

Yslav army retaliates Croatian attack: 30 killed

BELOGRADE, Sept 16: More than 30 people were killed in Croatia over the last 24 hours as army tank and infantry units and fighter jets retaliated for Croatian attacks on several military barracks in the breakaway republic Croatia radio and Belgrade television said, reports AFP.

Another 150 were injured in the fighting, as the army continued attacks late Sunday night.

The worst hit city was Vukovar and the neighbouring village of Borovo Selo, held by fighters from the Serbian minority there, where 16 people were killed and another 100 injured, Belgrade television said. The two locations lie in the embattled Slavonia region in the east of Croatia bordering Serbia.

A dozen or so people were killed and 20 injured near Okocant, 280 kilometers (175 miles) west of Belgrade, along the main Zagreb-Belgrade highway where the two sides have battled for the last two weeks for control of the route, Belgrade television said.

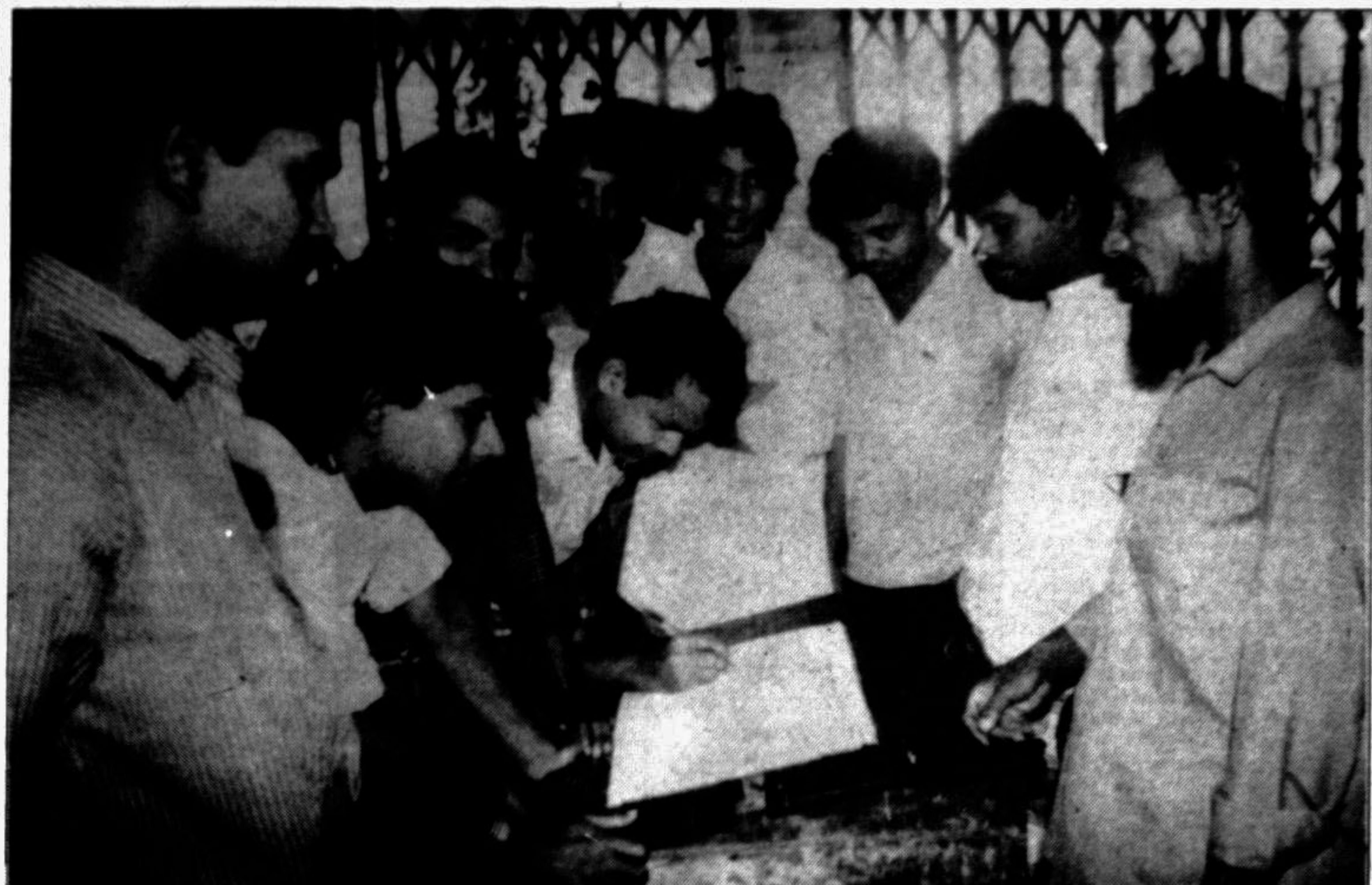
Belgrade radio gave a higher figure, reporting 26 Croatians injured in fighting overnight.

