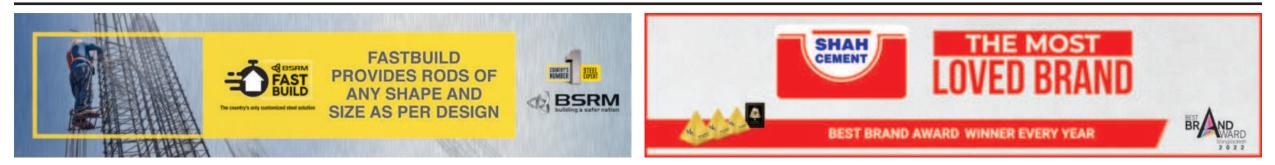
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Primary scholarship exam results suspended 'Technical errors' cited as reason

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Directorate of Primary Education yesterday suspended the results of Primary Scholarship Examinations 2022, citing "technical errors".

The results were published around 12:30pm yesterday.

The results will be published today after a review, said a notification signed by DPE Director General Shah Rezwan Hayat.

In the published results, 82,383 students were selected for the scholarships in two categories talent pool and general. Of them, 33,000 students got scholarships in talent pool category and 49,383 students got in general category.

1971 WAR CRIMES 70-yr-old fugitive convict arrested from a city slum

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rab yesterday arrested a 70-year old fugitive convict of war crimes from a slum in the capital's Demra area.



The arrestee.

Abu Muslim Mohammad Ali, from Gaibandha's Sundarganj upazila, was sentenced to death by the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT-1) for committing crimes against humanity during the Liberation War. He had been hiding in the slum,

maintaining a low profile. Acting on a tip-off, a Rab-3 team arrested Abu Muslim on Saturday midnight, according to a press release



PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Young readers crowd the Batighor stall at the Ekushey Boi Mela in the capital's Suhrawardy Udyan yesterday -- the last day of the prestigious fair, which takes place every year throughout the month of February in honour of the language martyrs.

Premature births in Dhaka on rise for poor air

Finds study by family planning directorate and icddr, b

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Premature births and babies born with low birth weight is on the rise in Dhaka city due to poor air quality, found a recent study.

Between 2014 and 2017, the incidents of low birth weight increased from 20.6 percent to 36 percent while pre-term births jumped from 9 percent to 15.2 percent due to the mothers' exposure to air pollution.

The International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) and the Maternal and Child Health Training Institute of the Directorate General of Family Planning conducted the study on 3 206 samples

"Air pollution in Dhaka has become a critical public health concern," said the report titled 'Air pollution and pregnancy outcomes in Dhaka'.

to worsen as the government has initiated several large construction projects within and around the city without any pollution control measures.

The study, which is based on normal birth samples, found female foetuses are at higher risk of low birth weight while males are more prone to premature birth due to poor air quality.

exposure to air And pollution during the second trimester causes the most harm to the babies as it hampers the SEE PAGE 7 COL 1

G20 MEET Momen leaves for New Delhi today UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen leaves for New Delhi today to attend the G20 foreign ministers' meeting.

Talking to reporters at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday, Momen said he will have a number of meetings with his counterparts from France, Sweden and India on the sidelines of the meet. More bilateral meetings are planned, he said without naming the participants.

Asked if he is going to meet US Secretary of State Antony J Blinken, Momen said he will meet him soon in the US. Momen said he is travelling to the US in April at the invitation of the US

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AL leader beaten up by 'MP Nixon's supporters'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridput

A local Awami League leader was beaten with a hammer and iron rods allegedly by supporters of independent lawmaker (Faridpur-4) Mujibur Rahman Chowdhury Nixon in Shorifabad Bazar area of Faridpur's Bhanga upazila on Monday evening.

Kibria Matubbar, 36, joint general secretory of Gharua Union Awami League and also a former member of Gharua Union Parishad, was injured in the incident.

Kibria is known to be a supporter of Kazi Zafarullah, presidium member of the AL and also a former MP from Faridpur-4.

The injured was admitted to Bhanga Upazila Health Complex. He was later shifted to the National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation (NITOR) in the capital as his condition deteriorated.

