

## Pak ex-PM Khan barred from election candidacy

AFP, Islamabad

Jailed former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan and most of his supporters have been rejected as candidates for the February 8 election, party officials said yesterday after nominations for ballot closed.

Khan has been in prison since August, facing trial over a slew of cases he insists have been orchestrated to prevent him from contesting the election as the figurehead of his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party.

The former cricket star was found guilty of graft earlier this year, but a court suspended his three-year sentence and conviction is being appealed.

The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) disqualified him from office over the conviction, but PTI turned in nomination papers for Khan last week regardless.



Firefighters work at a site of a commercial building damaged by a Russian drone strike, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Kharkiv, Ukraine yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

# Russia pounds Kharkiv with missiles, drones

Says Ukraine; 28 hurt; residential buildings, medical facilities hit

REUTERS, Kharkiv

Russia pounded the Ukrainian city of Kharkiv with missiles and drones in the hours leading into New Year's Eve, Ukrainian officials said, hours after Moscow accused Kyiv of carrying out a deadly air assault just across the border on nearby Belgorod.

In the first wave of Russia's attacks, at least six missiles hit Kharkiv, regional governor Oleh Syniehubov said yesterday, injuring at least 28 people and hitting residential buildings, hotels and medical facilities.

Earlier, Ukrainian officials said that two boys aged 14 and 16 and a security adviser for a team of German journalists were among those injured in Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city.

Closer to midnight, as part of a wider bombardment of Ukraine that also targeted Kyiv, several waves of Russian drones hit residential

buildings in Kharkiv's centre, causing fires, the city's mayor said.

"On the eve of the New Year, the Russians want to intimidate our city, but we are not scared - we are unbreakable and invincible!" Mayor



Ihor Terekhov said. Images from Kharkiv showed badly damaged buildings, including a hotel with many windows blown out.

Ukraine's air force said the military had shot down 21 out of 49 drones launched overnight by Russia. Most were aimed at the front line and parts of the Kharkiv,

Kherson, Mykolaiv and Zaporizhzhia regions, it said.

In a separate attack, three people were killed when Russian forces shelled a village in the Kharkiv region near the front line. The attacks came within hours after what Moscow called an "indiscriminate" Ukrainian air attack on the city of Belgorod, near Kharkiv, that killed 22 people.

Russian newspaper Kommersant said Ukraine launched its attack on Belgorod from a multiple rocket launcher in the Kharkiv region.

Both sides have increased attacks in the last week of 2023, with Russia killing at least 31 civilians in Ukraine on Friday, US President Joe Biden, asked if he'll speak to Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky after Russia's latest attacks in Ukraine, said: "I speak to him regularly."

Britain announced it would send hundreds more air defence missiles to Kyiv, after Prime Minister Rishi Sunak declared: "We must continue to stand with Ukraine...as it takes."

"We have repeatedly proved that we are able to solve the most difficult tasks and will never back down, because there is no force that can separate us."



Russian President Vladimir Putin

## Manipur hit by fresh clashes

One killed in gunfight

HINDUSTAN TIMES ONLINE

There was a fresh outbreak of violence in India's strife-torn Manipur on Saturday as gunbattle erupted between Meitei and Kuki groups in the Kangpokpi district, where a Meitei man was killed, and, separately, between Manipur police commandos and militants in the border town of Moreh, where one commando sustained bullet injuries. The two incidents came 26 days after 13 people were killed in a gunfight on December 4 in Tengnoupal district. On Saturday morning at around 3.30am, senior police officials said, there was the exchange of fire between village defence volunteers of the Kuki and Meitei communities. "This took place between the hill ranges of Nakhujang and Singda Kuki villages under Kangchup police station," the police officer said. In the firing, a Meitei man identified as Ningombam James, 32, sustained bullet injuries.

## Sri Lanka troops kill police officer in drug raid

AFP, Colombo

A police officer was killed and another critically wounded yesterday when troops opened fire on an undercover unit during a drug raid at a hotel in Sri Lanka, local police said. The unit was part of a major anti-narcotics drive codenamed "Yuktiya," or justice, which police said had resulted in over 17,000 arrests in the past three weeks. The undercover officers were at a beach hotel in Weligama, a popular surf spot on the island nation's southern coast, a police officer told AFP by phone, speaking on condition of anonymity. Army troops deployed to reinforce local police in the anti-drugs campaign rushed to the area to investigate an unrelated shooting and opened fire at a van speeding away from the scene, the officer said. "They did not realise that there were officers from the Colombo Crime Division in the van leaving the hotel," the officer said.

### Bangladesh Data Center and Disaster Recovery Site Ltd.

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#### JOB OPPORTUNITY

Bangladesh Data Center and Disaster Recovery Site Limited, a joint venture full-fledged ICT Company established by Bangladesh Government, State Owned banks and financial institutions invites applications from eligible Bangladeshi citizens for appointment in the following post.

Name of the Post	Managing Director & CEO
No of the post	01
Salary	Negotiable

#### Job Description

The Managing Director & CEO is the Chief Executive Officer of the Company and reports to the Chairman and the Board of Directors. The Managing Director & CEO will be responsible for managing all business and administrative functions of the Company. The successful candidate will anticipate and manage organizational resources to meet the needs and goals of the Company. He/She is the leader of the management team of the Company and is responsible for the overall administration & management, controlling, coordinating, corporate planning, business development, etc. He/She will ensure discipline, good organizational culture and compliance with relevant Laws, Rules and Regulations in the overall functions of the Company. The Managing Director & CEO have to deep insight into the local ICT ecosystem of Bangladesh and project management.

