

DC-10 lifted on trailers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Eight days after the crash-landing of Biman's DC-10 aircraft, salvage workers yesterday succeeded in lifting the damaged aircraft onto three trailers for dragging away from the runway of Shah Amanat International Airport in Chittagong.

The salvage team dismantled the four remaining landing gears of the plane before placing the third trailer beneath it.

The aircraft would be dragged
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GPA-5 galore on new system

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The introduction of the new system of calculating marks last year has been put down by teachers to students scoring the higher number of grade point average (GPA) 5 this year.

As many as 17,276 examinees in Secondary School Certificate (SSC), Dakhil and SSC (Vocational) examinations have scored the GPA 5 this year-- which is a record-- compared
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409 institutions go blank

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Not a single candidate from 409 schools and madrasas across the country came out successful in this year's SSC and Dakhil examinations.

The number of educational institutions from which none passed the SSC, SSC (Vocational) or Dakhil examinations last year was 567, while in 2003 it was 642.

According to the education ministry sources, the educational
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Better SSC result, 48pc still fails

Record 17,276 score GPA-5

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As many as 52.57 out of every 100 candidates on average have achieved secondary schooling certificate this year against 50.27 percent and 36.81 percent in 2004 and 2003.

A record number of 17,276 examinees in Secondary School Certificate (SSC), Dakhil and SSC (Vocational) examinations have

scored the highest grade point average (GPA) 5 this year compared to 9,886 last year and 1,392 in 2003.

The letter-grading system was introduced in the SSC-level public examinations in 2002 when only 330 examinees secured GPA-5.

Viqarunnisa Noon School fetched the highest number of 464 GPA-5s, followed by Ideal School and College finished with 452.
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Result 2005

Board	Pass percentage
Jessore	69.19
Chittagong	60.92
Comilla	55.89
Dhaka	52.85
Sylhet	48.47
Barisal	43.41
Rajshahi	43.13
Country	52.57



Students of Viqarunnisa Noon School burst into triumph, flashing victory signs on the school campus in the city yesterday, at the news of winning the highest number of GPA-5s in this year's SSC examinations.

Bangladeshi Shahara a face of London's lost

AFP, London

Pretty, London born and bred, and Muslim: 20-year-old Shahara Islam has become the face of London's lost.

At least 50 people were killed and 700 injured in Thursday's bomb attacks on London transport, and Islam's family is desperate to know if she was one of them.

The devout Muslim, whose beaming face adorns the front pages of Britain's national newspapers, took the underground railway to her job in a central London bank as usual on Thursday morning.

She never made it, and nobody has seen or heard from her since.
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Hunt on for London bombers

Homemade devices used in blasts; third Qaeda-linked claim made; move to limit backlash against Muslims

AGENCIES, London

Investigators hunted yesterday for the suspected al-Qaeda bombers who killed more than 50 people on London underground trains and a bus as an Islamist group made a new claim of responsibility for the attacks, heightening British Muslims' fears of possible backlash.

Flowers, notes and appeals for information about missing relatives

piled up outside King's Cross station, where bodies were still trapped deep underground. More than 25 people, of many nationalities and religions, were still unaccounted for.

Police said 50 people were confirmed dead in London, but emergency staff were still trying to retrieve bodies in one of the subway system's deepest tunnels two days after the blasts.

So far no victims have been

formally identified-- and police warn that the process, which began yesterday, could take weeks to complete.

The British government says the attacks bear the hallmarks of Osama bin Laden's Islamic militant al-Qaeda network, which was behind the September 11, 2001 attacks on New York and Washington.

The three bombs on under
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Interest yield curve swings up

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

Private commercial banks (PCBs) of the country have stepped up their interest rates on both lending and deposit following a recent central bank directive made on an IMF prescription, in line with the global high interest-rate regime.

Last month 18 local PCBs bumped up their lending rates by 0.25 to 3.5 percentage points, with the highest rate standing at 18.5 percent for consumer's credit.

Interest rates on term loan, working capital and trade finance have gone up by 0.5 to 1.5 percentage points. The rates now range between 11 and 14.5 percent on term loan and working capital. It stands at 15.5 percent, the second highest in lending, in case of trade finance.

However, a section of private bank officials told The Daily Star they have given loans to 'good' borrowers at single-digit rate of interest.

In case of various types of deposit, 33 PCBs including the local and foreign ones have increased their interest rates by 0.15 to 2.75 percentage points. The highest rate on deposit is now 11.25 percent.

The nationalised commercial banks, on the other hand, have not opted for the hike and kept their interest rates between 9 and 12.5 percent.

"We have increased the interest rates by 0.5 to 1 percentage point, but only in case of new loans. The increased rates are not applicable to old loans," said Pubali Bank Managing Director Khandoker

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MEGHNAGHAT-2 POWER PLANT Disqualified bidder on priority list

SHARIEF KHAN

The disqualified bid of UAE-based Belhassa and Bangladesh Orion Power for the 450 megawatt Meghnaghat 2 power project is high on the priority list for approval by the cabinet's purchase committee this week.

On June 26, the cabinet committee on economic affairs approved the bid which is backed by a strong ruling alliance lobby. The same group was awarded the massive Jatrabari-Gulistan flyover project with a lot of favourable terms last month.

Both the purchase committee and economic affairs committee are headed by Finance Minister M

Saifur Rahman.

Sources said the Meghnaghat 2 project proposal was scheduled to be tabled at the purchase committee meeting today but the meeting may be rescheduled as the finance minister fell ill last week. They pointed out however the minister returned home from hospital on Friday, and there is also a chance that the meeting will be held as scheduled.

The purchase committee in March rejected approval of this project because Orion-Belhassa had changed the lead sponsor of their bid twice to qualify in the bid. They did it while the negotiations were going on. The Power Development Board (PDB) mysteriously did not

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