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NEWS BRIEFS Aug 15 National Mourning Day

The government has announced to observe August 15 the day of assassination of Banglabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, as the "National Mourning Day". An official an nouncement yesterday said the government, earlier, also declared the day as a "public holiday", reports UNB.

PM returns today

By Staff Correspondent Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will return home at noon today ending her tour to

50,094 and their percentage of pass was 37.58. Saudi Arabia. Abinash Roy of Bogra Zila Sheikh Hasina left Dhaka on School stood first in the com-July 8 on a three-day visit to bined merit list of Science Saudi Arabia at the invitation of the Saudi Government. She group. He got 940 marks with performed Umrah at Makkah letters in seven subjects Sheela Sarker of Governand offered fateha at the rauza

Madina. Walker new British envoy to Bangladesh

mubarak of Prophet Moham-

mad (peace be upon him) at

David Critchlow Walker has been appointed the British High Commissioner in Bangladesh, an official announcement said in Dhaka yesterday. Wal ker, who is now British Commissioner to Ghana, will soon take up his new assignment in Dhaka replacing present High Commissioner Peter J Fowler reports UNB

Student politics at DMC banned

The Dhaka Medical College (DMC) authorities have imposed a ban on student politics in the college for an indefinite period. The decision was taken at an academic council meeting of the college at 10 am yesterday.

FM seeks cooperation of all parties

Move to resolve Ganges issue before next lean period

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad yesterday said the government was trying to resolve the outstanding issue of sharing of the Ganges water with India before the next lean period, reports UNB.

Addressing his first press conference after assumption of office of the Foreign Minister. Azad sought cooperation from all political parties, including BNP, to effectively take up the issue with India on the basis of national consensus.

"Don't make it a political issue considering its importance," said Azad, who was also the Foreign Minister in the cabinet of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

About BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia's demand for 38.000 cusec water from the Ganges as a condition for solution of the problem, he said. "I don't understand why she demanded less quantum of water than the agreement we signed with India in the past for 44,000 cusec of water."

At the outset, the new Foreign Minister in a prepared statement narrated the main features of the foreign policy of Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina's government. "Our government will continue to pursue the same policy of friendship with all nations, without malice to any which has been the bedrock of the foreign policy Bangladesh since the very early days of her birth", he said. Azad stressed the need for

The results of the Sec-

ondary School Certificate ex-

aminations 1996 held under

the newly set up Chittagong

Board was announced yester-

day and the top position was

again bagged by a cadet college

The percentage of pass was

In the combined merit list

of the Science Group, Abu Za-

far Mohd Dayemullah of

tured the first position (917)

marks, 8 letters) and the insti-

tution occupied a total of eight

In total, 31 students se-

cured positions in the top 20

Ispahani Public High School.

GPO Chittagong topped the

Social Science merit list with

Schools of Chittagong secured

seven positions each respec-

tively in the top 20 merit list,

while the Chittagong Govern-

ment High School and Chit-

tagong Public School and Col-

The Chittagong University

39pc pass RB

SSC exams

By Staff Correspondent

amination, 1996 under the

Rajshahi Education Board were

The combined percentage

A total of 1.26,234 students

appeared at the Secondary

School Certificate Examina

tions of whom 49,050 came

dents was 76.140 and the per-

centage of pass was 39.70. The

number of female students was

ment Girls High School stood

first in the combined merit list

of Social Science group with

877 marks. She obtained six

See Page 12 col 5

The number of male stu-

published yesterday.

of pass was 38.86

out successful

letters.

The results of the SSC Ex-

lege secured two places each.

The Ispahani and Collegiate

891 marks and 9 letters.

Aashna Yasmen Rahman of

positions in the list of top 20.

merit list

Fauzderhat Cadet College cap-

gearing up economic diplo-macy, developing relations with neighbours and imparting new sense of dynamism to the process of regional coopera-

He underscored the need for preparing the ground for SAFTA (South Asian Free Trade Area) after completing the phase-11 of SAPTA (SAARC Preferential Trading Arrange-

"We have deep and abiding commitment to our membership in the UN, the OIC, the Commonwealth and NAM." he

The Foreign Minister maintained that "as cur Prime Minister has already declared. we shall give special importance to strengthening relations with all our neighbours. articularly our closest neighbours, both bilaterally and

through the SAARC." The Foreign Minister laid emphasis on expanding the country's relationship with Pakistan and addressing outstanding disputes with her. He also sought good relation

with Myanmar and early return of all Rohingya refugees to their homeland. The Foreign Minister called upon diplomats working in missions abroad to play an effective role in expanding economic cooperation with their

respective host countries be-

sides promotion of political

School and College, Govern-

ment Muslim High School

Bangladesh Mahila Samiti

Girl's School, Steel Mills High

School and the TSP Complex

High School secured one posi-

44.218 students have passed

the SSC examinations, 1996

under the Board of Intermedi-

ate and Secondary Education.

peared at the examinations.

the number of male students

Merit lists on pages 2, 12

was 24.280 and the percent

age of pass was 47.01. The

number of female students was

19,938 and their percentage

dents, 8,413 secured first di-

vision, 10,577 second division

percentage of pass was 61.76.

