

## RB merit list

Top ten from Science group under Rajshahi Board as reported by UNB are as follows:

1. Mohammad Golam Bhuiyan (945) Pabna Cadet College, Mustafah Intiaz Ahmed (945), Rangpur Zilla School.
2. Shamsuzzoha (938), Rangpur Zilla School, Md Faisal Bin (938), Pabna Cadet College.
3. Md Armanul Islam (935), Pabna Cadet College.
4. Md Raihan Masud (932), Pabna Cadet College.
5. Rizwan Arif (931), Rajshahi Cadet College, Md Jahid Hussain Masud (931), Mithapukur High School.
6. Mirza Md Lutful Habib (930), Rajshahi Cadet College.
7. Mohammad Habibur Rahman (929), Pabna Cadet College.
8. Md Shakil Adnan (928), Pabna Cadet College.
9. Md Ashraf Hossain Khan (928), Pabna Zilla School, Tarannum Shareen (928), Cantonment Public School and College, Bogra.
10. Md Fazole Rabbi (927), Rajshahi Cadet College.

### Humanities Group

1. Md Moshul Alam (878) Pabna Cadet College.
2. Kafia Sultana (875), Cant. Public School & College, Bogra.
3. Abdullah-Al-Imran (864), Pabna Cadet College.
4. Sharmin Akter (853), Cant. Public School & College, Bogra.
5. Md Hasan Arafat (849), Rajshahi Cadet College.
6. Md A Khaleque (847), Chachafata Madia Jukta High School.
7. Md Mubashshirul Ibad (843) Pabna Cadet College.
8. Shuvo Islam (842), Rangpur Cadet College.
9. Md Mehadi Hasan-Bin-Ghani (841), Pabna Cadet College.
10. Mst Anjuman Ara (838), Gopalpur High School and Nur Muhammad Zakirul Islam (838), Rangpur Cadet College.

## JB merit list

Top ten of the SSC candidates from Science and General Science Group under Jessore Board as reported by UNB are as follows:

1. Shuvendu Biswas (928), Daud Public School Jessore
2. K M Sazzad (923), Daud Public School Jessore
3. Md Al-Amin Baksh (921), Barisal Cadet College, Debasis Roy (921), Ikhril Katenga Fazlul Huq Secondary School, Khulna
4. A S M Maruf Siddique (916), Jhikargachha ML Secondary School, Jessore
5. S M Faisal (915), Barisal Cadet College, Md Rasheduzzaman Khan (915), Barisal Cadet College
6. Mithoon Chakraborty (914), Barisal Zilla School, Sauvik Podder (914), Kushiya Zilla School
7. Mahfuza (913), Barisal Govt Girls' High School, Mohammad Rakibul Ahsan (913), Barisal Cadet College, Rezaul Islam (913), Barisal Cadet College, Arman Nur Meraz (913), Barisal Cadet College, Nazmul Islam (913), Dhamurhuda Secondary School, Barisal, Atiqur Rahman (913), Jhenidah Cadet College
8. Imamul Hossain (912), Jhenidah Cadet College, Md Rokibul Islam (912), Magura Govt High School
9. Prodig Kumar Devnath (910), Keshabpur Secondary School, Jessore, Abul Fayez Chowdhury (910), Jhenidah Cadet College, and
10. Mirazur Rahman (909), Barisal Cadet College.

### Humanities Group

1. Saimum Amin Chowdhury (871), Barisal Cadet College
2. Fatima Afrin (849), Pirojpur Govt Girls' School
3. Nilufar Yasmin (844), Salimnussa Secondary Girls School, Jhenidah
4. Md Abu Zubayer (831), Barisal Cadet College, Farjana Yesmin (831), Kanchannagar Secondary School Jhenidah
5. Sadia Afroz (830), Govt Coronation Secondary Girls School, Khulna
6. Hamida Hanan Hira (828), Mirpur Govt Secondary Girls School Kushiya
7. Suchitra Rani Biswas (817), Shahkupa Pilot Girls High School, Jhenidah, Md Kamrujjaman (817), Harnakundu Priyone High School, Jhenidah
8. Taiser Farjana (813), Kushiya Govt Secondary Girls School, Kushiya
9. Md Kaium Hossain (811), Jhenidah Cadet College, and
10. Sayma M Akter (809), Barisal Govt Girls High School.

