

# SSC merit lists

## RB social science

By Staff Correspondent

Combined merit list of Social Science group in Rajshahi Board SSC examinations:

1. Sharmin Sultana, Naogaon Government Girls' High School, 845; 2. Mehnaz Mustafa Iqbal, Government P N Girls' High School, 844; 3. Md Anamul Habib, Gandhail Ratanakandi High School, 843; 4. Ahmed Ali, Bogra Zilla School, 842; 5. Md Rafiq Uddin, Chatmohar RNBC High School, 839; 6. Md Hasanuzzaman, Pabna Cadet College, 837; 7. Md Tanvir Pavel, Bogra Zilla School, 834; 8. Runa Laila, KG and High School, 831; 9. Md Ziaur Rahman, Pabna Cadet College and S M Ariful Islam, Gopalpur High School, 830; 10. Ivy Sultana, Ikkhsu Gobesona High School, 829; 11. Mirza Amirun Nesa, Thakurgaon Government Girls' High School, 828; 12. Naznin Nahar, Bogra Government Girls' High School and Mst Shifaz Ara Hossain, KG and High School, 827; 13. A K M Hasanul Banna, Lalmonirhat Government High School and Mst Shahana Khanam, Dinajpur Government Girls' High School, 826; 14. Md Akhtaruzzaman, Harimohan Government High School, 825; 15. Md Zia Sium, Bogra Zilla School and Md Mohidul Islam, Chatshal High School, 819; 16. Manjusree Basak, Jamtoli Dhopakandi High School and Morarjee Deshal Barman, Khansama Pilot High School, 818; 17. Aparna Barman, Ikkhsu Gobesona High School and Tahmina Khatun, Police Line High School, 817; 18. Shamima Aktar, Shyampur Sugar Mills High School and Md Sekandar Ali, Salanda High School, 816; 19. Raquiba Sharmin Emela, Government P N Girls' High School, Kaiser Jahan, Naogaon Government Girls' High School, Sudangsu Kumar Saha, Sohagpur SK Pilot High School, and Gopal Chandra Roy, Kaliganj Nabarun High School, 815 and 20. Md Tozammel Haque, Baraigram Pilot High School, 814.

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Merit list of Social Science Group under Comilla Board:

1. Nelema Akhter, Bokshi Shah School, 873; 2. Sharmin Jahan Tania, Ispahani Public High School, G. P. O. 852; 3. Basabi Barua, Ispahani Public High School, 850; 4. Rafiuddin Ahmed, Al Amin Academy, Chandpur, 848; 5. Israt Zerin, Ispahani Public High School, G. P. O. 841; 6. Krishna Saha, Faizunnesa Govt Girls' High School, 837; 7. Mohammad Rahamat Ali, Kazi Nawab Ali High School, 837; and 8. Nurul Rasel, Ananda Govt

9. T Maksud Akhter, Liakat Ali High School, 816 and Nantu Chandra Das, Jagatpur Secondary School, 816; 17. Taqva Sultana Jahan, BKJC Govt Girls High School, Hobi-ganj, 815; and Sarwar Alam, Govt Muslim High School, Chittagong, 815; 18. Md Abdul Khaleq, Sharup Chandra Govt High School, Jagannathpur, 813; Tahsina Begum, Chandranath Girls' High School, Chatak, 813; Asaduzzaman, Govt Muslim High School, Chittagong, 813; Farida Yasmin, Shenanibash Forshad Girls' High School, 813; Fahmida Akhter, Kutu Girls' High School, 813 and Samina Nasrin, Dala Bazar NK High School, 813; 19. Tanzina Alam Chowdhury, Dr Khastagir Govt Girls' High School, Chittagong, 812; Md Zishan Mahmud, Matlabganj JB High School, 812; Mos-faqqun Nahar, Haimchar Govt Girls' High School, 812; Md Monir Hossain, Moricha Kandi DT Academy, 812 and Nilufa Yasmin, Kutu Girls' High School, 812; 20. Md Nazimuddin, Collegiate School, Chittagong, 811; Luna Das Gupta, St Scholastica Girls' High School, Chittagong, 811; Soma Dutta, St Scholastica Girls' High School, Chittagong, 811 and Nadeem Ehsan, Fauzdarhat Cadet College, 811.