Of the total of 11044, 6920

passed in the first division.

4110 in the second division

and only 14 in the third divi-

See Page 12 Col 4

Among the successful stu-

In the Science Group, the

of pass was 40.79.

and 555 third division.

Of the total students ap-

A total of 19,545 out of

tion each in the merit list.

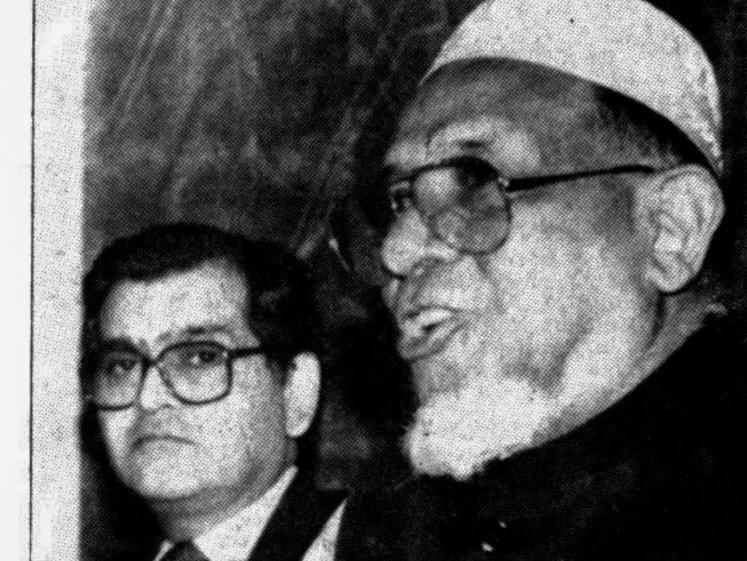
44 pc pass Ctg Board SSC exams

31 students capture

top 20 positions

By Staff Correspondent

goodwill with them. When his attention was See Page 12 Col 1



Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad addressing a press conference at the ministry yesterday. - Star photo

Evaluation of answer scripts Computerised system questioned again

By Mizan Ali

The computerised system of checking the answer scripts has been once again questioned by many of the parents and guardians of those who appeared in the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations of 1996 under Dhaka Board but could not come out successful

Board officials, however, said that the evaluation of scripts was made on the basis of predetermined criteria.

Secretary of the Ministry of Education Abdullah Harun Pasha, when contacted, said that there was no way to help them out as 'that was also a part of the examination.

He, however, said that he had issued instructions to the Board officials to take necessary action against those invigilators who failed to detect the mistake of the examinees in not writing the 'set code' cor

Another official of the Education Ministry, when contacted, said, how could a new system be introduced for the same examination after the

publication of the results. Some officials of the min istry said that there were vari ous recommendations for retem in the examination syswere yet to be approved or implemented.

According to a high official the recommendations included that an examinee should be allowed to appear for the second time in the examinations in which he appeared for the first time but failed.

Until some of those rec ommendations were approved. the system could not be changed, he said.

Many of the guardians whose children could not succeed in the SSC examinations bitterly criticised the computerised system of checking scripts and said they were paying heavy price for the silly mistake of not putting the right code in the right place. The mother of a student of

Government Laboratory School in the city complained that her son could not succeed in the SSC examinations as he failed to place the code number in the right position.

She even suggested that the students who had failed in one subject should at least be given a chance to get their answer scripts checked manually. See Page 12 col 5

indefinite period after a series The shuttle train service of clashes between the acbetween the city and the unitivists of pro-Awami League versity did not operate due to Chhatra League and pro-BNP the strike, campus sources and Jativatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) police said. But the transports

activists.

Failure in June 12 polls

BNP to investigate

'sabotage' by

partymen

By Nazmul Ashraf

various ways.

against the party nominees in

lasted till 10 pm also proposed

that the party select all its 300

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BCL enforces

strike at CU

From Staff Correspondent

Classes were not held at Chit-

tagong University (CU) today as

the Bangladesh Chhatra League

(BCL) CU unit, enforced a

protest against Tuesday's at-

tack on the office of the Vice-

Chancellor allegedly by Shibir

carrying the teachers reached

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The BCL called the strike in

strike on the campus.

