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bridge. But the present govern-

Calling the government as

'corrupt', Begum Zia said, "The

government has rejected her

demand for forming an all

party relief committee only to misappropriate the relief

BNP chief said her party will

continue to provide all possible

assistance to the flood victims.

BNP is a friend of people as it

shares both misery and happi-

sought support of the people in

Court orders

aslima's

arrest

By Staff Correspondent

Court yesterday issued an arrest

warrant against feminist writer

basis of the petition case filed

by one Ziad Alam in 1994 under

Section 295 of the Penal Code

for hurting the religious senti-

confirmed that Taslima Nasrin

had returned to the country by a

Bangladesh Biman flight about

two weeks back, but did not dis-

close her whereabouts. "The

government has asked the po-

lice to ensure her safety," noted

Another case filed by Moti-

iheel thana against Nasrin in

1994 is also pending in the

court of the Chief Metropolitan

Magistrate, said Idrisur Rah-

stayed by the High Court follow-

ing a petition filed by Nasrin's

jected by the High Court.

the High Court decision.

Proceedings of the case was

But the petition was later re-

The defence lawyers chal-

lenged the High Court decision

in the Appellate Division of the

Supreme Court, which upheld

CARE

From Page 1

MacGillivray said the CARE

could work together to imple-

ment the post-flood pro-

has launched an emergency re-

lief programme worth 7.8 mil

lion US dollars covering

350,000 families in 16 thanas

of four districts and Dhaka city.

CARE has distributed clean

drinking water, supplementary

food, health and fast-growing

of 11 affected districts received

dry rations between August 11

to September 10. The ration in-

cluded rice, pulses and edible

families at 10 flood shelters

have been receiving integrated

food, water and health services

from CARE since September 2

which will continue till the end

families of severely affected

four districts of Gaibandha,

Sirajganj, Manikganj and

Madaripur will receive dry ra-

tion for 15 days upto September

plan, the CARE country director

said a 32-member multi-disci-

plinary expert team of CARE

Bangladesh is working in the

affected areas to assess the ad-

gramme on rehabilitation ba-

sed on the team's recommen-

under the Board with a total of

900 marks. M Mahiuddin Im-

tiaz of the same college secured

the second position securing

898 marks. KM Nazmul Islam

of Chittagong University Col-

lege got the third position with

Chittagong College topped the

combined merit list of Human-

ities Group under Chittagong

Board. She secured 852 marks.

Syed Ashekul Kabir Mahmood

of Chittagong Public School

and College got the first posi-

tion in the combined merit list

of the Commerce Group under

the Board. He scored 751 marks.

tal of 1,24,699 students ap-

peared at the examinations of

whom, 64,558 came out success-

ful. Of them 41,721 were male

and 22837 female students. Of

the successful candidates.

11,671 secured first division.

Under Rajshahi Board, a to-

Ashna Yasmin Rahman of

897 marks.

dations, MacGillivray said.

CARE will formulate its pro-

About the rehabilitation

Besides, he said, 250,000

MacGillivray said 7,000

He said some 80,640 families

Under the programme, the

a senior police official

man, her lawyer.

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Meanwhile, Police yesterday

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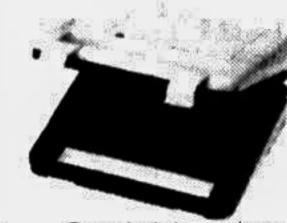
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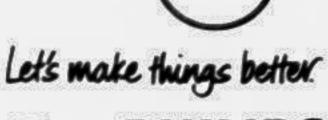
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Govt has failed to distribute relief properly: Khaleda

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, Begum Khaleda Zia said the government has failed in proper distribution of relief materials because it could not rise above party politics, re-

ports UNB. "Government has totally failed in relief distribution among the flood-victims due to politicising the relief operation. Only partymen and supporters are receiving the relief," Begum Zia said.

She was briefly addressing at Kaierpara bazar and Trimohoni in Demra thana yesterday evening while distributing re-lief materials among the flood

affected people.

Begum Zia also distributed saree, lungi and rice at Baoler Bazar and Nondipara from a mechanised boat

"Everywhere in the country people are complaining that they have not received relief from the government. Government party leaders have not visited them at the time of their distress", she said

Khaleda said the government also failed in taking arrangement for post-flood rehabilitation and reconstruction

work. The opposition leader said Awami League during its two and half years of rule has failed to do any work for the welfare of the people due to its habit of politicising every sector.

