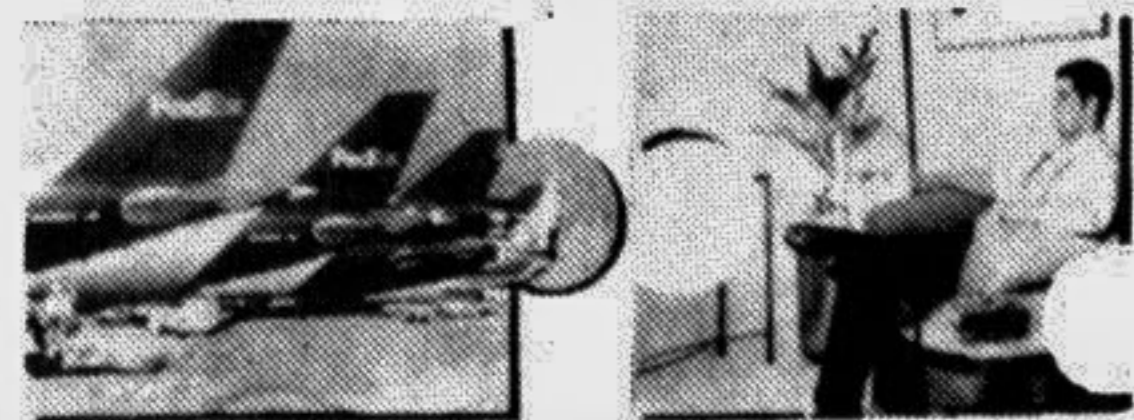


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Khaleda urges the rich to help flood victims

Leader of the Opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad Begum Khaleda Zia has called upon the rich people of the society to extend all possible assistance to the flood victims as the government ignored its responsibility, reports UNB. The government has failed to stand by affected people although they are collecting money and relief materials in the name of sufferers, Begum Zia said while distributing relief materials among the people at Badda. BNP chairperson distributed sarees, lungies, cash, packet containing 3 kg rich, dry food, oral re-hydration saline (ORS), safety matches and candles among 2,000 flood victims in front of the BNP office at Husain Market in the afternoon. Most of the recipient of relief were women and children.

Sharishabari College closed sine die as BCL factions clash

JAMALPUR, Aug 2: Seven persons were injured in a clash between rival groups of Bangladesh Chhatra League ahead of the elections of Sharishabari college students union, reports UNB. The authorities today postponed the polls and closed the college for an indefinite period amidst heightening tension. Police said the clash took place yesterday, the day for withdrawal of nomination papers. The groups, one led by local BCL president Abdul Razzak and the other by its former president Abdul Mannan, exchanged gunfire, exploded crackers and used sticks against each other.

Teenage girl raped in Manikganj

By DMCH Correspondent A teenage girl was raped allegedly by a local hoodlum at Islampur in Manikganj late Saturday night. The victim was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital soon after the incident. The victim, aged about 15, is a resident of Shibolay area in the district. She came to Islampur to look for a job where she met one Suruj Mia on Saturday. Suruj Mia lured the girl by saying that he would manage a job for her and took her inside a house where he allegedly raped the girl.

Rajiv murder

From Page 1 Dubey prepared a note on his conversation with the Palestinian ambassador on June 7, 1991, in which he mentioned the arrival of Mossad agents and increased traffic of Israelis and the movement of some Mossad agents towards Madras and it is also mentioned in the note that an employee in Panam (airlines) was a Mossad agent, the report said. In his deposition, Dubey said the PLO ambassador was very categorical so far as the links between Mossad, CIA and LTTE were concerned. "Our foreign office had no information as to how LTTE has links with CIA and Mossad and for what purpose," he said.

Chetia

From Page 1 Babul Sharma — were arrested from a residential house at Adabar under Mohammapur thana on December 21 last year. Hasib Ahmed represented Chetia as a state appointed defence lawyer while Mahubub Ahmed represented Laxmi Prasad and Babul Sharma in the two cases. The defence lawyers brought it to the notice of the court that they were yet to be supplied with necessary documents of the cases. During the proceedings of the court yesterday, Allan Khan advocate of BSEHR appealed to the court to allow her to talk with Anup Chetia for five minutes. The court said that it will decide the matter during the next hearing of the case. Chetia and his two associates are also scheduled to appear before the court of Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Dhaka, on August 9, in connection with another case filed against them for unauthorised stay in the country. Chetia also faces another case in the same court for possessing Bangladeshi passport illegally.