CHITTAGONG, July 11:

The four-hour meeting that

Bangladesh Nationalist Party

(BNP) has decided to form a

committee to investigate the

alleged acts of sabotage and

non-cooperation by a section of

the party leaders in the June

an extra-ordinary meeting of

BNP candidates who lost the

elections at the party's Kakrail

office in the city yesterday, meeting sources said.

gations by the unsuccessful

candidates that most of the

party leaders who were denied

nomination in the polls acted

Body to probe

DMC incident

By Staff Correspondent

(DMC) authorities have formed

a committee to investigate the

incident of violence during the

Golden Jubilee celebrations on

mittee has been asked to sub-

mit its report within three

during the lunch break of the

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The three-member com-

The DMC was closed for an

the campus on Wednesday.

The Dhaka Medical College

The decision followed alle-

The decision was taken at

12 parliamentary elections.

PM tells Bangladeshis in Jeddah Wage earners to get investment facilities

JEDDAH, July 11: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has carroi upor the Bangladeshi expatriates here to make their best contributions for country's economic development and said that necessary facilities would be provided to them for investment at home, reports BSS.

She was addressing the Bangladeshis in Jeddah who accorded her a reception yesterday on her election victory and assumption of the head of the new government of Bangladesh.

Held at the Hotel International here, the reception was also addressed, by Mayor of Dhaka Mohammad Hanif and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury while Mosharraf Hossain Sona Miah, Sultan Ahmed, Md Anwarul Haq and Kazi Amir Ahmed spoke on behalf of the Bangladeshi community.

Lauding the role of the Bangladeshi expatriates, the Prime Minister said that the wage earners could help a lot the national economy by in vesting their hard-earned money in positive and potential sectors in the country.

The Prime Minister said that her government would establish cordial and fruitful relations with neighbours and all Muslim countries including Saudi Arabia.

Referring to her meeting with King Fahd Tuesday night at Al-Salam Palace, Sheikh Hasina said that the King had assured her of all kinds of cooperation for the development of Bangladesh.

Turning back to the various problems of the Bangladeshi expatriates, the Prime Minister said that her government was quite aware of the genuine problems of the Bangladeshis living abroad and assured them that those problems would be solved in phases.

The Prime Minister said necessary measures would be taken so that nobody was harassed while seeking jobs abroad. She urged them to be respectful to the laws of the land where they are working and render their services to enhance the images of the country.

Earlier in the morning, the Prime Minister addressed the officials, employees and their See Page 12 Col 2

ALPP meeting on Awami

League's choice for the elec-

tion of a new president of the

country. President Abdur

Rahman Biswas' tenure ends in

October next and an election

nominees in the next parliamentary elections so that they candidates who failed to return attended the meeting and could start work in their resubmitted their respective paspective constituencies from pers of allegation of rigging now, many of those attending and various irregularities to it told The Daily Star. Such a the Legal Aid Committee of the move would help the party party at the meeting. overcome the problems re-

garding party nomination at tion said the doors of the BNP the eleventh hour, they argued. were wide open and it is now No concrete decision on time for those forces and per-See Page 12 Col 3

banned from entering cantts

Former army chief Abu Saleh Mohammad Nasim and six other senior army officers. who were earlier dismissed by the President, were recently banned from entering the cantonment areas, according to

through a circular by the Army Headquarters recently, it said. According to the order, those ex-army officers would not be allowed to enter into Dhaka Cantonment as well as

They will also be prevented from going to meet their relatives living in cantonment areas, the circular said.

programme

S Kibria and US Ambassador David N Merill held a meeting here yesterday discussing the Just-concluded financial reform programme, reports

form Programme, aided by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and carried but by the Bangladesh Bank, ended last

An official announcement said they also discussed matters of mutual interest and bilateral issues during the meeting held at the Finance Ministry, USAID Director

The meeting discussed the need for human resource development with local and foreign training in order to infuse dynamism in the banking

See Page 12 col 6 DU student leaders

pledged that they would play role in maintaining peace on the Dhaka University campus for normal academic activity, reports UNB.

meeting between the leaders of main student organisations and Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof Emajuddin Ahmed at the Administrative Building in the afternoon.

cussed the campus situation and came into consensus that the student organisations would help the authorities maintain a peaceful atmosphere in the present political context

All the student organisations also agreed to play effective role in stopping the roaming of non-students, armed musclemen and terrorists on the university campus, including residential halls.

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this morning, would find only a day to think over some important matters before chairing Saturday's meeting of the parliamentary party scheduled for 10:30 am According to sources in the party, other than choosing the Speaker. Deputy Speaker of the House. Deputy Leader of the ALPP and four whips of the ruling party in Parliament.