She said during her rule BNP had sanctioned fund for implementing Demra-Tongi embankment and Trimohini

Impeachment

From Page 1 The full committee was scheduled to meet tomorrow to discuss the 17 boxes of information handed over by Starr but still not released to the public.

Hyde said it would probably be the end of next week before the committee staff would be able to brief the committee members on what should be released and what should be held

back for privacy reasons. Among the items to be considered for the next round of public release are the depositions of Clinton's friend Vernon Jordan, Clinton's secretary Betty Currie and secret service officers, as well as a transcript of the tapes of Lewinsky made by her former friend Linda Tripp and the tapes themselves.

Biman

From Page 1 Asked if Biman had learned a lesson from the Philippines Airline, which shut down on Wednesday following a management crisis, he said, "We have noted their plight but we are confident of surviving."

Despite global economic slump, he said, Biman had survived because of its size and ethnic passenger support and better management.

Answering a question, the minister said that services at Zia International Airport had improved. But he said that there were no bird shooters with the Civil Aviation Authority to keep the airport free from bird hazard. The airforce shooters help in case of such events, he

Flying since 1972 the Biman currently operates with nine aircraft, including those on domestic routes.

Later Managing Director of the Biman Air Commodore Rafigul Islam said the airline which sustained losses to the tune of Tk 75 crore in 1996-97 is hoping to reduce the losses to only Tk 15 crore in 1997-98 fiscal, the audit of which was yet to be completed.

It hauled 1.2 million passengers and 31,490 tonnes of cargo in 1997-98 fiscal, he said.

The target in the current fiscal is to carry 1.5 million passengers and 50 per cent more cargo.

Biman, with Tk 750 crore in authorised capital, of which Tk 391crore is paid up and Tk 421 crore in equity, has Tk 781 crore in debts. The debt-equity ratio is 65: 35.

Farm loan

From Page 1

eral manager of each bank will

monitor the agri loan dis-

bursement position. Cultivation of pine apple and banana will also be covered by the crop loan network. The finance minister warned against corruption and mismanagement in agri loan

disbursement. "Stern action will be taken against those found guilty," he said. The government has already fixed a target of Tk 2370 crore agri-loan disbursement during

the current fiscal year as part of the post-flood rehabilitation programmes. The share of crop loan is Tk 1500 crore. Of the total, Bangladesh Krishi Bank will disburse Tk 1250

crore, Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank Tk 300 crore. Sonali Bank Tk 636 crore, Janata Bank Tk 250 crore, Agrani Bank Tk 300 crore, Rupali Bank Tk 23 crore, Bangladesh Rural Development Board Tk 495 crore and Bangladesh Shamobay Bank Limited Tk 15 crore.

Ministers asked to ensure proper distribution of farm loans

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked the ministers to properly oversee the ongoing relief work and monitor the rehabilitation programme in the flood-hit areas,

reports UNB. Hasina who was presiding over a meeting of ministers, state ministers and deputy ministers at Ganobhaban in the afternoon said it must be ensured that the agricultural loans are properly distributed among the affected farmers.

The government has already allocated Tk 3270 crore as fresh agricultural loan for the farmers in the flood-hit areas.

The Prime Minister said the damage caused by the flood to small-scale industrial units should be assessed and loans would be sanctioned to those industries to recoup the losses. Hasina also directed to further gear up the activities of the

Housewife beaten to death

medical teams in the affected

JESSORE, Sept 24: A young housewife was beaten to death by her husband at Santoshnagar in Jhikargaccha on Wednesday night, police said, reports UNB.

Shavana, 22, was beaten to death by Mizanur Rahman allegedly for her failure to bring Tk 10,000 from her poor father. He later hanged the body with the ceiling in a bid to hide his

Mizan went into hiding immediately after the incident.

VGF cards

From Page 1 around four million VGF cards. The wheat shortfall in Dhaka division can be met by the wheat to be brought by WFP ships by mid-October.

Without counting the new inflow of rice, the government will have around 200,000 tons of rice to back up any OMS strategy during September and October, the WFP proposal said. Dr Kiene lauded the govern-

flood situation and for its excellent disaster management. The WFP proposal has been received by the government with utmost attention and im-

ment efforts in tackling the

portance. During the meeting, the Prime Minister expressed happiness over the WFP proposal for increasing relief for the flood-affected areas.