### Business Studies Group

1. Devbrota Biswas (859), Panchbaria Panchkathia Secondary School, Jessore.
2. Nihar Ranjan Mandal (841), Patuakhali Govt Jubilee High School, Patuakhali
3. Md Shariful Alam (839), Burujagan Secondary School, Jessore.
4. M Syful Islam Biswas (831), Khulna Zilla School.
5. Md Hasibul Alam (823), Kathlagari Secondary School, Jhenidah.
6. Mrityunjay Bose (820), Batiaghata HQ Secondary School, Khulna.
7. Md Jewel Ahmed (817), BK Secondary School, Barisal
8. Md Mashiar Rahman (816), Burujagan Secondary School, Jessore.
9. Md Mosharof Hossain (814), Kumarkhali MN Secondary School, Kushiya and
10. Pranab Kumar (812), Agarpur Altaf Memorial Secondary School, Barisal.

## Beyond the boundary

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planned, meant that the South Africans were well on the way towards vindicating their decision to field.

It was left initially to Adam Gilchrist and Ricky Ponting, who blazed their way to a quick cameo partnership. The Aussies were not taking this South African ploy lying down. Ponting carried on shooting from the hip after Gilchrist was tamed. Suddenly, Steve Waugh found himself in familiar terrain, rocky and hard and fraught with danger. Herschelle Gibbs and his compatriots were not inclined to drop any in this match. The fielding as usual was above par. Runs dried up in the middle overs completely, the Aussies being more intent to consolidate and prolong their partnerships.

Allan Donald and Shaun Pollock mesmerised the opposition with four and five wickets apiece, but could not deny Steve Waugh from piling up another fifty, in his inimitable impassive manner. The captain never flinched and held the South Africans at bay for an inordinate period of time. The breathing time that Australia got as a result, enabled Michael Bevan to purchase 65 of the most priceless runs he was ever likely to get, from this hyped up bowling attack. Australia managed to get past 200, but that was never likely to pose a threat, or was it?

South Africa got off to a flyer, and it appeared that the Australian bowling was not adequate enough to stop the bleeding, the runs were coming so freely at the time. Time for drastic action. Enter Shane Warne into the fray, and the match was never the same again. Warne is a man for the big occasion; he had been out of sorts in this competition, but here was the maestro, the virtuoso performer, the sorcerer and the conjurer, all rolled into one. Three wickets in as many overs meant that Warne had ripped the innards out of the South African batting order. The team that was fairly coasting along, suddenly needed to reappraise the situation. The run rate which was until then comfortably within reach, now acquired daunting proportions.

It needed a high quality partnership between Kallis and Rhodes to pull their side back into the game. But time was fast running out. The unequal battle between the temporal and the material, meant that this pair needed to do something out of

the ordinary. Rhodes made his move first, he was caught in the open spaces and the Australians scented the prey again, just when it looked it had sped away from them. The overs raced away, the runs came at a trickle, and what was worse, the wickets kept falling. Kallis had his finger in the dyke for as long as he could, but even he could not prevent the sudden onrush of adrenaline from the Aussies. All the while Steve Waugh, coolly and calmly kept on chewing gum.