Croatian radio said there were "major losses on both sides," but that conditions made any precise toll impossible.

Fighting along the auto-route also broke out near Slavonki Broad, 200 kilometers (125 miles) west of Belgrade, while other clashes were reported south of Zagreb in Otocac and Gospic, in Varazdin, which lies 60 kms (37 miles) north of Zagreb, and in Vinkovci in Slavonia. Some 10 people were killed in fighting at these points, the radio said.

It said that a technician for Croatian television, Nikola Stojanovic, was among those killed when Air Force planes fired on Gospic, 150 kms (93 miles) south of the Croatian capital.

Reuters from Zagreb reports: Air raid sirens wailed in the Croatian capital Zagreb today for the second time in two days, sending people scurrying for cover, witnesses said.



Resident students of Dhaka University are signing the register at the entrance of a hall Monday in presence of the hall authorities who have taken the measure to check entry of non-students. The university reopens today. —Star photo

Rokaiya had no tutor

By Staff Correspondent

Rokaiya Haque had the glory to top the girl students' list in this year's SSC examinations under the Dhaka board as her mother Dr Hosne Ara Begum did 23 years ago.

Late Hosne Ara who stood first among the girls student from the Quamrunnessa Government Girls' High School under the same board, died in 1968 following an operation in her head.

Like her mother, Rokaiya also intends to be a doctor from the Dhaka Medical College after her intermediate course from the Vikarunnessa Noon School in the city.

Rokaiya is determined to study Neurology at the DMC. Her mother's death from neurological disease led Rokaiya to the decision, she said.

Appearing from the Mymensingh Girls' Cadet College, Rokaiya obtained 864 marks with distinction in — Mathematics, Geography, Islamiat, General Science and Elective Mathematics.

Rokaiya's father, Moazzemul Haque, a businessman, took his best care to her daughter so that Rokaiya did not feel absence of mother. Rokaiya's only brother, Khoiyyan ibne Farhad, reading in class nine at Mirzapur Cadet College.

Rokaiya had no private tutor. One of her uncles helped her one month before her examinations. Rokaiya is now teaching four students and had also taught four others soon after her examinations were over. Teaching kept her in touch with studies, she said. Besides, teaching is the best way to spread one's knowledge and enrich it, she observed.

Besides teaching Rokaiya reads books, specially of poetry and does sewing in leisure time.

Rokaiya strongly protested the examinations system under which she appeared. The proposed system based on quiz-type questions — was the best method to test one's merit, she opined.

The results, Rokaiya obtained, was not beyond her expectation. She expected any of the ten positions in the merit list, she said.

Playing chess and chess-player Niaz Moshed is her favourite. She also listens to music occasionally.

Exam system must be changed, says Jalal

By Staff Correspondent

Jalal Ahmed Mirza rushed to his parents from a friend's house when his father A.T.M. Shafiqullah told him over telephone that he stood first in this year's SSC Examinations under the Dhaka Board.

At the Mirpur residence, his parents along with groups of journalists were waiting to congratulate him.

Jalal's joys knew no bound as he found himself amidst warm embraces by the family members, series of congratulations by the reporters and clicks by the press photographers soon after he entered the house Monday evening.

With thumping excitement, Jalal took a pause to reply the queries by the reporters. Jalal spoke with the journalist after a brief talks with his parents. His talks with the newsmen were being repeatedly interrupted as he had to attend telephone calls from relatives, friends and well-wishers. The happy Jalal exchanged greetings with all and received congratulations from callers. And thus Jalal passed first several hours since he came to know the results, which he said was not beyond his expectation.