She mentioned that the government has already instructed the authorities concerned to immediately start the FFW and test relief programmes.

Pvt terminal

From Page 1 Stevedoring Services America

(Bangladesh Ltd) at Patenga. The prime minister, however, stressed the need for private sector participation in port operations alongside the government, to cope with the increasing workload and attract foreign investment.

"The site selection should be made afresh, in case the proposed private container terminal really create problems like port jam," she said.

Since the approval of the scheme, 22 labour organisations active in the port, including the Awami League-backed Sramik League, have been staging demonstrations, fearing that a private port would destroy the country's main seaport and render more than 50,000 workers of the port job-

Traffic control: PM praises army's role

By Staff Correspondent Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday praised the role of the army in controlling traffic in the areas adjacent to Dhaka cantonment in the last few days.

"The army can do a useful work in streamlining traffic and we can all benefit from discipline on the roads," she said while exchanging view with journalists at the ICC in the city vesterday. Hasina said the army which

is now doing the job in the vicinity of cantonment will be given the responsibility of traffic control up to Sheraton Ho-

"This will lessen the burden of traffic police," she said.

2 slaughtered in Jhenaidah

JHENAIDAH, Sept 24: Two persons were slaughtered by some unknown assailants at village Bhaina under Harinakundu thana last night, police said.

The dead were identified as Reazul, 27, and Mofazzal, 18, of village Tribeni under Sailkupa thana, according to police sources.

Police added that the dead and another Bhola were kidnapped from their village at around 9:30 last night by some people and taken to a sugarcane field at Bhaina where they were slaughtered. Bhola, however, managed to flee.

A case has been filed with Harinakundu thana in this re-

Police suspect that the killers might belong to an outlawed political organisation.

Bihar govt

From Page Sonia Gandhi today said that her party would oppose in every possible way the imposition of President's rule in Bihar.

She told newsmen at the Lalgola relief camp in Behrampur, West Bengal that she condemned the union cabinet's decision. "This is utterly unconstitutional, undemocratic and smacks of a very narrow political aim.

The ruling Left Front in West Bengal today described the BJP led government's recommendation for the imposition of cen tral rule in Bihar as a blow to constitution and an 'autocratic step to destroy the democratic system, in the country.

In a resolution adopted at its meeting, the Left Front condemned the move saying that despite the Rabri Debi-government decisively proving its majority on the floor of the state assembly, the recommendation for the imposition of President's rule reflected the 'autocratic and vindictive attitude' of the BJP-led coalition.

Bihar Chief Minister Rabri Devi, an illiterate housewife who took over the reigns of government after her husband faced charges of involvement in a 271-million-dollar corruption scandal, has threatened fast unto death if she were dismissed.

Teknat

From Page 1 claim of any dead or arrest.

The injured were rushed to Teknaf Thana Health Complex. The mob put up barricade on Cox's Bazar-Teknaf road at Moshini bus stand disrupting

road communication. Local MP Prof Muhammad Ali and high police officials went to the spot to bring the situation under control.

vailing in the area.

A tense situation was pre-

6 get life-term for murder in Narayanganj

NARAYANGANJ, Sept 24: A court here today sentenced six people to life imprisonment in connection with a murder case. reports UNB.

They were also fined Tk 5.000 each in default, to suffer another two years of rigorous imprisonment/ The convicted are, ATM Ma-

sud Rana alias Manik, 27. Abdur Rahim, 28, Selim, 38, Abdul Quddus, 32, Sona Mia, 72, and Abdul Hamid, 53. The prosecution in brief is

that the convicts took Tk three lakh from Gias Uddin Parvej of village Sonapur in Sonargaon thana for sending him abroad. They confirmed his flight on August 26, 1991 and took the

victim to Roingakhaola of Khagrachhari district and killed him brutally. A case was filed with Sonargaon police following the mur-

Additional District and Session's Judge Muhammad Mahbubur Rahman gave the verdict after examining the witnesses and evidences.

Only 2 rivers

From Page 1 around the capital is also improving fast with the fall of water level of the Turag. The river registered further fall by 20 cm and 17 cm at Mirpur and Tongi respectively flowing only 3 cm and 9 cm above the danger mark.