Golam Mostafa, general secretary of Gharua Union AL, said Kibria on Monday afternoon attended a preparatory meeting for a March 4 rally, which would be joined by Kazi Zafarullah as chief guest. The local AL leader came under attack when he was on his way home with a few SEE PAGE 7 COL 5

Solar breakthrough paves way for 'miracle material' panels

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Scientists have made a discovery that could finally realise the practical potential of the socalled miracle material perovskite for solar cells. team from А

North Carolina State University said the findings pave the way for a new generation of ultra-efficient solar panels that are also lighter and more flexible than

current technologies.

Perovskite has been hailed for its promise to transform everything from high-speed communications to renewable energy technologies. Its unusual properties could vastly improve the efficiency of solar energy harvesting compared to traditional silicon-based cells, however until now researchers have been unable SEE PAGE 7 COL 2

very data scarce setting, but presents comparatively clear evidence of the strong association between these negative birth outcomes and air pollution," said Mahin Al

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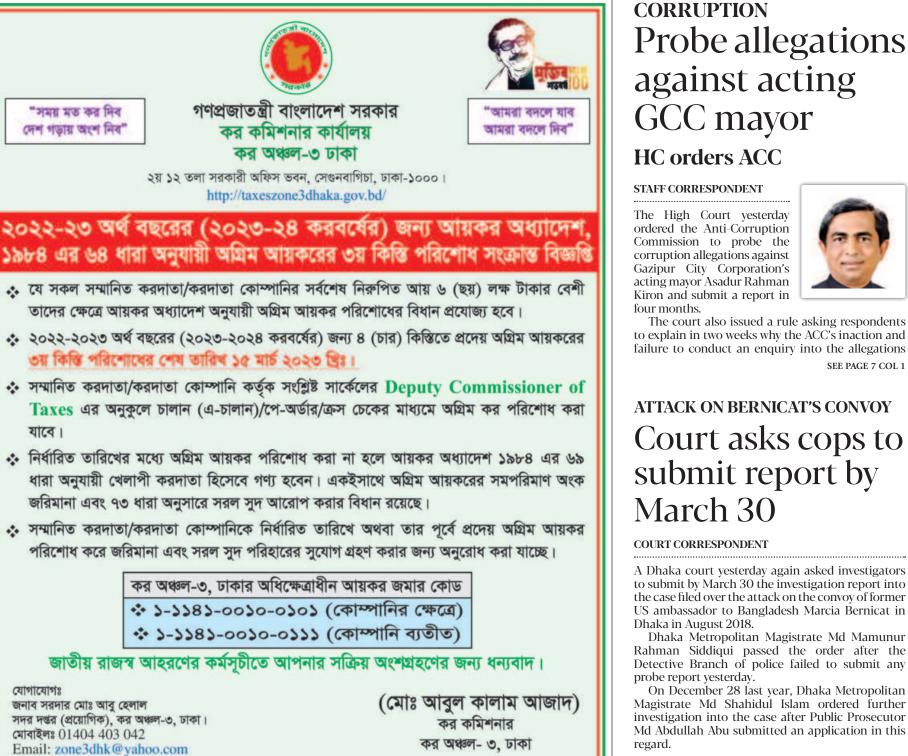
Nahian, research investigator of ICDDR,B, while sharing the findings of the study yesterday. Yesterday, Dhaka topped the

with the worst air quality.

The overall situation is likely

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"Our study was done in a list of cities around the world



against acting GCC mayor **HC orders ACC** STAFF CORRESPONDENT The High Court yesterday ordered the Anti-Corruption Commission to probe the corruption allegations against



The court also issued a rule asking respondents to explain in two weeks why the ACC's inaction and failure to conduct an enquiry into the allegations SEE PAGE 7 COL 1

ATTACK ON BERNICAT'S CONVOY Court asks cops to submit report by March 30

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday again asked investigators to submit by March 30 the investigation report into the case filed over the attack on the convoy of former US ambassador to Bangladesh Marcia Bernicat in Dhaka in August 2018.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Md Mamunur Rahman Siddiqui passed the order after the Detective Branch of police failed to submit any probe report yesterday.

On December 28 last year, Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Md Shahidul Islam ordered further investigation into the case after Public Prosecutor Md Abdullah Abu submitted an application in this

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