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- High School Brahmanbaria, 837; 7. Khijir Hayat Khan, Sylhet Cadet College, 834; 8. Mohammad Anayet Ullah, Khalifar Hat High School, 832; 9. Md Moynul Uddin Sarker, Sylhet Cadet College, 830 and Arif Jamil, Govt High School, Habiganj, 830; 10. Rahiana Akhter, Dr Khastagir Govt Girls High School, Chittagong, 826; Abu Jalal Md Iqbal, Fauzdarhat Cadet College, 826 and Rajesh Kumar Barua, Fauzdarhat Cadet College, 826; 11. Md Nurul Akter, A K Academy High School, Gachhuya, 824; 12. Md Shamsul Arefin Ali Hossain, Fauzdarhat Cadet College, 823; Shaikh Md Shahid Uddin Eskander, Kankir Hat Bahumukhi High School, 823; and Md Afzalur Rahman, Comilla Zilla School, 823; 13. Hafizur Raihan Kabir, Fauzdarhat Cadet College, 820; Md Istiaq Haider Chowdhury, Matlabganj JB High School, 820 and Md Ali Rezwana Talukder, Comilla Zilla School, 820; 14. Mohi-uddin Maksood, Govt Muslim High School, Chittagong, 819; 15. Manzur Kader, Ataturk Model High School, 817; 16. Md Nizamuddin, Dumgria High School, 816. M

## CB Science group

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Combined merit list of the General Science group under Comilla Board:

1. Jamil Taufiq Imam, Comilla Zilla School, 906; 2. Alamgir Muhammad Faruque, Collegiate School, Chittagong, 888; 3. AHM Anwar Sadmani, Sylhet Cadet College, 887; 4. Rehana Aktar, BTRI High School, Sreemangal, 885; 5. Mohammad Mohiuddin Tanvir Irfan Chy, Collegiate School, Chittagong, 882; 6. Sree Sankar Kumar Dey, Nasirabad Govt. High School, 881; 7. Ahamodur Rahman, Collegiate School, Chittagong, 880; 8. Md Atiqur Rahman Khan Issa, Sylhet Cadet College, 879; 9. Md Saiful Alam, Sylhet Cadet College, 878; Kazi Md Abir Aman, Chittagong Govt. High School, 878 and Mohammad Faysal Sarker, Comilla Zilla School, 878; 10. Abureza Mohammad Muzarebe, Collegiate School, Chittagong, 876; 11. Sadia Akter, Chittagong Public School and College, 875; Tanveer Shahnewaz, Chandpur Hasan Ali Govt. High School, 875 and Mohammad Montruzaman Siddiquee, Hazi Abdul Jalil Paper Mill High School, 875; 12. Md Basarat Ul Ferdous Chowdhury, Sylhet Govt. Pilot High School, 874; Mohammad Rafiqul Islam, Noakhali Zilla School, 874; Mohammad Saiful Haq, Comilla Zilla School, 874 and Abu Zayed Mohammad Badraddoa, Zia Sarkarkhana College, 874; 13. Iftekhar Hosen, Chittagong Govt High School, 873 and Mohammad Myrul Hossain, Comilla Zilla School, 873; 14. Nasima Rahunan, Our Lady Fatema Girls' High School, 872; 15. Ripan Chandra Deb, Dakshinacharan Pilot High School, Chunaruddhat, 871 and Md Shamsuddoha, Nou Bahini High School Sailors' Colony, 871; 16. Md Abdul Wadud Kamali, Shahjalal Jumea Islamia High School, Sylhet, 870; Md Saifur Rahman Khan, Nabinaganj JK High School, 870; Abdul Asad Muhammad, Abdullah, Collegiate School, Chittagong, 870; Nilothpal Talukder, Fauzdarhat Cadet College, 870 and Sheikh Abul Wadud Feroz Ahmed, Fauzdarhat Cadet College, 870; 17. Md Tarekul Alam, Fauzdarhat K M High School, 869; Md Ibrahim Khalil, Govt Muslim High School, Chittagong, 869; ASM Manzur Morshed Bhuiyan, Laxmipur Adarsha Samad Govt. High School, 869 and Mashrafi Ahmed, Ispahani Public School & College, 869; 18. Md Ashfaquzzaman Khan, Sylhet Cadet College, 868; Md Mizan Uddin, Nasirabad Govt. High School, 868; Mohammad Arif Iftekhar Mahmood, Chittagong Public School & College, 868 and Ashfaqur Rahman, Comilla Zilla School, 868; 19. Mamun-Ur-Rashid, Sylhet Cadet College, 867; Farida Chowdhury, Sylhet Govt. Agragami Girls' High School, 867; Md Moynul Islam, Nasirabad Govt. High School, 867; Saima Fairuz, Chittagong Public School & College, 867; Bimal Chandra Debnath, Noakhali Zilla School, 867; Mohammad Masud Rahman, Comilla Zilla School, 867 and Noorjahan Begum, Faizunnesa Govt. Girls' High School, 867 and 20. Iftekhar Ibne Basith, Sylhet Cadet College, 866; Jamil Ahmed Chowdhury, Sylhet Govt Pilot High School, 866 and Md. Shoyeb Ahmed, Nou-Bahini High School, Sailors' Colony, 866.



