

Cambridge releases 2020 A Level results

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Cambridge International released the results of its June 2020 series on time, to thousands of schools around the world yesterday. Altogether more than 950,000 grades were issued, to almost 4,000 schools in 139 countries, said a press release.

In Bangladesh, this year the most popular Cambridge O Level subjects are Bengali, English language and mathematics syllabus D and the most popular Cambridge International AS & A Level subjects are mathematics, physics and chemistry.

Globally, the most popular Cambridge International AS & A level subjects this year are English (general paper), math and physics.

Mahesh Srivastava, regional director (South Asia) at Cambridge Assessment International Education, said, "2020 has been a transformational year and has had a huge impact on teaching and learning across the world. With school closures, Cambridge learners were not able to take their June exams and therefore we developed a rigorous process for awarding assessed grades."

Christine Özden, chief executive of Cambridge International, said, "In a unique situation Cambridge International had to respond quickly so that our global community of students stayed safe, but could progress with their education."

"We engaged worldwide with other awarding bodies, governments and universities to develop our process for awarding grades. It works across the many different countries in which we work, and is similar to the process used in the UK," she added.

"I hope our students around the world can now move forward with their lives, and come through this experience stronger and more resilient, after what has been a very challenging time for everyone," said Christine Özden.

Pressure on

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Dhaka is the capital of Bangladesh, please do not make it a slum, he said.

"We will ensure all civic facilities in Dhaka but thinking [everyone must] stay in Dhaka will have to stop," he said.

DSCC mayor also said they have to ensure low cost habitation facilities outside the rivers surrounding the capital to reduce pressure on the city.

LGRD minister Tajul Islam, who presided over the meeting said the country is like an umbrella where different organisations like city corporations, municipalities, Rajuk are there.

"City corporations want to get canals and drainage systems of the city under their jurisdiction, but I have to hand it in such a way so that city corporations can do their work properly to solve the waterlogging problem," he said.

"We have to see where the strength of the city corporations will have to increase, where they need support. City corporations across the world are doing this work," he said.

Among others, DNCC mayor Atiqul Islam, Gazipur City Corporation Mayor Md Jahangir Alam and Senior Secretary of Local Government Division Helal Uddin Ahmed also addressed the meeting.



Sitting on a footpath beside the Tejgaon-Link Road, Nazma carefully places betel leaves and cigarette packs on a piece of cloth next to a flask full of tea and waits for customers. Rain or shine, the 55-year-old woman stays at this very spot, hoping to make enough money to support her ill husband and children. Things were not like this for her. Once she had a job at a factory, which she lost due to the pandemic. Since then, every day has become a struggle for Nazma, who makes around Tk 150 to Tk 200 per day.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS



Children tail a DSCC staffer spraying mosquitocides at an alleyway in Uttor Mugda. Submerged in the smoke, the children are at risk of health hazards, but the worker seems to have no regards for this. This photo was taken yesterday afternoon.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Abdul Hai Sarker new Dhaka Bank chairman

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Abdul Hai Sarker, chairman, Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT), the Founding Trust of the Independent University, Bangladesh was recently elected chairman of Dhaka Bank Ltd.

Sarker is the owner of Purbani Group, a leading conglomerate. He is former president of Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA), former vice chairman of Bangladesh Association of Banks (BAB) and a former director of Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI).



Migrant workers

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The ATAB president said the authorities should immediately take steps to increase flight numbers to mitigate the crisis.

Jane Alam, an expatriate from UAE and resident of Chattogram's Patiya, told The Daily Star yesterday that his vacation will end on August 18 but he learnt that no airlines have available ticket for UAE this month.

"Now, I don't know how I will go back to my workplace within the scheduled time. If I can't, I'll have to undergo a lot of complications. My visa could be cancelled," he said.

Alam said he heard the construction firm he works for might reduce workers due to the pandemic. It might be those who will not join on time, he feared.

Another expatriate Nur Alam of Chattogram's Fatikchhari said he worked at a hotel in UAE for 21 years.

He booked a return ticket when he came home in January. But that flight got cancelled because of the pandemic.

"The airliner is not saying anything about what will be the fate of the ticket," he said, adding, he needed to go back to the UAE before August 20.

Contacted, Tahera Khandaker, deputy general manager (public relations) of Biman, said they are ready to operate more flights to different destinations including the Middle Eastern countries.

"However, the destination countries

have to allow us to operate flights," she said. "We will be able to do so as soon as the embargo is lifted," she added.

Tahera said at present they are operating scheduled flights to Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and London (once a week), and charter flights to different destinations including the Middle Eastern countries.

BIMAN FLIGHTS TO KL RESUME AUG 18
After five months of suspension, Biman is going to resume direct commercial flights on Dhaka-Kuala Lumpur route from August 18.

Biman flights will be operated from Dhaka to Kuala Lumpur on Tuesdays and Fridays, while the rebound flights from Kuala Lumpur to Dhaka will be on Wednesdays and Saturdays, said a release of the national flag carrier yesterday.

The necessary conditions and information regarding air travel on the route are available on Biman website, it added.

Biman stopped its operations in Kuala Lumpur from March 18 due to the Malaysian government's decision to ban air travel with different countries, including Bangladesh, to stop the spread of coronavirus.

Biman official Tahera said they used to operate seven flights a week on the route before the pandemic. However, the number of flights will come down to two as Malaysia allowed so, she added.

Dr Meerjady new additional director general of DGHS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dr Meerjady Sabrina Flora has been made additional director general (planning and development) of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS). She will replace Prof Saniya Tahmina, who goes into retirement.

The Health Service Division of the health ministry issued a gazette in this regard yesterday. The notification will be applicable from August 20.