In the Meghna basin, the sit uation also marked improvement with the fall of the Meghna by 9 cm at Bhairab Bazar. The river was now flowing 14 cm above the danger

The centre forecast that the two rivers will go below their respective danger levels in the next 48 hours normalising the country's flood situation.

Production in Sylhet NGFF suspended

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET. Sept 24: Production in the Natural Gas Fertilizer Factory, a concern of BCIC came to a halt of 6:45 pm yesterday due to some technical fault in the turbine and boiler. said an official source today.

The power supply to the nearby staff quarters also remained suspended due to the trouble.

The power supply was restored at 11 pm. but, the factory is yet to resume production. It will take at least two more days to resume operation, the source added. Further details could not be available.

Loadshedding From Page 1

Wednesday night. Prior to that debacle some 158 mw of loadshedding was recorded in the country on Wednesday.

Talking to The Daily Star last night, PDB Chairman Nuruddin Kamal said with the restoration of Ghorashal-3 power generation unit by today. the power situation in the country would mark an improve-

ment. He said by early November a new unit of 210 mw generation capacity would be in operation at Ghorashal while two private sector barge-mounted power plants will go into operation in December.

A DESA official told this

correspondent yesterday that

starting at 7:11 Wednesday night power disruption continued in different parts of Dhaka till 12:30 am.

Mukuli Begum, AC Akram

From Page 1 against three -- AC Akram, Inspector Aminul Islam and SI Hayatul Islam.

The six-page charge sheet was submitted to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court at about 3 pm by the CID vesterday.

Of the 14, nine are now de-, tained in the Dhaka Central Jail. Five are absconding. They are SI Nurul Alam, SI Amir Ahmed and constables Mong She Oen, Abul Kalam and Zakir Hossain.

The CID was able to record judicial statements of only one of the accused -- constable Mir Faruk though they remanded eight of the arrested nine. Constable Kamrul Hasan was not placed on remand.

AC Akram was taken on a three-day remand during the investigation by the CID but interrogated for only six hours on the first day. Akram was then shifted to the prison wing of PG

Hospital without court's order. The charge sheet referred to as many as 62 witnesses while some 80 were questioned during the investigation apart from

the 14 accused. The witnesses include Rubel's parents, his three brothers and two sisters-inlaw. Besides, 17 of the 45 who were in the DB custody on July

23 were also listed as witnesses. Victim's father Abdur Rab lodged the murder case with Ramna thana on the day after the killing. He accused six DB policemen -- AC Akram. SI Hayatul Islam Thakur, ASI Abdul Karim, havilder Nuruzzaman and constables Ratul Parvej and Mir Faruk Hossain.

The CID was assigned to investigate into the case three days later.

The CID investigation revealed that Mukuli Begum, Rubel's neighbour and a local Awami League activist, had

Clinton From Page 1 In response to the appeal for

assistance to the flood victims, the United States is providing emergency food and medical supplies to both governmental and non-governmental organisations engaged in relief activi-ties, he added. Clinton also mentioned that he had asked the Office of For-

to expedite delivery of relief supplies. Senior OFDA staff had visited Dhaka recently to help coordinate relief operation and

eign Disaster Assistance OFDA

OFDA-chartered aircraft are bringing relief supplies. I am pleased that US military aircraft, participating in a previously-scheduled exercise. transported relief goods in cooperation with the Bangladeshi

Armed Forces," Clinton said. He also noted with satisfaction that US private sector, led by companies active in Bangladesh, responded to the government appeal for help.

enmity with the victim. The lady used her link with DB officer Akram, influenced him to arrest and torture the victim, the charge sheet said.

According to the CID findings. Mukuli wanted to see the lungi shop, set up "illegally" by Rubel's brother Jewel and his friend Asif just at the mouth of the alley leading to residences of both Rubel and Mukuli, shifted.

She also would not accept Rubel and his friends getting together near the shop. Mukuli Begum sought to punish Rubel and requested AC Akram Hossain to do the needful.