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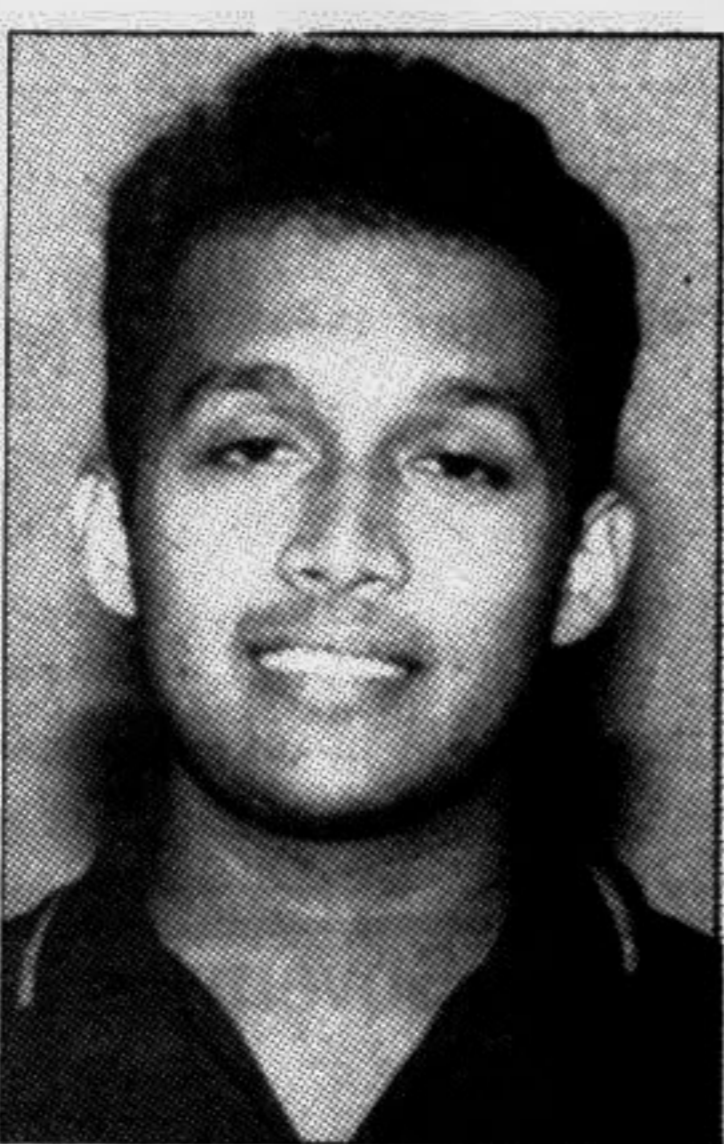
48pc pass SSC examinations

From Page 1 Science group under the board. He scored 959 marks.

Md Alimuzzaman of the same school stood second securing 956 marks and Latifa Zaitan Ashraf of Sayedpur Cantonment Public School and College secured the third position with 948 marks. In Humanities group, Md Al Mamun of Bogra Zila School secured the first position with 868 marks. Md Faisal Kabir of Cantonment Public School and College, Bogra, stood first in Business Studies group scoring 892 marks.

Under the Jessore Board, a total of 1,36,311 students appeared at the examinations. Of them 60,829 came out successful; 25,163 in First Division, 35,235 in Second Division and 431 in Third Division. The pass percentage is 44.63.

Md Abdullah Ibney Anwar of Barisal Cadet College topped the combined merit list in Science group scoring 945 marks. S M Salim Reza of the same cadet college stood second with 944 marks and his classmate Md



Sadat says he expected to top the list

By Staff Correspondent A B M Rubaiyat Islam Sadat of Government Laboratory High School obtained second position in the merit list of the Science Group under Dhaka Board with 951 marks. Sadat aspires to be a nuclear scientist. Son of Nurul Islam, Senior Deputy Chief of Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation and Maksuda Islam, a housewife, Sadat is rather unhappy with the result as he expected to top the merit list. While talking to The Daily Star Sadat said he used to study at least 16 hours a day. Sadat said the present system of taking examinations is faulty. He said the teachers should try to reduce students' dependence on text books, Sadat added that more thrust should be given on practical education.