The Managing Director & CEO will perform the following duties and responsibilities including but not limited to:

- Develop and articulate the strategy, policy, and guidelines to run the Data Centre as a successful company.
- Take necessary steps to ensure the setup of the Data Centre within a short period.
- Oversee the business operations, investment performances and ventures to ensure results consistent with the overall strategy and mission of the Company.
- Report to the Board of Directors about ongoing operations, portfolio performance, give strategic advice, reports, results, findings, recommend relevant policies and reform laws based on emerging trends.
- Required to inform all relevant stakeholders about developments aligned with the Company's objectives.
- Report about business plans, monitoring their efficacy, progress and the annual budget of the Company.
- Organize regular investment reports and reviews including quantitative and qualitative portfolio studies as necessary.
- Attend company meetings, review financial statements and should be up-to date with any policy changes as deemed necessary.
- Prepare Annual Reports for presenting at the Board Meetings / Annual General Meetings.
- Liaison with Board of Directors / Regulators / Stakeholders to ensure all activities are in alignment.
- Direct and supervise the activities of staff and manage key personnel and service providers/vendors.
- Perform any other responsibilities assigned by the Chairman or the Board.

#### Required Educational Qualification and Experience

- Age at most 60 years (as on 31/12/2023).
- At least 15 Years of professional experience including a minimum of 10 years of experience in Banking Sector/Government/Data Center.
- Experience in similar types of Government / Banking projects will be given preference.
- Master's degree from any UGC recognized university. Engineering degree will be an added advantage.
- No third division/class at any stage of academic career shall be acceptable.
- Possession of Professional Certifications or training on PMP, PMI-PBA, CDCMP, CDCC, CDCP, CISA, ISO 27001, CISSP or Equivalent Certification may be considered as an added advantage.
- Experience in Business Continuity and Business Development is required.
- Ability to deliver dynamic leadership and implement strategic plans adding real value at the highest level.
- Excellent analytical observation and decision-making skills.
- Strong communication, management and negotiation skills.
- In-depth knowledge and experience in ICT Related operations and ICT services relating to Data Centers.

#### General Conditions:

1. Candidates in service will be required to apply through the appropriate authority.
2. Incorrect/Incomplete applications and received applications after the deadline will be rejected.
3. Only short-listed candidates will be called for an interview.
4. Any kind of persuasion will disqualify the candidate.
5. The appointing authority reserves the rights to accept/reject any application without assigning any reason whatsoever.

#### Application procedure:

1. Interested candidates may apply to **The chairman, Bangladesh Data Center and Disaster Recovery Site Ltd.** with detailed Curriculum-Vitae along with a cover letter, copies of educational and experience certificates, a copy of national ID card, recent passport size color photo through the email address **drs.recruit@icb.gov.bd**.
2. Application deadline is 21/01/2024.

(Mohammed Rafiqul Islam)  
Board Secretary  
Bangladesh Data Center and Disaster Recovery Site Ltd.

IBA Institute of Business Administration



## BBA ADMISSION TEST

32<sup>nd</sup> Batch | Session: 2023-2024

BBA Admission Test (Session 2023-24) of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of Dhaka will be held on Saturday, 10 February 2024 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. For Applicants Who Have Passed SSC and HSC or Equivalent Exams:

Candidates who have passed their HSC or equivalent exam held in 2023 are eligible to apply for 2023-2024 academic session. They must have a minimum 8.0 as total of SSC & HSC GPA (including the 4th subject) and secure at least 3.5 GPA in both the exams.

2. For Applicants Who Have Passed IGCSE/ O-Level and IAL/ GCE A-Level or Equivalent Exams:

Candidates who have passed IGCSE/ O-level exam with at least 5 subjects (including Mathematics) and IAL/ GCE A-Level exam in at least 2 subjects (final result of at least one subject of IAL/ GCE A-Level must have been published in 2023) are eligible to apply. Out of the 7 subjects in IGCSE/ O-Level and IAL/ GCE A-level, candidates should get minimum 2 A grades, 3 B grades and 2 C grades.

Candidates from O-level, A-level or from any other board outside the country have to obtain "Equivalence Certificate" from DU at the beginning of their application process. To get equivalence certificate, please visit the DU admission website: <https://admission.eis.du.ac.bd>. If an applicant faces any difficulty to obtain "Equivalence Certificate" from DU, s/he is advised to contact "IBA Helpdesk" immediately.

3. No candidate is eligible to sit for this year's admission test, if s/he has appeared in any admission test of the University of Dhaka, including IBA in 2023 or before.

#### SELECTION PROCEDURE

All Bangladeshi applicants must sit for the Admission Test. The test has two components: Written and Communication. The components of the Written Test evaluate applicant's aptitude in English Language, Mathematics, and Analytical Ability. In order to pass the Written Test, an applicant must obtain a minimum qualifying score in all sections. Applicants will be selected for the Communication Test on the basis of their performance in the Written Test.

Foreign nationals with a score of at least 1300 out of 1600 in SAT (with at least 600 in Math and 575 in Reading and Writing) may be exempted from the Written Test, but must appear in the Communication Test.

#### HOW TO APPLY

The application must be submitted online (at <http://admission.eis.du.ac.bd>) starting from Monday, 01 January 2024 (from 4:00 PM) to Monday, 22 January 2024 (till 1:00 PM).

Application fee of Tk. 1500/- is to be paid by Monday, 22 January 2024 (till 3:30 PM). Admit card can be downloaded from Wednesday, 31 January 2024 to Wednesday, 07 February 2024 (till 3:00 PM).

For detailed application procedure, visit the IBA website at <https://www.iba-du.edu> or the DU admission website: <https://admission.eis.du.ac.bd>.

For further information, contact the IBA Helpdesk at 017725 63303 or 01871130956 between 9:00 am-4:00 pm on any working day or email at [bba-admission@iba-du.edu](mailto:bba-admission@iba-du.edu).

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