A student of Mirzapur Cadet College, Jalal was aspiring one of first three positions. He got 887 out of 1000 marks with distinction in English, Mathematics, Geography, Islamiat and Elective Mathematics.

Studying hard was the reason behind his success, said Jalal, youngest among three brothers and two sisters. Teachers at the college and parents at home encouraged him and extended their best cooperations, Jalal said.

Jalal's father who owns an indenting firm in Dhaka backed his son with best monetary help, he said. Jalal had five tutors at home during vacations.

Jalal said he would continue his intermediate studies at the same college and then go to the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET).

Jalal does not want to be involved in student politics. But if he has to be ever involved, he would raise his voice against terrorism in student politics, Jalal said.

Reading books, specially by Humayun Ahmed and Sunil Gangopadhyaya and collecting stamps are his pastime. He also often plays football and listens to music. The Abahani and senior Munna, singers Subir Nandi and Samina Choudhury are his favourites.

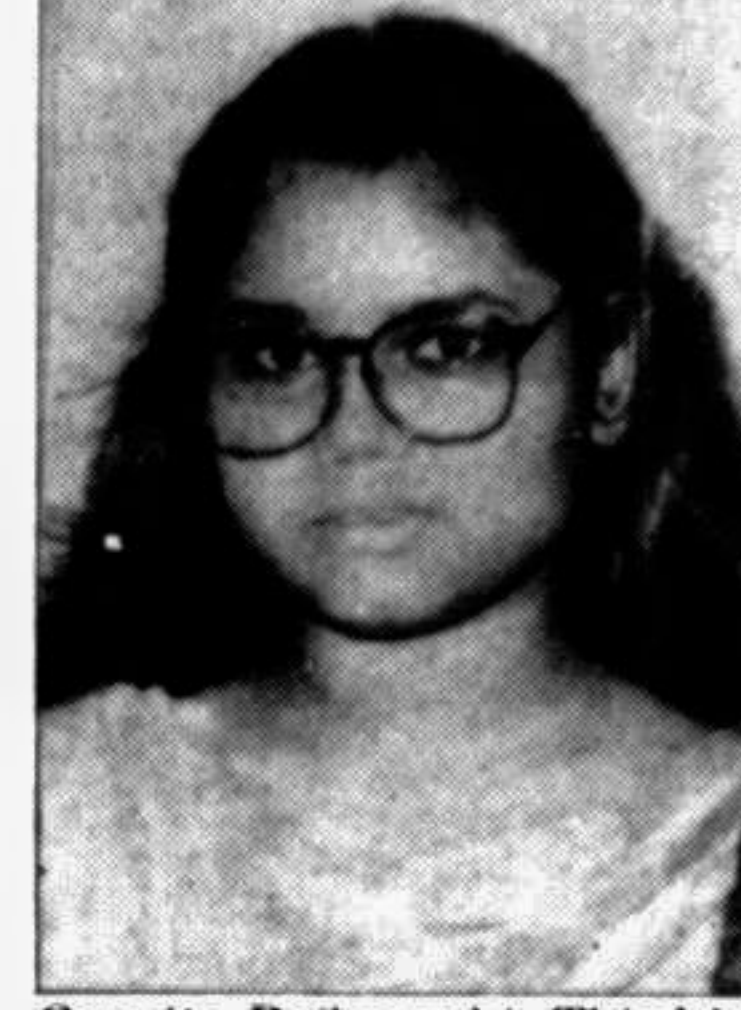
Commenting on the existing examinations system, Jalal said it must be changed to test real merits of the students. The proposed quiz-type questions in examination system was better, he said.