Khaleda: Case

From Page 1 Resented by her lawyer under Section 205 A of the Criminal Procedure Code. Public Prosecutor Altaf Hossain opposed the petition during the hearing yesterday. He pleaded that the option may be allowed after framing the charges against Begum Zia. The Counsel for Begum Zia argued that the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament was heavily pre-occupied with the party activities. Besides, her personal appearance in the court draws huge gathering in the court premises and creates traffic jam on the way. On hearing both sides, Judge Kazi Golam Rasul allowed Begum Zia to be represented in the court by her counsel. Khandaker Mabbubuddin Ahmed, Abdur Razzak Khan, Sanaullah Mia, Masud Ahmed Talukdar and a host of other lawyers appeared on behalf of Begum Zia.

Sharif

From Page 1 The ruling party has again exposed its character. It could not erase its black spot of relief thief during the current natural calamity, she said. Begum Zia urged the moneyed people to keep a part of the day to day spending for the succor of the unfortunate people who are failing to manage even one meal a day. She also urged them to stand by them with necessary aids. Earlier, the BNP chairperson visited the affected people in submerged areas boarding an engine boat from Banosree in case. Rampura to Satarkul union and distributed relief materials among the affected people. Among others who accompanied Begum Zia during relief distribution were Sadek Hossain Khoka, Mirza Abbas, Begum Shamsun Nahar Khaja Ahasanullah, Salahuddin Ahmed, Abdus Salam, Ahmed Nazir, Nasiruddin Ahmed Pmtu, MA Qaiyum, Tarikulah, Anwar Hossain and Zahurul Islam Tipu.

Afrin wants to be a diplomat

By Staff Correspondent Afrin Jahan of Motijheel Government Girls' High School stood second in the merit list in the Arts and Humanities group under Dhaka Board. She secured 857 marks. Daughter of Nurunnahar and Ali Akkas, an official of an indenting firm, Afrin said perseverance, determination and regular study brought her the success. Afrin said students should read extensively to understand a subject rather than memorising it. She herself studied 7-8 hours a day. "I support student politics but it must be free from terrorism and crime," she said. Afrin, who wants to be a diplomat, passes her leisure reading and sewing.

5 DB men

From Page 1 One of the witness, Shahidul, a resident of the locality, was present when the DB police picked up Rubel from Siddheshwari on July 23. The other witness, a neighbour of Rubel, also saw police torturing the young student. CID investigators yesterday interrogated three more DB men — SI Shahanoor, Havilder Daili Uddin and constable Khaleq. All the three were on duty at the Minto Road DB office on July 23, the day when Rubel was killed.

Rezwanul Huq secured the third position with 940 marks.

Md Nazmul Hasan Rajib, also of Barisal Cadet College, stood first in Humanities group with 875 marks. Ranjan Kumar Mitra of Patuakhali Govt Jubilee High School stood first in Business Studies group scoring 888 marks.

Under Comilla Board, a total of 1,19,691 students appeared at the examination. Of them, 63,276 came out successful; 31,224 in First Division, 31,689 in Second Division and 363 in Third Division. The pass percentage is 52.97.

Tauhid Sarwar of Sylhet Cadet College topped the combined merit list in the Science group under the board securing 927 marks.

Md Tanvir Hasan Majumder, A S M Samsaul Arefin and Omar Sharif, all from Comilla Cadet College, secured the second position scoring 918 marks each.

Taufiqul Islam of Natural Gas Fertiliser Factory School, Fenchuganj and Mustafa Sar-



Sadia suggests reform in curriculum

By Staff Correspondent Sadia Sharmin, 15, emerged third in the merit list of science group from Dhaka Board with 946 marks. She appeared in the examinations as a student of Viharunisa Noon School. Sadia is the daughter of Dr Matiu Rahman, Associate Professor of Bangladesh Medical University, and Dr Bilquis Ara Begum, Assistance Professor of Dhaka Medical College. In an interview with The Daily Star yesterday, Sadia said the present examination system is not effective enough to measure students aptitude. She suggested that the present curriculum should be reformed enabling students to choose subjects they like. Sadia wants to be a computer engineer and likes to read books and enjoy music during leisure.