Mind won over matter, as he made every bowling change count. Leadership of the highest order ensured the Aussies did not panic, even when Lance Klusener strode to the crease and laid bat to every ball he faced. He scored 31 off 16 deliveries and brought time to a standstill by tying the scores with still four balls remaining. In one of the classic flick-knife ironies of the game, Allan Donald, who should have been one of the heroes of the match had South Africa got the single most important run in the history of their game, emerged tragically as the villain. With the scores tied, he survived one run out chance, then failed to reach the other end where lay all the pots and pans of the rainbow. The dream remained as elusive as ever; South Africa were, again, so near, yet remained as far as when they started this competition.

The match itself rose to heights hitherto unseen in this World Cup. Australia vindicated itself after a hesitant start. They gathered momentum all the way and at Headingley swept away all pretensions of a worthy opponent, but who were still, nevertheless, pretenders to a status that is not easily awarded. The Australians had earned their position as the best team in the world the hard way; they were not ready to hand it over. Once again, the South Africans reran the 1996 campaign, where they collapsed just when they were ready to reach for the stars. Here, they had planned and plotted, almost successfully, but perhaps not quite taking into consideration that innovations and ingenuity on the field are still the life blood of this game.

The Australians proved once again to whoever wished to listen, that cricket, glorious cricket, is what they specialise in. Anytime, any place, where Australians may be found playing.

## Australia in final

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leg spinner Warne - he took three top-order wickets in eight balls without conceding a run and ended with four for 29 - set up a drama-packed conclusion as the advantage fluctuated from one side to the other.

South Africa needed 70 off the last 10 overs with six wickets remaining and 38 off five with four left.

With 12 balls remaining, 18 were needed. Mark Boucher was then bowled middle stump by Glenn McGrath.

Klusener, the biggest hitter in the World Cup, was South Africa's only chance, but he lost another partner as Steve Elworthy was run out from a laser throw from Paul Reiffel.

With 16 needed off eight, Klusener then smashed a ball right at Reiffel at long off. He got both hands to the ball but succeeded only in palming the ball over the rope for six.

Klusener kept the strike, with nine needed to win off six balls and with Damien Fleming handed the responsibility.

The first ball was smashed through cover for four and the next to the extra cover fence. But, with three balls left, Klusener set off after hitting the ball to mid on. Donald, however, refused to budge, allowing the Australians to run him out with ease.

Pakistan beat New Zealand in the first semi-final on Wednesday.

For Hansie Cronje, Thursday completed a hat-trick of nightmares.

He had been in the South African side which lost a 1992 semi-final against England as well as in the highly-fancied side which crashed to the West Indies in the quarter-finals in 1996.

South Africa have never made a World Cup final. Australia won the trophy in 1987 and also made the 1975 and 1996 finals.

The game, a rematch after the two met in the last game of the second round, was as exciting.

South Africa seemed to be cruising towards their winning target of 214, reaching 48 without loss before Warne came on for the 11th over.

His eighth ball was a classic, pitching outside Herschelle Gibbs' leg stump and spinning more than a foot to clip the off stump.

The delivery was a replica of Warne's 1993 delivery which bowled Mike Gatting in the Ashes series and became known as 'The Ball of the Century'.

He then bowled Gary Kirsten, the left-hand swingling wildly across the line, before South African skipper Hansie Cronje was controversially given out, caught at slip, off his second ball.

Television replays suggested the ball had come off his boot.

Jacques Kallis and Jonty



## Ahsanul thinks present system of examination needs change

By Staff Correspondent

Ahsanul Karim of Mirzapur Cadet College stood second in the merit list from Science Group under Dhaka Board with 953 marks.

Ahsanul is the second son of Mohammad Abdul Baki Mia, a chemical engineer and Monwar Begum an official of T&T Board.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, he said that he had expected such a result as he worked hard for it. He however said that he had expected to top the merit list.

When asked, Ahsanul said all students should be aware of the bad impact of student politics. "I do not want active involvement of a student with the current type of student politics due to its negative impact on studies."

He held both the political parties and involved students responsible for campus terrorism.

Ahsan spent at least four or five hours everyday on his study and said regular attentive study helped him to succeed.