Muhammad Tanveer Islam, Third in Science Group



Rokaiya Haq, First in Science Group



Sangita Rajbongshi, Third in Science Group



Kumana Haq, Second in Social Science Group

Dhaka Board SSC results announced

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- Rokaiya Haque of Mymensingh Girls Cadet College stood first among the female candidates who passed the examination with General Science. She got 864 marks with five letters. Monishita Ghosh of Udayan school scored highest mark among the female candidates with Social Science.
- A total of 1,34,662 regular students were among the candidates who appeared at this year's SSC examination while the number of private candidates was 13,341.
- Among the regular candidates, 87,243 were male students while 47,419 were female. Of the private candidates, 7,623 students were male while 5,718 were female. The percentage of pass in male students was 68.81 and in female 65.40.
- Combined Merit List**
- The combined merit list of the candidates with General Science in the Dhaka Board SSC examination.
1. Jalal Ahmed Mirza, Mirzapur Cadet College. Total Marks: 887.
 2. Nazimuddin Md. Wastuddin, Mirzapur Cadet College. Total Marks: 871.
 3. Md. Tanvir Islam, Mirzapur Cadet College. Total Marks: 867.
 4. Rubayyat Amin Khan, Mirzapur Cadet College. Total Marks: 865.
 5. Shahnewaz Ahmed Shishir, St. Joseph High School, Dhaka. Total Marks: 864.
 6. Rokaiya Haq, Mymensingh Girls Cadet College. Total Marks: 864.
 7. Md. Ashif Habib Chowdhury, Mirzapur Cadet College. Total Marks: 864.
 8. Shamim Ahmed Chowdhury, Mirzapur Cadet College. Total Marks: 862.
 9. Md. Shafiqul Azam, St. Gregory High School. Total Marks: 860.
 10. Tareq Ibne Mizan, Govt. Lab High School. Total Marks: 860.
 11. Sabir Mustafiz, Mirzapur Cadet College. Total Marks: 859.
 12. Rehana Ahmed, Mymensingh Girls Cadet College. Total Marks: 857.
 13. Md. Anisuzzaman Talukder, Mirzapur Cadet College. Total Marks: 857.
 14. Wasak Faisal, Mirzapur Cadet College. Total Marks: 856.
 15. Sadruddin -Al-Masud, Mirzapur Cadet College. Total Marks: 853.
 16. Md. Harun-ur-Rashid Khan, Mirzapur Cadet College. Total Marks: 853.
 17. Apon Md. Kasem, St. Joseph High School. Total Marks: 852.
 18. Nurullah Awal, Ideal High School. Total Marks: 852.
 19. Sangita Rajbongshi, Vikarunnessa Noon School. Total Marks: 852.
 20. Kazi Jannatun Nahar, Mymensingh Girls Cadet College. Total Marks: 852.
 21. Sayeeda Sultana, Manipur High School, Mirpur. Total Marks: 851.
 22. K I M Bashirul Molla, St. Joseph High School. Total Marks: 851.
 23. Karniz Fatema, Mymensingh Girls Cadet College. Total Marks: 850.
 24. Prosanita Kulkar Dey, Dhaka Collegiate School. Total Marks: 849.
 25. Rokshana Dilruba Chowdhury, Mymensingh Girls Cadet College. Total Marks: 849.
 26. Shams Aref, Govt. Lab. High School. Total Marks: 848.
 27. Shama-e-Jahir, Govt. Lab High School. Total Marks: 848.
 28. Nadia Farhin, Vikarunnessa Noon School. Total Marks: 848.
 29. Kazi Saiful Islam, Govt. Lab High School. Total Marks: 847.
 30. Md. Anisuzzaman, Mirzapur Cadet College. Total Marks: 847.
 31. Tansir Ahmed, Mirzapur Cadet College. Total Marks: 847.
 32. Md. Abu Jafar, Dhaka Govt. Muslim High School. Total Marks: 846.
 33. Abu Ilanid Md. Mahmudur Rahman, Mirzapur Cadet College. Total Marks: 846.
 34. Md. Jahir Chowdhury, Monipur High School, Mirpur. Total Marks: 845.
 35. Didare Alam Md. Maksud Chowdhury, A. K. High School, Dania, Dhaka. Total Marks: 844.
 36. A S M Jakir Hossain, BCIC School, Mirpur, Dhaka. Total Marks: 844.
 37. Dushdana Rahman, Mymensingh Girls Cadet College. Total Marks: 844.
 38. Abu Taher Md. Muniruzzaman, Faridpur Zilla School, Faridpur. Total Marks: 763.
 39. Md. Liakat Hossain, Arahazar Pilot High School. Total Marks: 763.
 40. Mohiuddin Ahmed, Ideal High School. Total Marks: 759.
 41. Saima Sultana, Vikarunnessa Noon School. Total Marks: 757.
 42. Rosalina Omar, Motijheel Govt. Girls High School. Total Marks: 757.
 43. Fahimda Rahman, Vikarunnessa Noon School. Total Marks: 756.
 44. Md. Abdur Rahim, Madhupur Shahid Sriti High School. Total Marks: 753.
 45. Md. Shafir Mahmud Chowdhury, Mirzapur Cadet College. Total Marks: 751.
 46. Md. Fazlul Haq, M D C Model Institution. Total Marks: 750.
 47. Mustafa Russel Al Rashid, Mirzapur Cadet College. Total Marks: 750.
 48. Afroza Bulbul, BDR School, Dhaka. Total Marks: 750.
 49. Razia Nawwad, Vikarunnessa Noon School. Total Marks: 746.
 50. Md. Imtiaz Ferdous, Khilgaon Govt. High School. Total Marks: 745.
 51. Afroza Khatun, Motijheel Govt. Girls High School. Total Marks: 744.
 52. Sarmjin Nasrin, Faridpur Govt. Girls School. Total Marks: 743.
 53. Md. Shorab Hossain, Mirzapur Cadet College. Total Marks: 743.
 54. Master Russel, Ideal High School. Total Marks: 742.
 55. Tazin Shamina, Vikarunnessa Noon School. Total Marks: 741.
 56. Sayeda Nuzhat Zaman, Shahid Anwar Girls School. Total Marks: 741.
 57. Roman Haq, Moghbazar Girls High School. Total Marks: 772.
 58. Sheikh Md. Abdu Nayeem Siddique, Faizunnessa High School, Manikganj. Total Marks: 770.
 59. Shahidur Rahman, Ideal High School. Total Marks: 769.
 60. Mirza Md. Mamun Sadat, Mirpur Bangla High School. Total Marks: 767.
 61. Monishita Ghosh, Udayan School, Dhaka. Total Marks: 780.
 62. Md. Sarbin Munshi, Faridpur Zilla School, Faridpur. Total Marks: 776.
 63. Md. Moazzem Hossain, Delpara High School, Narayaniganj. Total Marks: 775.
 64. Roman Haq, Moghbazar Girls High School. Total Marks: 772.
 65. Sheikh Md. Abdu Nayeem Siddique, Faizunnessa High School, Manikganj. Total Marks: 770.
 66. Shahidur Rahman, Ideal High School. Total Marks: 769.
 67. Mirza Md. Mamun Sadat, Mirpur Bangla High School. Total Marks: 767.