Flood situation in Assam still grave

GUWAHATI, Aug 2: The overall flood situation in Assam remained grave today even as major rivers started to recede following cessation of rains, reports PTI. Official sources said here that the Brahmaputra and its tributaries had started to recede in most of the 21 flood-affected districts

Touhid satisfied with his results

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET, Aug 2: Touhid Sarwar Fahim topped the Science group merit list of SSC examinations under Comilla Board. He wishes to join the defence services. While talking to this correspondent over telephone from Barlekha thana in Moulvibazar last night, he said that he is happy enough with the result. He studied 12 to 13 hours daily. Touhid is grateful to his parents and teachers for the results. Touhid is the only son of Dr Taher Ahmed Khan, Deputy Civil Surgeon of Gazipur, and Gulshan Ara Begum, headmistress of Singhagram Primary School at Barlekha.

Sajia

From Page 1 form of mainstream student politics which results in terrorism and a temporary ban should be imposed on this kind of politics," she said. Sajia wants to be a computer engineer and expressed her desire to work for the country after completing her higher education abroad.

I'm satisfied, says Sharif

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Aug 2: Chowdhury Sharif Hasan has topped the combined merit list of Science and General Science group in SSC examinations under Rajshahi Education Board this year. He wishes to be a Computer Engineer. Sharif sat for SSC examinations of 1998 as a student of Rajshahi Government Laboratory High School and secured 959 marks with distinctions in nine subjects. He said he is satisfied with his results adding, he did not expect such a good result. "I am happy, very happy, thank God," he said.

War Nasif of Comilla Zilla School jointly secured the third position with 915 marks each.

Rajib Ahmed Chowdhury of Comilla Cadet College stood first in Humanities group with 857 marks. Md Saiful Alam of Bhabaniganj Bohumukhi High School stood first in Business Studies group scoring 866 marks.

The pass percentage of four boards excepting Dhaka Board marked sharp decrease this year compared to last year's. Chittagong Board marked the highest decline; 33.23 per cent this year compared to the previous year's 61.37.

The pass percentage of Comilla Board this year is 52.87 against the last year's 69.55. In Jessore Board the pass percentage this year has been recorded at 44.63 against last year's 47.45.

In Rajshahi Board, the percentage is 48.32 this year compared to last year's 49.16. Dhaka Board is the only exception. The pass percentage is 51.17 this year against last year's 49.97.

Mahfuz for ban on student politics

By Staff Correspondent Mahfuzul Haq of Ideal School and College topped the merit of the Business Studies Group under Dhaka Board by securing 893 marks. He is the son of Azharul Haq, a retired customs official, and Baby Haque. Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, Mahfuz said the result was surprise to him as he never expected to top the merit list. He spent at least five to six hours on study every day and said that regular attentive study helped him to succeed. He said presently, student politics has become almost an evil and a temporary ban should be imposed on it. He said the present examination system is rather faulty and it should be improved. He said the students may benefit more if their problems and hardships are addressed with more care by the teachers. Mahfuz wants to be a business executive.