Environment and Forest Minister Akbar Hossain and Mayor of Dhaka Mohammad Hanif leading a city cleanliness drive procession yesterday.

## Tactic to buy time

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By ignoring the Constitution and all democratic practices. Criticising the EC's announcement deferring the by-polls on grounds of floods, the AL leader said it was another tactic resorted to by the government to cling to power on the plea of 'Act of God' although flood water already receded and the Prime Minister held a meeting Tuesday to discuss post-flood rehabilitation programmes. "The EC announcement is the worst example of the government's intrigue to destroy democratic culture in the country."

There is no calamity in the country now and the people would never tolerate such falsehood only to delay the holding of fresh general elections that had become a must following vacation of seats of the opposition MPs, he noted.

The AL General Secretary reiterated the Opposition demand for a caretaker administration and urged the BNP government to avoid any

undesirable situation in the name of a farcical by-elections.

Jatiya Party Secretary General Anwar Hossain Manju told The Daily Star, "this (the EC announcement) has proved that the Election Commission and the Chief Election Commissioner have lost neutrality."

"We're now convinced that no fair polls could be held under this commission and we demand removal of the CEC," he said.

Jamaat leader Sheikh Ansar Ali, said that nothing as 'Act of God' was now prevailing in the country on grounds of which the by-polls were deferred. "It's another act of violation of the Constitution by the government. The government's plan has simply been implemented by the CEC."

The people would accept nothing but a fresh general election and the government wanted deferral of the by-polls apprehending that the people would resist this, he added.

## Opposition parties

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also attended the meeting. Besides, the AL leaders met the LDF leaders at the office of Sramik Krishak Samajbadi Dal.

The joint meeting of the AL, JP, Jamaat and NDP decided to observe a "Demonstration Day" throughout the country on August 12 to protest the Election Commission (EC) announcement deferring the by-polls on grounds of floods. The two-hour meeting, attended by Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed and Mohammad Nasim of the AL, Anwar Hossain Manju of the JP, Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mujahid of the Jamaat and Salahuddin Kader Chowdhury of the NDP, also decided to send similar statements to the press regarding the by-poll deferral, and discussed the plan for simultaneously launching an agitation from the middle of this month.

Later, Abdur Razzak and Amir Hossain Anu met the LDF leaders.

Some opposition leaders said they would continue dialogues among themselves.

On Tuesday leaders of the AL, JP and the Jamaat held a joint meeting at Samad Azad's Kalabagan residence in the city.

## ECNEC okays 8 projects

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ing some secondary and higher secondary educational institutions in Dhaka metropolitan area at a cost of Tk 62 crore.

The project, scheduled to be completed by June 1998, is designed to improve the educational facilities in 210 institutions under 15 thanas of the city.

The ECNEC also approved a project to set up 25-bed diabetic hospitals in Sylhet, Faridpur, Bogra, Jhenidah, Jessore, Narsingdi and Feni at a cost of Tk 21 crore. The project is likely to be completed by fiscal 1995-96.