He said the present examination system is rather faulty and it should be changed immediately to evaluate genuine merit of students.

## Saimum wants to be an army officer

By Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, June 17: Saimum Amin Chowdhury of Barisal Cadet College stood first in the SSC examination from Humanities group under Jessore Board.

He obtained 871 marks with distinctions in Mathematics, Islamiat, Geography, History, Economics and Engineering Drawing (ED).

Saimum from Khulna is the son of late Ruhul Amin Chowdhury who was a subregistrar but he wants to be an army officer in future.

Rhodes later resuscitated the innings with an 84-run stand. It all proved in vain, however.

South Africa had looked in total control at the start of the day as Pollock and Allan Donald, exploiting the early morning cloud cover, tore through the Australians.

Pollock, who ended with five for 36, removed Mark Waugh in the first over of the game, the ball lifting and cutting in, brushing the right-hander's glove on the way to the wicket-keeper.

Ricky Ponting, however, put on 51 with Adam Gilchrist before Australia were hit with a new crisis.

Three wickets fell for 14 runs, Donald taking two in his opening over. His first ball was driven tamely to cover by Ponting (37) and Darren Lehmann, fencing, edged the sixth behind.

Steve Waugh (56) and Michael Bevan (65) fought back with a 90-run partnership.

But Pollock returned to remove Waugh, glancing behind, and all-rounder Tom Moody, leg before, for a duck within four balls.

The last four wickets fell for six runs in nine balls, Donald taking two in the 49th over.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of South Africa's innings in the World Cup semi-final against Australia at Edgbaston yesterday:

SOUTH AFRICA:				
G Kirsten b Warne	18			
H Gibbs b Warne	30			
D Cullinan run out	6			
H Cronje c M. Waugh b Warne	0			
J Kallis c S. Waugh b Warne	53			
J Rhodes c Bevan b Reiffel	43			
S Pollock b Fleming	20			
L Klusener not out	31			
M Boucher b McGrath	5			
S Elworthy run out	1			
ADonnan run out	0			
Extras (lb, w)	6			
Total (49.4 overs)	213			
Fall of wickets: 1-48, 2-53, 3-53, 4-61, 5-145, 6-175, 7-183, 8-196, 9-198				

Bowling:				
McGrath	10	0	51	1
Fleming	8.4	1	40	1
Reiffel	8	0	28	1
Warne	10	4	29	4
M Waugh	8	0	37	0
Moody	5	0	27	0

Match tied, Australia enter final due to a higher position in the Super Six league table.

## Kashmir dispute

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Dhaka-Agartala will only come up after examining the outcome of the Dhaka-Calcutta bus service.

He said a plan has been taken to re-establish rail links between Benapole of Bangladesh and Petrapole on the Indian side and also to restore all the disrupted rail links that existed between the two countries, earlier.

Asked if passenger movement between the two countries will be allowed by restoring rail links, he said, "We will cross the bridge when it comes."

Sami gave the detailed itinerary of the visiting Indian premier - Vajpayee. The Indian PM will arrive on Saturday at 10.45 is and leaves the next day at noon. India's External Affairs' Minister Jaswant Singh is among others who will accompany Vajpayee.

The chief minister of West Bengal state of India, Jyoti Basu, will arrive by air today afternoon to be present at the formal inauguration of the bus link by the prime ministers of Bangladesh and India on Saturday. Basu will have a leisurely programme in Bangladesh, the foreign secretary said.

India's minister for railways and surface transport Nitish Kumar will cross the Indo-Bangladesh border at Benapole in the bus along with some other dignitaries. The minister will later fly to Dhaka by helicopter. A number of ministers of the West Bengal government including Transport Minister Subash Chowdhury, and some renowned persons like economist Amlan Dutta will come by bus.

Asked why all the VIPs are coming by air and not by bus, and if bus service was for the poor people, the foreign secretary replied, smilingly, "Is not bus travel for the poor, generally?"