SSC examinees and their guardians brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting irregularities in results — Star photo

ALPP may take important decisions tomorrow

By Reaz Ahmad cussion may take place at the

The Awami League Parliamentary Party (ALPP) meeting tomorrow is likely to be a very important one before the Seventh Jatiya Sangsad goes into its maiden session on the following day, July 14. Prime Minister and leader

of the ALPP Sheikh Hasina. who returns from her first foreign trip to Saudi Arabia

Sheikh Hasina might consider further expansion of her yet relatively small-sized council of ministers.

Besides, a preliminary dis-

for the presidency is expected to be held sometime in August. the sources said. Well-placed party sources indicated that former Foreign Minister and a newly elected MP. Humayun Rashid Chowd hury is likely to replace Shaikh Razzak Ali as the new Speaker Advocate Abdul Hamid, MP.

and Rahmat Ali, MP, are also being considered for the office of Deputy Speaker, the sources The sources further hinted that if Foreign Minister Abdus

Samad Azad is not chosen by Sheikh Hasina as her deputy in the ALPP, prospects of Tofael Ahmed or Abdul Mannan would See Page 12 Col 1

Percentage of pass in SSC exams falls due to abolition of QB system Of them, 1.97.811 succeeded. also came down this year com-2.35.829 candidates had

The percentage of pass in the SSC examinations under all the education boards remarkably declined as the question bank system was abolished from the current year, reports

Only 42.61 per cent candidates came out successful in the 1996 Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations held under five education boards. The percentage of pass was 73.20 per in 1995.

Official sources said 4.64.267 students appeared in the examinations this year un-

in 1995, the total number of students appeared under

tagong Education Board started its functioning from this year

Board officials as well as the school teachers attributed the sharp fall in percentage of pass to the abolition of question bank system.

pared with the previous years due to the same reason, they The announcement of SSC examination results were

completed with publishing the results of Chittagong and Rajshahi boards yesterday. A total of 1,38,400 students

sat for the SSC examinations under Dhaka Board this year Of them, 58,411 came out successful putting the percentage of pass at 42.20. In 1995, a total of 1.75,453

passed the examinations under the Dhaka Board. The pass percentage was 74.40. This year, the number of

appeared students under Comilla Board was 80,464, of them 37.834 succeeded. The percentage of pass is 47.02. In 1995, a total of 1,42,062 candidates out of 1,89,605. appeared students came out

successful the under Comilla Board, putting the pass percentage at 74.93. In 1996, a total of 1,26,234 1.00.711 and pass percentage students participated in the SSC examinations under Ra-

ishahi Board. Of them. 49,050 passed the examinations and the percentage of pass was

In the previous year, the percentage of pass under the board was 71.90. The number of appeared and successful 1.41.888 respectively

70.74

candidates were 1,97,334 and The figure of Jessore Board is: 1996 - appeared 74.951, passed 32,971 and pass percentage 43.99. 1995 - appeared 1.42.367, passed

A total of 44,218 students took part in the SSC examinations under the newly launched Chittagong Board this year. Of them, 19,545 came out successful and the pass percentage was 44.20.

This year, the highest 47.02 per cent students passed under Comilla Board while the lowest 38.86 per cent under Rajshahi Board.

In 1995, the Comilla Board topped the position with 74.93 percentage of pass while the Jessore Board scored the lowest with 70.74 per cent.

addressing the meeting of aggrieved BNP candidates for the June 12 election". Some 118 out of 184 BNP

Doors open for

nationalists,

says Khaleda

Begum Khaleda Zia yester-

day called upon the small

democratic and nationalist po-

litical parties to merge with the BNP for strengthening the politics of Bangladeshi nation-

alism and patriotism, reports

of politics in the country - one

is democratic and nationalist

and the other against it," the

BNP chairperson said while

"There are now two trends

The Leader of the Opposi-

Nasim, 6 others

Probe news agency. The ban was imposed

any other cantonment area of the country.

The other army officers are Maj Gen (dismissed) Ainuddin, Maj Gen (dismissed) Helal Morshed, Brig (dismissed) Abu Baker, Brig (dismissed) Safi Mahbub, Brig (dismissed) Miron Hamidur Rahman and Brig (dismissed Fazlur Rah-

Kibria, Merrill talk financial reform

Finance Minister Shah A M

The Financial Sector Re-

Richard M Brown was present.

pledge peace on campus

Student leaders yesterday The assurance came in a

The student leaders dis-

The police administration

Suranjit PM's parliamentary affairs adviser Star Report

Awami League leader Suranjit Sen Gupta has been made

Parliamentary Affairs Adviser to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The appointment was officially announced yesterday. "I will be happy to serve the nation in this new capacity" said

Gupta, who became a member of the AL presidium on July 1. Suranjit Sen Gupta failed to return in the June 12 election

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der the five education boards.

four education boards — Dhaka. Comilla. Rajshahi and Jessore - was 7.65.135. Of them 5,60,114 had passed the exannihadons The newly set up Chit-

The number of examinees students out of the appeared