The medium term development project-II aimed at improving the infrastructural facilities of 21 municipalities of the country was okayed by the ECNEC meeting.

Scheduled to be completed by December 2000, the project has been planned to protect environment and reduce poverty in those municipalities.

The meeting approved in principle a project to set up three regional television stations in Bogra, Sylhet and Khulna.

The finance minister directed the Planning Commission, ministries concerned and executing agencies to sit together for cost rationalisation and timely implementation of the project.

A project for repairing 50 meter-gauge and 50 broad-gauge railway locomotives at a cost of Tk 27 crore, including a foreign exchange component of Tk 17 crore, was also given green signal in the

meeting.

It approved the Chittagong WASA Interim Water Supply Rehabilitation project at a cost of Tk 25 crore, including a foreign exchange component of Tk 5 crore. The project is expected to be completed by next December.

The ECNEC meeting also okayed the gas supply project at Parashuram, Fulgazi and Chalkhil thanas under greater Noakhali district at a cost of Tk 12 crore.

## France-Bangla

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chamber in the city yesterday.

Export to France from Bangladesh in 1994 was worth 250 million US dollars, which was three times the import from that country in that year. Nearly 90 per cent of the export consisted of readymade garments and eight per cent leather.

The function was participated by, among others, President of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) Salman F Rahman, French Trade Commissioner Bertrand Desruelles, President of the CCIFB Zillurain Jajgirar, Director of CCIFB Dr Rifat Rashid and representatives from different trade bodies.

"Our recent visit to France to promote Bangladesh's image and attract potential investors has been very much positive," Salman Rahman said.

## JS has lost its legitimacy, says Hasina

Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina dubbed the present parliament illegal and demanded its immediate dissolution for general elections under a neutral caretaker government, reports UNB.

This parliament became inoperative for the undemocratic attitude of the Prime Minister. It has lost its legitimacy with the resignation of the Opposition MPs, said the opposition leader.

She was addressing a function at her party office marking the joining of a leading businessman, Yusuf Abdullah Harun, along with 500 workers of the BNP and the Jatiya Party of Comilla's Muradnagar thana to the Awami League.

## US-Bangla

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Brian Prindle while talking to the press at Chittagong airport today.

US navy ship USS Rodney M Davis and P-3 Orion aircraft participated in the exercises.

The US navy ship carrying about 350 sailors and officers arrived at the outer anchorage on Tuesday while the patrol aircraft carrying 21 crew landed at Chittagong airport on Sunday.

# The Midnight File

## BBC journalist killed in Croatian army attack

LONDON, Aug 9: A BBC radio journalist, John Schofield, was killed today in a Croatian army attack while reporting on the conflict in Croatia, the BBC announced. Schofield, 29, was targeted by the Croatian army along with three colleagues from BBC world service television and died immediately, the BBC said, reports AFP.

## Eliadah released

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The Division Bench on July 18 following a press report issued suo moto rule upon the government asking the authorities to show cause why the detention of Eliadah should not be declared illegal.

According to the said report, she was below 16 years at the time of her conviction and the court took the prima facie case that she ought to have been tried under the Children Act, 1974. But when on August 2 she was produced before the HC, she stated in her written statement that she was above 18 years at the time of conviction. Therefore, the court yesterday declared that suo moto rule infructuous.

According to the Narcotics Control Act, punishment for possessing or carrying upto 25 grams of heroin is from two years to ten years of imprisonment, while the punishment for over 25 grams is either life imprisonment or death penalty.

The court observed that the prosecution could not prove that the amount of heroin mixed with white powder contained in the 4 packets was more than 25 grams, as the quantum of heroin mixed with white

power was not detected. "As a settled practice in this country, the benefit of doubt goes in favour of the accused," the court said.

The court held that since heroin was recovered from her persons she cannot be exonerated from punishment.

But the court observed that Eliadah did not commit any such offence in the past and she was trapped in such a manner that she had no alternative but to carry the objects.

The judges also held that as she promised not to repeat such offence in her life and begged mercy of the court, her punishment should be reduced.