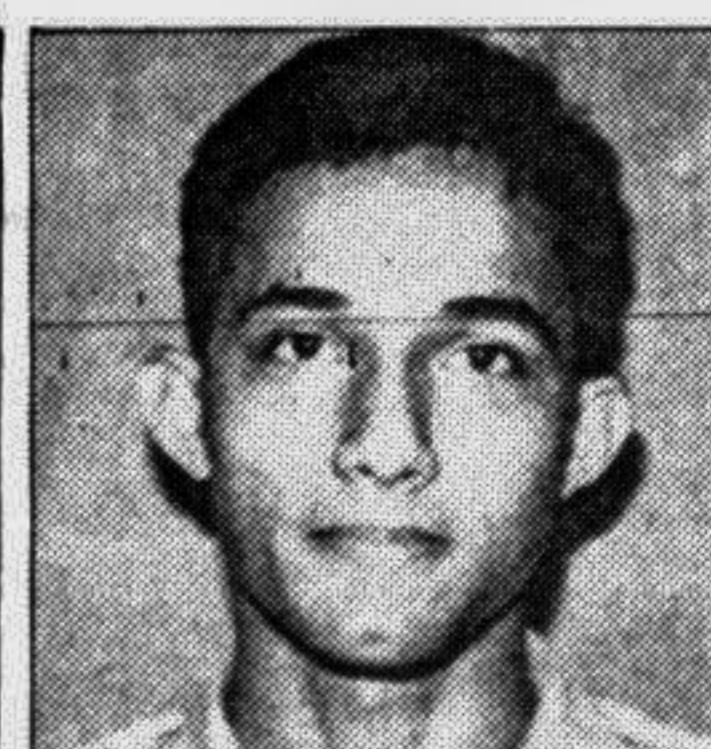
Situation tense

Landless people to stage sit-in in front of Satkhira DC's, SP's offices today

From Our Correspondent A tense situation is prevailing at Satkhira in view of tomorrow's sit-in programme in front of the offices of the DC and SP to press home the 8-point demand of Bhumihin Uched Protridh Sangram Samonny Committee protesting the killing incidents at Baburabad, Kalganj on July 27. Meanwhile, ADAB officials said in a press conference here today that no breach of communal harmony occurred at the Khas lands of Debhata-Kalganj.

Flood

From Page 1 Sirajganj and 13 cm at Aricha. However, it continues to flow 2 cm and 50 cm above the danger mark at Bahadurabad and Aricha respectively. The Buriganga at Dhaka fell by 3 cm although it was still 19 cm above the danger level. The Sitalakhya at Narayanjan also fell by 4 cm, but was flowing 66 cm above danger level. The Turag fell slightly at Tongi and Mirpur, but still flowing 85 cm and 54 cm above respective danger mark. The Kalganga at Tarahat fell a further 12 cm and was flowing 84 cm above red mark. The government has so far allocated Tk 1.27 crore in cash as well as 28,210 metric tons of rice and 100 metric tons of wheat. Official sources here said some 1.74 crore people of 37 districts have been affected by the current monsoon flood. The flood so far damaged standing crops on 2.85 lakh acres, about 1.77 lakh dwelling houses, 5,100 km roads, 2,396 km embankments, 2,215 bridges and culverts.



It was beyond my dream, says Anwar

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, Aug 2: "The result is beyond my dream," said Md Abdullah Ibney Anwar, a student of Barisal Cadet College who topped the merit list of Science Group in the SSC exams under Jessore Board. "I thought at least I'll get star marks with some letters," he said. Anwar obtained a total of 945 marks. When asked about his aim in life, Anwar said, "I would like to lead an honest life. I think it would be better if I could join the army where I would be able to lead an honest life."

Anwar's hobby is reading books. Besides, at college he took part in different sport activities. Anwar studied five hours a day in the college and seven hours a day when at home in Bhola. His father Md Anwar Hossain is the deputy director of the Social Welfare Department, Bhola.

Lawyer sues 5 policemen for filing 'false case'

A lawyer was put in jail here yesterday as he went to a police station in the city to file a case, reports UNB. Securing release on bail the lawyer, S M Sohrab Ali, who is practicing in the district court, filed a criminal case yesterday against five police officers of Ramna thana accusing them of giving false evidence, false statement and tampering judicial record. The police officers he accused in the criminal case in the court of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate are officer-in-charge Rafiqul Islam and sub-inspectors Goura Chandra Majumdar, Rafiqul Islam, Abul Bashar, Abdul Mannan and Shahabuddin Ahmed. Advocate Sohrab in his complaint petition said he went to Ramna thana on July 16 to lodge an FIR for ransacking the daily Sangram office at Moghbazar by some unruly people during the half-day hartal on the day. The petitioner said that to his utter surprise the accused police officers rebuked him in filthy language and refused to accept any FIR. Moreover, the accused police personnel falsely implicated him in a different case by manipulating an ejahar filed by a person and arrested him in that case. After hearing the petition, the court sent the case record for judicial inquiry.

Sonali Bank

From Page 1 As per the new BOE condition, SB UK will have to return all the individual deposits which are fully guaranteed by the government. Giving reasons on its conditions, BOE has said if the bank stops its personal banking, it will become profitable. However, BOE has said if the new entity can function well, it may be allowed to take in individual deposits. According to the sources, SB UK has not transferred any of its profits to Bangladesh because of its problems with provisioning against bad debts. However, under the restructuring plan, it is expected that Sonali Finance will be able to transfer two million pound sterling every year.

Malnutrition

From Page 1 gramme, now under negotiation with the World Bank, is expected to be started from July 2000. The programme will cover the entire country. The programme will be based on the experience of the existing nutrition activities, the basic design of BINP and the concept of the ADB-Unicef Regional Technical Assistance (RETA) nutrition programme. The aim of the programme is to reduce protein deficiency and micro-nutrient deficiencies like vitamin-A, iron and iodine. The programme will address other problems like maternal nutrition and underweight of babies.

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