She gave the address of Rubel's residence in a piece of paper and sent it to AC Akram who then wrote down the location of a nearby coaching centre on the other side of the same paper to make it easier for his team members, the charge sheet

The assistant commissioner gave it to SI Hayatul Islam Thakur who led the team of five to pick Rubel from near the lungi shop at Siddheswari at about 4:30 pm on July 23. The other four were SI Hayatul, ASI Abdul Karim, havilder Nuruzzaman and constables Ratul Parvej and Mir Faruk. "The plainclothesmen

dragged Rubel inside their vehi-cle kicking and punching him indiscriminately Rubel was then taken to DB office at Malibagh where he was tortured." the charge sheet noted To stop being tortured at DB

office, Rubel made a statement that he had fire arms in his possession. He was brought back to Siddheswari, near his residence, to recover the arms that did not exist.

When they failed to recover any firearms, the policemen started torturing him again in public near the alley and also struck his head against a telephone wire pole.

Rubel suffered from a brain hemorrhage because of several cruel strikes against the pole, which eventually caused his death, the charge sheet said referring to the autopsy report.

During the episode in the

Siddheswari alley, the DB men also kicked him in different parts of his body, the charge sheet said and referred to medical reports that also found blood clot at the lower portion of Rubel's abdomen.

According to the charge sheet, SI Nurul Alam pushed the victim's sister-in-law (elder brother's wife) when she tried to save Rubel from brutal torture in public.

The DB men drove back to DB office while still punching and kicking a helpless Rubel. The victim was later taken to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he was declared dead, the IO told The Daily Star quoting from the charge sheet.

The IO, an assistant superintendent, however, could not specifically mention where Rubel died. The CID would also like war-

rants of arrest issued against those absconding and their properties attached, according to the charge sheet.

PM dispels fears From Page 1

all sections of the society have been included in the relief committees to ensure transparency in post flood rehabilitation activities, she pointed The Prime Minister said

that the army would assist the civil administration "whenever and wherever needed". The DCs have been authorised to seek support from the military in post-flood rehabilitation work. The administration has been asked to exercise utmost

caution to ensure smooth supply of food, carry out Food for Work and Test Relief programmes. VGF and VGD cards are also being distributed to create jobs, Hasina said. She warned against irregu-

larities in relief distribution and said punitive steps would be taken against wrongdoers. Hasina said some good lessons had been learnt from this year's flooding. "Instructions

have been given so that all government buildings at thana level are constructed on raised land so that these can be used as floods shelters." In every union, she said,

raised structures called a killas

would be constructed which

তিতাস গ্যাস-এর বিশেষ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

could be used as shelters for people and their cattle during "Bangladesh is a delta. It is a

creation of flooding. So we will have to learn to live with floods but make efforts to minimise the damages. She said that there was no

alternative to dredging as it

could help build high embankments along riverbanks, create new raised lands for habitation and make the rivers more navigable. On the diarrhoea situation, Hasina said 336 persons died

till yesterday. Some 3.22 lakh people have been affected by diarrhoea, most of whom have been treated. Replying to a question on the

1974 situation when food ships were reportedly diverted to other destinations, the prime minister said food grains shipments would be handled carefully and quickly.

Referring to labour resistance to construction of a private container terminal in Chittagong, she said a committee headed by the deputy minister for shipping was looking into it. "I am all for the construction of a private terminal even if the location has to be ad-

justed."

সম্মানিত গ্রাহকবৃন্দ সম্প্রতি সংঘটিত গ্যাস দূর্ঘটনার প্রতি দৃষ্টি আকর্ষণ করে এই জাতীয় দূর্ঘটনা প্রতিরোধের লক্ষ্যে গ্যাস সংযোগ সংক্রান্ত

नियमावनी यथायथजात भानन कतात कना कान्यानी भकनक पूनताय कन्ताय कानात्व । গ্যাস ব্যবহারের নিয়ম কানুন মেনে না চলা, অবৈধভাবে গ্যাস সংযোগ গ্রহণ, অবৈধভাবে গ্যাস লাইন সম্প্রসারণ, পরিবর্তন, যথায়থ সংযোগ সামধী ব্যবহার না করা, অদক্ষ ও অনভিজ্ঞ কর্মী দ্বারা গ্যাস লাইনের কাজ করা এবং সর্বোপরি

অবৈধ কার্যকলাপ ও গ্যাস লিক বা নির্গত গ্যাসের গন্ধ পাওয়ার পরও যথাসময়ে তিতাস গ্যাস কোম্পানীকে না জানানোর