Advocate Md Obaidur Rahman Mostafa assisted by Advocate Farid Ahmed, Bahreen Khan, Tazeen Taher, Syed Khalequzzaman and Md Azad appeared for Eliadah in the appeal, while M Shamsul Alam, DAG assisted by Lasker Fakrudin, AAG moved for the state.

## Miladunnabi

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Muhammed (SM) has set an example of establishing a society of peace, amity and unity, in his ideals and deeds.

Several religious and cultural organisations have drawn up programmes to celebrate the holy day. The programmes include Quran khwani, milad mahfil, seminar and symposium.

National flag will be hoisted atop public and private buildings. The day has been declared public holiday. Radio Bangladesh and Bangladesh Television will put up social programmes, highlighting the significance of the day.

Improved diets will be served to patients in hospitals, jails, baby homes and destitutes welfare centres.

Main thoroughfares and traffic islands in the city will be decorated with colourful flags and festoons, inscribing with 'Kalama Taleebah'.

The Islamic Foundation has drawn up a fortnight programme to celebrate the day.

Islamic Missions, Islamic Cultural Centres, Waqf office and Bangla Academy, will also arrange seminar and discussion on the life and works of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SM).

Tamaddun Majlis will hold a discussion on Miladunnabi at Central Public Library auditorium at 4 pm. Milad mahfil will be held at the Jatiya Press Club.

Bangladesh Shishu Academy will arrange children's programme.

## Legal notice

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For necessary mandate on the EC to do what the Constitution and the law ordain.

"Failure in holding by-elections by September 17," said the notice, "would make the constitution of the present Parliament illegal and unconstitutional."

Meanwhile, the Election Commission yesterday deferred by-election to 144 vacant seats of Parliament on ground of recent flooding calamity in different parts of the country.

## EC defers

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Constitution to enact such law. He, however, said a minister told him that, as per Constitution, the EC could not impose such restriction.

The EC also plans to enhance election expenditure from Tk three lakh to a reasonable amount so that a candidate need not resort to falsehood in making statement about election expenditure. This would also be discussed with the political parties, the CEC said.

He said he had some other plans to place before the government as well as the political parties as regards strengthening the EC. In this connection, he suggested upgradation of the posts of district and thana election commissioners.

Justice Sadeque sought cooperation from all political parties in strengthening the EC. If the EC is made powerful, election would be free and fair under any kind of government. So the parties should not avoid the EC, he said.

He, however, admitted that enough power had already been given to the EC.

## KS Nabi

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only in case of these two special rights of the House which would not be applied until the by-elections to the vacant seats are held.

"Parliament cannot exist when it loses a single constitutional power, even for a brief period," he asserted.

As regards applying Article 123(4) for holding by-elections to the 142 vacant seats, Nabi said, "by-elections can be held for casual vacancies only, but it is unthinkable for almost half of the Parliamentary seats. In such a situation, holding of fresh elections dissolving the illegal Parliament is the only way out."

Refuting Barrister Rafiq's claim that BNP is still the majority party in the House, Barrister Nabi said, "How can he say that they are holding the position of majority party, while a minority party does not at all exist in the House? It is nothing but a one-party Parliament, which exists against the concept of parliamentary democracy."

Nabi alleged that the ruling BNP itself is the 'architect' of the persisting political and constitutional crisis. "But they are now trying to shift that blame on others," he added.

## RB results

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School got the third position jointly with Md Quamruzzaman Parvez of Ikkhu Gabeshana High School securing 891 marks each. The second and third position holders got letter marks in seven subjects.

In the Social Science Group, the first position in the combined merit list was held by Sharmin Sultana of Naogaon Government Girls' High School. She got 845 marks with distinction in six subjects.

Mehnaz Mustafa Iqbal of Government PN Girls' High School secured the second position with 844 marks while Md Anamul Habib of Gandhail Ratanakandi High School got the third position securing 843 marks. Both of them got letter marks in six subjects.

A total of 72 students shared the first 20 positions in the combined merit list of Science Group while 30 students got the first 20 positions in the combined merit list of Social Science Group.

