



## DU entry test results out

DU CORRESPONDENT

The results of Dhaka University (DU) admission test of all units for the 2023-2024 academic year was published on Thursday.

DU VC Prof ASM Maksud Kamal announced the results in the Abdul Matin Chowdhury virtual classroom around 3:30pm.

The pass rate was 8.89 per cent in A unit [Science], 10.07 per cent in B unit, 13.3 per cent in C unit (Business), and 11.75 per cent in Cha Unit (Fine Arts).

The qualified students must fill up subject-choice forms through the website between April 3 and April 25.

## Saskatchewan Univ delegates meet JU VC

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A delegation from the University of Saskatchewan in Canada held a courtesy meeting with Jahangirnagar University vice-chancellor Prof Dr Md Nurul Alam.

The meeting was aimed at enhancing collaboration in education and research, particularly in biotechnology and genetic engineering.

Led by Dr Baljit Singh, vice-president (research) at the University of Saskatchewan, the delegation convened at the VC Office at 10:00 am on Thursday.

In the meeting, they highlighted the need for bilateral cooperation in education and research with the biotechnology and genetic engineering department at JU.

Prof Alam expressed sincere gratitude to Dr Singh for his keen interest in academic collaboration with JU.

Emphasising the importance of collaboration, the VC underscored the need to closely work together across various educational and research domains between the two universities.

Angela Bedard-Haughn, dean of the College of Agriculture and Bioresources at the University of Saskatchewan, and Hasan Ahmed, international programme development manager at Canada's Global Institute of Food Security, comprised the delegation.

Representing JU, pro-VC (admin) Prof Sheikh Md Monzurul Huq, treasurer Prof Dr Rasheda Akhtar and registrar Abu Hasan, biotechnology department chairman Dr Md Rezaul Karim and Prof Dr Mohammad Shahedur Rahman of the department, among others, attended the meeting. Earlier, the delegates toured the biotechnology department.

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# Battles, bombardment in Gaza as US says Israel talks back on

GENOCIDE IN PALESTINE

PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES, Mar 28: Battles and bombardment pounded the Gaza Strip on Thursday after Washington said Israel had agreed to reschedule talks that had been cancelled amid tensions between the allies.

Israel's military said it struck dozens of militant targets including tunnels over the previous day, and the health ministry in Hamas-run Gaza reported at least 62 more deaths over a similar period.

The United States' criticism of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has mounted over Gaza's civilian death toll, dire food shortages, and Israeli plans to push its ground offensive against Hamas militants into Rafah.

Gaza's far-southern city is crowded with displaced civilians and world leaders have warned against a Rafah offensive.

They fear it would worsen a catastrophic humanitarian situation for the Palestinian territory's 2.4 million residents, many of whom are sheltering in Rafah along the Egyptian border.

The United Nations reported late Wednesday that famine "is ever closer to becoming a reality in northern Gaza," and said the territory's health sys-

tem is collapsing "due to ongoing hostilities and access constraints".

Bombardment and fighting have not eased despite a binding UN Security Council resolution passed on Monday demanding an "immediate ceasefire" in Gaza and the release of hostages held by militants.

Netanyahu had scrapped an Israeli delegation's visit called by Washington to discuss the Rafah plan -- a protest after the United States had abstained from voting on the UN ceasefire resolution, allowing it to pass.

Israel's government has since backtracked. White House spokeswoman Karine Jean-Pierre said Israel had agreed "to reschedule the meeting dedicated to Rafah".

US officials say they plan to present Israel with an alternative for Rafah, focused on striking Hamas targets while limiting the civilian toll.

Even without a ground invasion, Rafah is under regular bombardment that on Wednesday left the city's al-Kuwaiti Hospital coping with the wounded and the dead.

A motorcycle cart roared up with a man lying motionless in the back, part of his pants soaked with blood.

The war began with Hamas's unprecedented October 7 attack that resulted in about 1,160 deaths in Israel, mostly civilians, according to an AFP tally of Israeli official figures.

The militants also took about 250 hostages. After an earlier truce and hostage release deal, Israel says about 130 captives remain in Gaza, including 34 presumed dead.

Israel's retaliatory campaign, aiming to destroy Hamas, has killed at least 32,552 people, most of them women and children, according to the latest toll issued Thursday by the health ministry in Hamas-run Gaza.

Israel has launched raids on and near several Gaza hospitals since the war began, saying fighters have used them as bases. Palestinian militants deny such accusations.

Troops began raiding Al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City early last week, and on Wednesday night carried out an air strike "while avoiding harm to civilians, patients and medical teams," the army said on Thursday.

It said the air strike came after militants fired at troops "from within and outside" the hospital's emergency ward over recent days. —AFP

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