. Her efforts have led to international awareness, policy and programme changes, and the adoption of three international resolutions at the UN and WHO. She is credited with bringing mental health issues to the mainstream and breaking social barriers to acceptance of persons with disabilities.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADEH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 220 OF 2019

Jamuna Future Park Limited.
.....Petitioner

-Versus

The Registrar, Joint Stock Companies and Firms, TCB Bhaban (6th Floor), I, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
.....Respondent.

Notice is hereby given that an application under section 12 read with section 13 of the Companies Act, 1994 for alteration of object clause of the Memorandum of Association of the Jamuna Future Park Limited was moved before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh on behalf of the petitioner and upon preliminary hearing on 01.10.2019 by the Company Bench presided over by Mr. Justice K.M. Kamrul Kader was pleased to admit the said application and fixed the matter on 31.10.2019 for appearance. Any one desirous of opposing the matter may appear before the Hon'ble court either personally or through his advocate on the date fixed. Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of necessary costs.

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Experience: Minimum of four years of relevant experience. Preferably in government agencies, mass media, research institutions or international organizations.

Language requirement: Native level in English (IELTS 7.0 or above)

Age: Around 30 to 35 years old

Contract period is three months initially and renewed on an annual basis upon satisfactory performance and availability of funds.

Application should be marked confidential and the position applied to should be clearly written on the A4 size envelope application including:

- (1) Curriculum Vitae with contact phone number and e-mail address
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- (4) Copies of all relevant academic records and certificates
- (5) One recent passport size colour photograph
- (6) Copy of National Identify Card
- (7) Nationality Certificate (Local Chairman / Commissioner)
- (8) Copy of your proof for English proficiency

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