## Rajshahi Board science

By Staff Correspondent

The combined merit list of Science Group in Rajshahi Board:

1. A B M Toufique Hasan, Dinajpur Zilla School, 897; 2. Abul Bashar Md Mahbulbul Haque, Rajshahi Government Laboratory, 892; 3. Rayeesa Nafis, Government P N Girls' High School and Md Quamruzzaman Parvez, Ikkhsu Gobesona High School, 891; 4. Rumana Nazmul, Government PN Girls' High School, 887; 5. Md Hasibul Hasan, Ikkhsu Gobesona High School and Md Abdul Aziz, Rangpur Cantonment Public School and College, 884; 6. Abu Hasnat Md Hemayet Islam, Siroil Government High School, Shahper Rahman Nandinee, Government PN Girls' High School and Md Shihab Uddin, Ikkhsu Gobesona High School, 882; 7. Md Mizanur Rahman Sarker, Rajshahi Government Laboratory, 881; 8. Md Shariful Hasan, Pabna Cadet College, Toufiq Ezaz, Rangpur Cadet College and Tahmina Begum, Rangpur Cantonment Public School and College, 880; 9. Shroddha Nivedita Paul, Government Girls' (Helenabad) High School and Md Zaved Parvez, Rangpur Zilla School, 879; 10. Md Anowarul Islam, Rajshahi Government Laboratory, Md Shahidul Alam, Rajshahi Govt Lab, Md Afaz-uzzaman, Chowbaria Islamia High School, Md Abul Kalam Azad, Rangpur Cadet College and Tania Tanzin, Rangpur Cantonment Public School and College, 878; 11. Kazi Md Shammil Tunvir, Dinajpur Zilla School, 877; 12. Md Abdullah Al Hafiz, Pabna Cadet College, Md Shahjan Seraj, Joipurhat RB Government High School, and Most Rokhsana Rahat, Gaibandha Government Girls' High School, 876; 13. Md Shamim Sharier Hossain, Rajshahi Govt Lab, Md Galib Hossain, Rajshahi Cadet College, Shiblee Sadek Shakil, Pabna Cadet College, Md Saiful Islam, Sara Maroari High School, Md Jubair Hasan, Jamtoli Dhopakandi High School, Md Mahfuzul Islam Shamim, Rajarhat Pilot High School, Md Ali Mamun, Dinajpur Zilla School, Md Mamluk-e-Rabbi, Dinajpur Zilla School, A S M

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## Health situation has improved

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grammatic indicators to monitor the strengths and weaknesses of the national family planning and mother and child health-care programme.

The result indicates continued progress in all areas of maternal and child health, many important indicators remaining low thus limiting the delivery of key child survival interventions.

An important element in reducing health risks for mothers and children is to increase delivery in health facilities. In the country, most mothers, that is 73 per cent, do not receive antenatal care during pregnancy as 96 births take place at home.

Traditional birth attendants assist 60 per cent deliveries while relatives 29 per cent are assisted by medically trained personnel which are very much related to child survival.

Infants and children have a greater probability of dying early if they are born to mothers who are especially young or old, if they are born

after a short birth interval, or if they are of high birth order.

The rate of infant mortality is 120 deaths in case of young mothers aged 20-29 and 100 deaths in the case of mother who is between 30 and 39. Under-five mortality is 164 in case of young mother and 150 deaths in case of old mother.

Children born less than two years after sibling are more likely to die than those born after an interval of two or more years. The survey shows that 154 infant deaths occur in the case of births that take place in two-year gap which declined to 49 deaths in the gap of four years.

The death rate is almost twice in case of children of uneducated mothers than mothers with some secondary education.

Low utilisation of health facilities for treatment of childhood illness may contribute to deaths among the children.

Bangladeshi children who show symptoms of common

childhood diseases or illnesses such as Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) and diarrhoea are usually not taken to a health facility for treatment, the survey found.

The report shows that 24 per cent of children under three experienced symptoms of ARI, one of the major causes of mortality and mortality among children; but less than one in three was taken to a health facility or doctor for treatment.

## Farhad Mazhar's detention: HC hearing Aug 23

A High Court bench yesterday set August 23 for hearing the detention case of writer Farhad Mazhar, Editor of the fortnightly Chinta, reports UNB.

An application for expeditious hearing was moved by Barrister Amirul Islam pressing that Farhad Mazhar is suffering from various ailments and his further confinement may pose serious threat to his life.