security

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"ominous", particularly after an attempt on Sheikh Hasina's life last Wednesday, Arnu said.

He said after the attack on the Awami League President, the ruling party even didn't express any concern at the "unfortunate" incident by showing respect to democratic norms and values.

On the contrary, the government had released the man who was caught by the people and handed over to police on the spot for firing on the party chief.

"It's a bad sign," he said and questioned the design of the BNP government behind these incidents. He feared more attacks on Hasina's life.

The Awami League Joint Secretary made a flashback, saying the security guards at the Dhanmondi residence of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman were replaced with new ones just a day before he was assassinated along with members of his family on August 15, 1975.

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the deaths of senior Awami League leader Kazi Zahirul Quyyum, former Chief Secretary Ruhul Qudus, former Member of Parliament Dr. Nizamul Haq and those who were killed in the floods. It also prayed for the peace of the departed souls.

People thanked

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Minister Abdus Salam Talukdar Monday, congratulated the people for their massive participation in the referendum and giving "yes" votes for the parliamentary democracy.

Regularity key to success, says Tanveer

By Staff Correspondent

Muhammad Tanveer Islam, who stood third in the General Science Group said that he was more happy for the excellent results of his fellow batch-mates at the Mirzapur Cadet College than his own.

Fourteen of the top twenty students in the merit list in the General Science Group were from his college, he proudly pointed out.

Son of Muhammad Shahidul Islam, a businessman, Tanveer secured a total of 867 marks with distinctions in English, Mathematics, Geography, Islamiat, General Science and Elective Mathematics.

Second among two brothers and a sister, he said that he expected to do well and that he was satisfied with the results.