Dr Meerjady is currently the director of Institute of Epidemiology Disease Control and Research. She was appointed as the IEDCR director in 2016.



Ticket scalpers

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said, "They have to use their relative's NID and mobile number to buy ticket and they would be able to buy highest four tickets with an NID and cellphone number."

But, the NID and cellphone holder must travel; otherwise, none would be allowed to board with other three tickets, said the official.

"I know many, especially rural people, will face some problems in buying ticket. The ministry and railway are working to make the process easier but it would take some times," he said.

Bangladesh Railway resumed its operations on a limited scale from May 31 after suspension of service for more than two months to contain spread of Covid-19.

The authorities would resume operations of all intercity trains within August 30 but continued to operate with 50 percent passengers of its capacity.

Md Samsuzzaman said they made NID cards mandatory for some intercity trains last year but now they are going to make it mandatory for all intercity trains.

He said it's not possible to make the system for local and mail service because tickets of those trains are not sold online.

"However, we have already started bidding process to bring those trains under online service..."

Replying to another question that many people without internet service may face problem to buy ticket, he said, "They have to take help from others. The same system is in Europe and other developed countries."

Turning waste

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There, people also sort waste at source, means at home. It does not happen in Bangladesh, he added.

"I have already spoken to DNCC officials in this regard," he said.

Asked, DNCC Chief Waste Management Officer Commodore Saidur Rahman said as their landfill at Amin Bazar has almost been filled up, they are going to set up another one next to it. A DPP for 80 acres of land has already been approved, he added. "We will provide 30 acres of land to the company to use it for 25 years to set up a plant to generate power from waste," he said.

They will provide all the waste generated daily in DNCC areas -- 2,500 to 3,000 tonnes, Saidur said.

The company will then sort the waste at the landfill, he said.

"This will also help us reduce open disposal of waste and keep the city and environment clean," he said.

Flat for Sale at Niketon
Flat with parking for sale at Niketon, Dhaka, 1540sqft. South-facing, silent zone, dead-end road, well maintained. Block-F, Rd # 12. Serious cash buyer only. Fixed price 114 Lacs. 01846228130 D-98

LAND FOR SALE
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FLAT SALE BARIDHARA
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Want youths in

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Razzaq said the recent flood has created huge displacement in his constituency.

"We all know about the impact of climate change in Bangladesh and globally, and it is us who needs to take climate action now," Razzaq noted.

He congratulated the young people for committing to lead coastal resilience in Bangladesh and urged to bring behavioural changes to protect our ecosystem.

Ken O'Flaherty, the COP26 regional ambassador for Asia/ Pacific and South Asia, also joined the webinar as a special guest.

He noted, "It is very clear to us that the climate change is the biggest threat to our planet and it will be the young people who will be the most affected group."

"We have to be very careful and practical in our planning and implementation of climate action," said Dr Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmed, chairman of PKSE, who led and contributed to a number of policies in Bangladesh on climate change.

"The British Council intends to explore youth voices and choices in the realm of climate change to understand youth attitude and

aspirations, amplify youth voice and support better youth policy making and we will be engaging youth networks in doing the exercise," said Dr Shahnaz Karim, director (inclusive communities), British Council.

Barishal Deputy Commissioner SM Ajjor Rahman; First Secretary to the Embassy of the Kingdom of The Netherlands, Folkert de Jager; equality and rights activist Sheepa Hafiza; Coordinator of YouthNet for Climate Justice Shakila Islam; and Chief Executive of Bangladesh Model Youth Parliament Sohanur Rahman also joined the webinar.

3,000 extrajudicial

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"We want justice for Sinha. The trials of all extrajudicial killings will be held on the soil of the country... we're hopeful," he said.

Claiming that extrajudicial killing contradicts the spirit of the Liberation War and the constitution, Fakhru said such killing, abduction, enforced disappearance and acts of repression against political opponents and dissenting voices should be considered as "crimes against humanity"

under section 2 (2) (a) of the International Crimes Tribunal Act, 1973.

"The country is marching towards a dysfunctional state. We want to end this situation," he said.

He said many international organisations including Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International have made many reports against extrajudicial killing but the government is not paying heed to the matter.

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Corrigendum-01

The Enlistment Notice for 'Enlistment for Clearing & Forwarding (C&F) Agent, Stevedoring Service Provider and Draft Surveyor' vide Memo No. BCPC/Procurement/Enlistment-01/2020/07 dated: July 21, 2020 is hereby revised as follows:

Sl No.	Particulars	Provision in the Invitation for Enlistment	Provision in Corrigendum-01
9.	Application Closing Date and Time	August 19, 2020, Time: 3:00pm	August 26, 2020, Time: 3:00pm
11.	Eligibility of Applicant	...They shall have relevant experience of 03 (three) years in providing Stevedoring Service in at least 01 (one) National Port of Bangladesh ...	...They shall have relevant experience of 03 (three) years in providing Stevedoring Service and shall be enlisted by Payra Port Authority ...
	Group-02 Stevedoring Service		

All other contents of the Enlistment Notice shall remain unchanged.

Memo No. BCPC/Procurement/Enlistment-01/2020/22
Date: August 13, 2020
GD-1257

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e-Tender Notice-CCC/ADP-716 cr(R)/2020-21

This is an online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents of following packages from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank branches up to 24-08-2020 at 12:00.

Sl No.	Package No.	Name of works	Tender ID	Last date & time of selling documents	Last date & time of submission documents
1	DRFD/CCC/W-15/Lot-1.	Development of Dewanhat by Passdighir Par and Dhoniola Para Road at Ward No. 23 (Lot-1)	484047	24-08-20 12:00	24-08-20 14:00

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>).

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