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## Toxic food import

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Health (IPH) Mostafizur Rahman said, "No, I have not yet received any instruction from the ministry."

According to media reports, Belgian government has withdrawn and destroyed huge quantities of chicken, pork and beef meat, dairy products like milk, butter, cheese, eggs as well as baked food after samples tested in laboratories were found contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) and dioxin.

The contamination was caused by addition of contaminated fat in animal feed sold in Belgium since the beginning of the year. Some of the feed found their way into France and the Netherlands, also contaminating the livestock in the two countries, the reports said.

At a June 9 hearing in Brussels, two Belgian health officials said that 2 to 4 kg of a mixture of PCB and dioxin (most likely Aroclor 1260 technical PCB mixture, once used as a transformer oil) was mixed with a 80,000 kg consignment of animal fat. This fat was then mixed with 1.4 million kg of animal feed. The toxic substance entered the food chain through chicken, dairy, and pig farms.

Laboratory tests in Belgium found 775 to 958 parts per trillion (ppt) of toxic dioxin in chicken fat. Egg samples were also found highly contaminated.

The US, Environmental Protection Agency allows no more than 1 ppt of dioxin in chicken and Belgium considers over 5 ppt dangerous.

Adding animal fat to livestock feed is a common practice in both Europe and the US.

Dioxins are produced mainly through incineration (high temperature burning of plastic materials) and by chemical and pharmaceutical industries. Although there are 210 different dioxins and similar molecules called furans, only about 17 are toxic.

They have a wide range of toxic effects and are carcinogenic (that causes cancer). They can affect the reproductive and immune system," Ruth Stringer, a Senior Research Chemist at the Greenpeace Research Laboratories at Exeter University in England told The Daily Star through an e-mail.

The chemicals, produced during incineration, get mixed with air and soil.

Those are absorbed through the skin or consumed through food. Once in the body system, those can damage cells and increase the risk of cancer, Stringer said.

Investments in the projects registered with the Board of Investment in one year will amount to Tk 19023 crore and generate 273,115 jobs, reports UNB.

This was revealed at a BOI meeting held yesterday with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair for a review of the investment scenario.

A total of 1895 investment proposals were registered with BOI between May 1, 1998 and May 31, 1999, including 179 foreign ones with an intended investment of Tk 13007 crore.

The Prime Minister directed the Board of Investment to make the one-stop service more effective and meaningful so that the investors do not face any problem and feel encouraged in investing their capital here.

In the current financial year (1998-99), the BOI has approved 18 proposals of foreign firms involving 404.316 million US dollars, the meeting was told.

During the tenure of the present government 4127 proposals have been registered with the BOI, through which Tk 21662 crore will be invested in the country and 538383 people will get job.

Some 425 foreign firms registered with the BOI with an aggregate investment offer of Tk 28873 crore that will create employment for 94074 people.

Under these proposals, 692 million US dollar will be invested in the power sector in five projects, 765 million in telecommunications sector in three projects, 473 million US dollar in oil and gas sector in two projects and 229 million US dollar in 12 projects in cement industry.

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## Growth rate

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was not reflected in the proposed budget.

"The growth in export earnings declined to one per cent from more than 12 per cent in the previous year, but the government did not express any concern over the matter."

"If this declining trend in export continues in future, we can forecast a massive disaster in the country's economy," Sen said.

Atiqur Rahman called for a total change in the budget making process. The demand of the time is that national budget of a country should have more participation of the people, he said.

Abdul Awal Mintoo observed that with 2.2 per cent population growth, the economy needs a sustainable growth rate of at least 8 to 10 per cent.

"Every body speaks of cheap labour force in the country but what is the use if it is unproductive?" he asked.

Quazi Shahabuddin said, according to available information the Boro production crossed nine million tons this year.

Omar Haider Chowdhury in his keynote paper - A review of budget 1999-2000, implications for the development policy - analysed the salient features of budgets presented in the nineties.