জন্যই এই জাতীয় দুৰ্ঘটনা ঘটেছে। তিতাস গ্যাস কোম্পানী গ্যাসের সঠিক ব্যবহার নিশ্চিত করার জন্য সমানিত গ্রাহকবৃন্দকে বেতার, টেলিভিশন, পত্রিকা, প্রেক্ষাগৃহসহ বিভিন্ন গণমাধ্যমে বহুবার বিনীতভাবে অনুরোধ জানাচ্ছে। তা সত্ত্বেও দুঃখজনকভাবে কোন কোন গ্রাহক জ্ঞাতসারে গ্যাস লাইনে অবৈধ হস্তক্ষেপ ও ব্যবহার করছেন। যা মুহুর্তেই মারাত্মক দূর্ঘটনা ও জানমালের ক্ষতির কারণ হতে পারে।

সন্মানিত গ্রাহকবৃন্দ, গ্যাস ব্যবহারে একটু সচেতন, সাবধানী ও নিয়মানুগ হলেই সকল দুর্ঘটনা এড়ানো সম্ভব। ত াই, অবৈধভাবে গ্যাস লাইন সংযোগ, স্থাপন, সম্প্রসারণ ও পরিবর্তন করবেন না, অনভিজ্ঞ, পরিচয়পত্রহীন, লাইসেন্সবিহীন ও অননুমোদিত ঠিকাদার দ্বারা গ্যাস সংক্রান্ত কোন কাজ করাবেন

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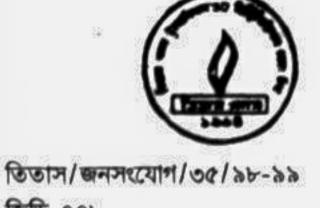
গ্যাস সংক্রান্ত বিষয়ে ব্যাংক ছাড়া ব্যক্তিগতভাবে কোন অর্থ লেনদেন করবেন না, জাতীয় স্বার্থে গ্যাসের অপচয় রোধ করুন এবং নিয়মিত গ্যাস বিল পরিশোধ করুন

গ্যাস সংক্রান্ত যে কোন জরুরি প্রয়োজনে যোগাযোগ করুনঃ

ঢাকা মেট্রো শহরে - জরুরি গ্যাস নিয়ন্ত্রণ কেন্দ্র,

৭, মতিঝিল বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, ঢাকা ফোনঃ ৯৫৬৩৬৬৭, ৯৫৬৩৬৬৮ (২৪ ঘন্টা) ৮১৯৩৭৯ (বেতার কেন্দ্র)

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the successful candidates.

23,781 were male and 13,409

were female. Of them, 5,312

passed in the first division,

26,031 in second division and

5.847 passed in the third divi-

under Comilla Board. She secured 935 marks. Nadira Rahman of Comilla Government Women's College and AMH Masum of Comilla Cadet College jointly secured the second position with 907 marks Tarana Aftab Solaiman of Ispahani Public School and College got the third position scoring 901 marks. M Khorshed Alam of Haji-

ganj Model College topped the combined merit list of Humanities Group of Comilla Board with 840 marks. Mir M Mukhlesur Rahman of Adhyapak Abdul Mazid College secured the first position in the combined merit list of the Commerce Group under the Board. Under Jessore Board, a total of 90,884 students appeared in

the examinations. Of them, 35,729 came out successful. They included 22509 male and 13220 female students. Of the successful candidates, 10,175 got first division, 22,906 second division and 2,648 third divi-M Hafiz-Al-Asad of Barisal

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bined merit list of the Science

Group under Jessore Board. He

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and Khan Mohammad Farhan

Ishita Rony of Amritlal Dey

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age of pass under this Board increased from last year's 38.38 to 51.41 this year. The pass percentage of Raishahi Board this year is 51.77 against the last year's 39.20. In Dhaka Board, the pass percent-

Chittagong Board is the only exception, recording a decline

Shahil of the of the same college bagged the second and third position respectively securing 925 and 924 marks.

College, Barisal secured the first position in the combined merit list of the Humanities

Board marked sharp rise compared to last year's. Comilla Board registered the highest increase. The percent-

age this year has been recorded at 44.62 per cent against last year's 35.78. In Jessore Board, the pass percentage this year is 39.31 compared to last year's 32.59.

by 7.36 points in the pass percentage compared to that of last year. The Board recorded a pass percentage of 39.13 this year against last year's 46.49.