



## BIMAN RECRUITMENT Eight involved in question leak still in committees

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At least eight Biman officials, who were involved in question paper leak of recruitment test last year, are still members of its examination and recruitment committees, said insiders of the national flag carrier.

Biman has a seven-member examination committee and another seven-member recruitment body. Three to four officials, who were found involved in the scam, are members of each of the committees.

A recruitment test for the post of traffic assistants is scheduled for today.

In October last year, the civil aviation ministry, Biman and Detective Branch of Dhaka Metropolitan Police formed three separate bodies to investigate the question leak.

The committees found involvement of around 41 Biman officials in the irregularities, said investigators.

After the allegation of question leak surfaced, Biman postponed the written exams for several hundred posts, including junior operator GSE (casual), driver and junior tailor.

According to probe reports of the ministry and Biman committees, Zahid Hossain, former Biman managing director and CEO, supervised the entire recruitment exam process, which was plagued with irregularities such as missing exam committee meeting minutes and

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**THE JOY OF KINDNESS...** Young volunteers of Feed Doggo Fridays are feeding dogs in the Mohammadpur area of the capital yesterday morning. They have been doing this for 41 weeks.

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## NARAYANGANJ CITY Two tonnes of OMS rice 'hoarded' by councillor

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A councillor of Narayanganj City Corporation has allegedly hoarded two tonnes of rice from the government's OMS programme, depriving at least 400 poor people.

The open market sale programme allows low income people to buy up to five kilograms of rice at Tk 30 per kg, which is lower than the market price.

Ward-17 Councillor Abdul Karim Babu on March 21 allegedly bought two tonnes of rice from a dealer named Saddam Hessain though the rice was meant to be sold among the poor.

Babu is also the first panel mayor of the city corporation and a member of the ruling Awami League.

Officials of the city corporation and Food

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## SCBA ELECTION

The recent polls to the Supreme Court Bar Association were marred by violence and abstention from voting. The pro-Awami League lawyers alleged that the pro-BNP lawyers tried to make the election controversial while the pro-BNP lawyers claimed that the election was rigged by the pro-ruling party attorneys. The Daily Star's Golam Mertoza talked with SCBA President Md Momtaz Uddin Fakir and Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Forum leader Mahbub Uddin Khokon.

## Happy with outcome of the polls

**TDS:** Senior lawyer Munsurul Hoque Chowdhury is known to be an important and reliable person. He participated in the previous SCBA polls from the pro-AL lawyers' panel. Why did he have to step down?

**Montaz:** The reasons are unknown. We gave the details at a press conference. He said that votes would be counted using the Electronic Counting Machine. Then I said the candidates and the voters should have been informed about this beforehand. But they were in the dark. I asked why he had done this. Then he kept on saying that we should see this on the projector. We asked why we should watch it if a decision on the use of the machine was not made.

**TDS:** The are allegations that you disrespected and insulted Munsurul and termed him "biased".

**Montaz:** Nothing like that happened.

**TDS:** Why was the police called in on the Supreme Court premises? Who ordered the police to beat up and injure lawyers and journalists?

**Montaz:** Let me give you the background first. As per the article 15/5 of the rules, ballots should be printed by the general secretary. Then the election subcommittee convener and the general secretary would sign it. On the night before the polling day, they were signing ballots inside the conference room. Suddenly, Mahbub Uddin Khokon and Ruhul Quddus Kazal appeared there, snatched some ballots and tore them up. A case was filed in this connection that very night.

**TDS:** Pro-BNP lawyers have alleged that ballots were being

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Momtaz Uddin Fakir

## 'We don't even consider it an election'

**TDS:** Why did so many incidents happen during the Supreme Court Bar Association polls this year?

**Mahbub:** Starting from the national election, the Awami League has destroyed each and every electoral system. Similarly, they have ruined the tradition of the SCBA election.

**TDS:** Why did so many complexities arise even after the formation of an election subcommittee?

**Mahbub:** Senior lawyer Munsurul Hoque Chowdhury's name came up as the convener. He participated in the previous SCBA polls from the pro-AL lawyers' panel. However, we kept our faith in him because of his personality and honesty. They also agreed on his appointment. The seven member committee was formed unanimously after picking three lawyers each from the camps of the pro-AL and pro-BNP lawyers.

Once the subcommittee got to work, the executive committee members went to Munsurul and told him that they would print the ballots. This job had been done by the electoral subcommittee since 1948.

**TDS:** You were not present there. What is the basis of your complaint?

**Mahbub:** Munsurul told me this later. SCBA President Md Momtaz Uddin Fakir told Munsurul in presence of me that he was "biased" and he was "showing favourism".

**TDS:** A views-exchange meeting was held with the subcommittee on March 12.

**Mahbub:** In that meeting also, Momtaz Uddin told Munsurul



Mahbub Uddin Khokon

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## 5 more lives lost on roads Reckless driving blamed for BRTC bus crash in Jhalakathi

STAR REPORT

At least five people were killed and 47 others injured in road accidents in three districts yesterday.

In Jhalakathi's Rajapur, two were killed and 25 others injured as a bus of BRTC hit a roadside electric pole.

The dead are Mehedi Hasan, supervisor of the bus, and Mohammad Parvez, a passenger, said police.