He said he maintained a five-hour daily study with strict regularity and while on vacation at home, sought help of two tutors in Biology and Geography. At times he would even study for ten hours a day while at home, he noted.

Wasiuddin wants to be a computer scientist

By Staff Correspondent

Nazimuddin Md. Wastuddin, who stood second in the general science group, was so studious that his father often had to urge him not to study so much.

Wastuddin, a student of the Mirzapur Cadet College, secured 871 marks with distinctions in English, Mathematics, Geography, Islamiat, General Science and Elective Mathematics.

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The despatcher never came

By Staff Correspondent

Newspapers had to face much difficulty Monday to procure result sheets of SSC examination under the Dhaka Board.

The board authorities did not supply the result sheets to some of the newspapers till last night which caused much inconvenience.

When contacted in Monday afternoon, the board authorities told newspapers including the Daily Star that the despatchers would deliver the result sheets to all newspaper offices by evening. But it did not reach at all.

However, when a reporter of the Daily Star went to the house of the Controller of Examinations of Dhaka Board at around 9 pm, he was kind enough to manage a copy of the results.

US textile team arrives

A four-member US team arrived here Monday for consultations with the Bangladesh side on outstanding issues on garment and textile export to USA including a recent call notice on another local item, play suits category 237, official sources said, reports BSS.

The visit will be a follow-up of the visit by a high-powered Bangladesh team to the USA last March.

Headed by Jon Rosenbaum, deputy textile negotiator of the United States Trade Representative Office, the team will be joined by MC Naul and Carl Schonander of US mission in Dhaka during the three-day consultations beginning here today. Other members of the team are Ms Ana Valdes of Department of Labour and Ms Jennifer Aldrich and Ms Anne Novak, both from the Department of Commerce.

The Midnight File

LJI leader wants Ishaq, Sharif to quit

ISLAMABAD, Sept 16: The Central Information Secretary of Pakistan's ruling Islamic Democratic Alliance (IJI) today asked President Ghulam Ishaq Khan and Premier Nawaz Sharif to step down, reports AFP.

Aquino hopes to overrun Senate verdict

MANILA, Sept 16: The Philippine Senate voted today to evict American forces from the country but President Corason Aquino said she would harness millions of votes in a referendum to overturn the ruling, reports Reuter.

Mysterious blast kills five in New Delhi

NEW DELHI, Sept 16: A mysterious explosion in an apartment block in Bombay killed five people and wounded 14 Monday, news reports said. The explosion occurred at 1:15 am (1945 GMT Sunday), and destroyed two rooms on the third floor of the four-story building, United News of India reported, reports AP.

Pak columnist shot dead

LAHORE, Sept 16: Gunmen shot dead Pakistani newspaper columnist Mian Abdul Rashid today in what Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif called a "terrorist" act. Rashid's relatives were quoted by police as saying the attack at the family house was carried out by two unidentified gunmen who escaped from the scene, reports Reuter.

Monishita wants to be a chartered accountant

By Staff Correspondent

Monishita Ghosh expected to be placed in the combined merit list but when she found she topped the merit list of the Social Science Group, she said she was floating on cloud nine.

Monishita, a student of Udayan Biddalaya in the city, topped the list with 780 marks with distinction in mathematics, science, and book-keeping at the Secondary School Certificate Examinations held under Dhaka Board in 1991. "I was confident that I would be placed in the top three, but now that I have been placed first, I am extremely happy," Monishita said. She heard the news of her result first from a journalist who dropped-by to interview her, she noted.

Daughter of Monotosh Ghosh, an officer at the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), she pointed out that she prepared for the examinations in the usual way and that she studied for at least 6 to 7 hours every day.

Youngest among three sisters and a brother, Monishita wants to become a chartered accountant and so she would like to be admitted to the Women's Federation College as it has a good commerce department, she said. One of her sisters is doing her honours in accounting at Dhaka University, she added.

Riaz Rahman

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office of Foreign Secretary.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Ambassador to Pakistan Shafi Shami has been transferred to Beijing to head the country's mission there. He will be replaced by Anwar Hashem, now Bangladesh Ambassador to Romania.