The driver locked into an altercation with the supervisor in Barishal. He had been driving recklessly ever since, said Jamal Sharif, a passenger of the bus.

Around an hour later, the driver lost control of the bus and hit a roadside electric pole, he added.

Mehedi and Parvez died on the spot. The injured were rushed to a local hospital, said Pulok Chandra Roy, officer-in-charge of Rajapur Police Station.

Meanwhile, in Cumilla's Daudkandi, two were killed and two others injured as a bus ran over a battery run three-wheeler on the Dhaka-Chattogram highway in Raipur Dighirpar area.

The dead are Yakub Ali, 30, of Malikhil village of Daudkandi upazila; and Jothna Begum, 55, of Chotna of Debidwer upazila, said police.

Jothisna died on the spot while Yakub breathed his last at a local hospital, said Jahangir Hossain, officer-in-charge of Daudkandi Highway Police Station.

Police seized the bus, but its driver and his helper managed to flee, he added.

In Jhenaidah's Kaliganj, one was killed and 20 others were injured when a bus fell into a roadside ditch.

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## Webb telescope spots swirling clouds on remote planet



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Swirling hot sand clouds have been detected on a distant planet by Nasa's James Webb Space Telescope.

Researchers pinpointed silicate cloud features in the distant planet's atmosphere.

They found that the atmosphere is constantly rising, mixing and moving during its 22-hour day, bringing hotter material up and pushing colder material down.

Researchers say the resulting brightness changes are so dramatic that it is the most variable planetary-mass object known to date.

The team, led by Brittany Miles of the University of Arizona, also made clear detections of water, methane and carbon monoxide with data from the telescope, and found evidence of carbon dioxide.

This is the largest number of molecules ever identified all at once on a planet outside our solar system.

Catalogued as VHS 1256 b, the planet is about 40 light years away from Earth and orbits not one, but two stars over a 10,000-year period.

Dr Miles said: "VHS 1256 b is about four times farther from its stars than Pluto is from our sun, which makes it a great target for Webb."

"That means the planet's light is not mixed with light from its stars."

According to the researchers, higher up in its atmosphere, where the silicate clouds are churning, temperatures reach a scorching 1,500 degrees Fahrenheit (830 degrees Celsius).

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Ukrainian servicemen fire an M119 105mm howitzer at Russian positions near Bakhmut, on Thursday, amid Russian invasion of Ukraine.

PHOTO: AFP

### বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ের সম্মানিত যাত্রী সাধারণের সেবা বৃদ্ধির লক্ষ্যে আসন্ন পবিত্র ঈদ-উল-ফিতর এ আন্তরনগর ট্রেনের অগ্রিম টিকিট (১৭-৩০ এপ্রিল ২০২৩ তারিখ পর্যন্ত) শুধুমাত্র অনলাইনের মাধ্যমে ক্রয় করা যাবে। এছাড়াও বর্তমানে জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র যাচাইয়ের মাধ্যমে রেলওয়ের আন্তরনগর ট্রেনের টিকেটিং ব্যবস্থা ও অনলাইনের মাধ্যমে ক্রয়কৃত টিকেট অনলাইনে রিফান্ড এর ব্যবস্থা চালু করা হয়েছে।

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- নিবন্ধনের ক্ষেত্রে মোবাইলের মেসেজ অপশনে গিয়ে BR <space> NID নম্বর <space> জন্ম তারিখ (জন্ম তারিখের ফরম্যাট-জন্ম সাল/মাস/দিন) লিখে ২৬৯৬৯ নম্বরে এসএমএস প্রেরণ করতে হবে। ফিরতি এসএমএস-এর মাধ্যমে নিবন্ধন সফল বা ব্যর্থ হয়েছে কিনা তা জানিয়ে দেওয়া হবে।
- <https://eticket.railway.gov.bd> ওয়েবসাইট অথবা "Rail Sheba" app এ সঠিক NID নম্বর ও জন্ম তারিখ verify পূর্বক অন্যান্য তথ্য প্রদান সাপেক্ষে রেজিস্ট্রেশন প্রক্রিয়া সফলভাবে সম্পন্ন করতে হবে।
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- একজন যাত্রী সর্বোচ্চ চারটি টিকেট ক্রয় করতে পারবেন। তবে অনলাইনে টিকিট ক্রয়ের সময় সহযাত্রীদের নাম ও জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র/জন্ম নিবন্ধন নম্বর লিপিবদ্ধ করতে হবে।
- ভ্রমণকালে সকল যাত্রীকে অবশ্যই নিজস্ব এনআইডি বা জন্ম নিবন্ধন সনদের ফটোকপি/সফটকপি অথবা পাসপোর্ট/ছবি সংলগ্ন আইডি কার্ড সাথে রাখতে হবে। টিকেটের উপরে মুদ্রিত যাত্রীর নাম ও NID নম্বর যাত্রী কর্তৃক প্রদর্শিত পরিচয়পত্রের সাথে না মিললে যাত্রীকে বিনা টিকেট ভ্রমণ-এর দায়ে অভিযুক্ত করা হবে এবং বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ের প্রচলিত আইন অনুযায়ী ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।

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