Abul Ahsan was the first Secretary General of the SAARC before assuming the responsibility of the Foreign Secretary.

Riaz Rahman joined the erstwhile Pakistan Foreign Service in 1963.

Parliamentary form

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3. Dhanraj	572	41,642	87,532
4. Nishant	320	1,84,444	1,08,640
5. Labonnet	225	1,26,365	74,000
6. Karmam	423	2,84,663	46,879
7. Karmam	423	1,94,540	1,10,559
8. Gajwalia	516	1,71,060	1,54,213
9. Juyapatt	190	1,30,796	15,527
10. Boga	587	5,10,939	42,718
11. Chawhan	331	2,12,258	20,998
12. Chawhan	452	2,84,663	46,879
13. Rajshahi	406	2,62,346	61,918
14. Natus	308	1,87,948	41,741
15. Sainjani	515	3,28,272	66,609
16. Patra	436	3,49,461	43,522

(Khatun Div - 4648)

17. Mehrotra	109	53,845	8,661
18. Khatun	416	2,15,219	49,230
19. Chawhan	232	1,12,129	15,069
20. Jamsil	309	2,84,663	30,318
21. Jamsil	423	2,84,663	46,879
22. Mehrotra	188	1,97,911	22,483
23. Nural	155	1,53,433	12,017
24. Baghat	332	2,48,309	27,702
25. Khatun	460	2,89,099	46,494
26. Sathira	465	3,46,500	50,026
27. Sathira	188	1,97,911	22,483
28. Patnabhai	282	3,00,567	22,526
29. Ithala	256	1,99,548	31,787
30. Barai	441	4,06,177	43,411
31. Rajshahi	148	1,81,993	22,963
32. Pivraj	259	1,62,433	29,208

(Dhaka Div - 2528)

33. Targal	633	2,69,913	94,959
34. Jamsil	372	4,26,752	59,228
35. Sherraj	267	1,61,281	51,371
36. Mymensingh	849	2,92,524	1,35,299
37. Nishant	426	1,54,248	38,330
38. Khatun	535	4,86,453	64,450
39. Maniganj	329	2,77,399	39,567
40. Maniganj	295	2,84,663	25,075
41. Dhaka	1081	10,27,724	1,27,284
42. Gajwalia	294	2,34,738	50,412
43. Narayaniganj	391	3,88,246	53,828
44. Narayaniganj	330	3,15,314	57,345
45. Rajshahi	212	1,46,715	21,975
46. Rajshahi	410	1,87,426	45,501
47. Gajwalia	280	2,86,496	16,371
48. Madhupur	305	1,81,693	29,943
49. Sherraj	279	2,10,350	16,800

(Chittagong Div - 6201)

50. Sunamganj	469	3,08,924	46,230
51. Sylhet	564	3,26,223	60,760
52. Moulvibazar	385	3,84,167	42,305
53. Habiganj	422	2,60,827	47,950
54. Brahmanbaria	499	6,29,865	81,271
55. Comilla	776	8,22,120	1,31,818
56. Chaudpur	397	3,03,604	46,076
57. Feni	236	1,97,154	19,632
58. Noshadi	418	2,50,705	58,141
59. Laxmipur	499	6,29,865	81,271
60. Chittagong	1152	11,45,376	1,37,784
61. Cox's Bazar	270	2,07,007	30,189
62. Khagrachari	117	88,225	11,297
63. Rangamati	143	84,030	10,106
64. Bandarban	99	55,449	7,479

TOTAL: 38,309 1,83,42,882 33,85,713

Flood

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Bhadraghat, Jamtol and Raydoulapur — were affected by gushing water.

About 7,000 people were rendered homeless by the erosion of six rivers in five upazilas under Barisal district during the last six months.

These people from the upazilas of Barisal Sadar, Banaripara, Mehendiganj, Hizla and Muladi have been affected by the erosion of Kirtankhola, Sandhya, Ilisha, Meghna, Naya Bhangguli and Tetulia rivers.

Jatiya Party and Freedom Party in separate press statements claimed that the referendum was a farce. Jatiya Party alleged that in the absence of voters fake votes were cast in collusion with the administration. Freedom Party said the people had overwhelmingly cast 'no' votes but their verdict was changed through the adoption of unfair means.