

Landslide death toll rises to 106

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Rescuers yesterday dragged 20 more bodies from the ruins left by Monday's devastating landslides in Chittagong, pushing the death toll to 106.

Earlier, the joint forces teamed up with the firefights recovered 86 bodies till Tuesday night from different areas across the port city.

Of those recovered yesterday, 18 were from Lebu Bagan, and two from Kaichyagona.

As of last night, 56 people were

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Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed visits an affected area in Chittagong yesterday. Death toll from mudslide in the area rose to 106.

CA warns against illegal hill cutting

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Chief Adviser (CA) Fakhruddin Ahmed yesterday sounded a strong warning against illegal hill cutting in the port city and said persons involved in such an act would be punished.

He gave the warning while

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Hasina got Tk 1cr in MiG-29 deal

Businessman Noor Ali claims he also gave 3 flats to Sheikh Hasina

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Businessman Noor Ali is claimed to have admitted to the joint forces that he gave Tk 1 crore to Awami League (AL) chief and the then prime minister Sheikh Hasina, and three flats to her cousin Sheikh Helal out of the \$ 4 million commission he received from MiG-29 purchase for Bangladesh Air Force during the AL rule.

Besides, he gifted Hasina's son Sajeeb Wajed Joy half of a floor at

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HILL CUTTING IN COX'S BAZAR Over 100 houses buried under mud

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land by bulldozer for making houses for the officials of deputy commissioner's (DC) office ignoring the protest from the environmentalists. The government finally cancelled the project.

Several hundred people of the area were forced to leave their houses following the mudslide triggered by the onrush of rainwater flowing down the hill, which had been continuing.

"We tried a lot but could not resist the mud," Nomanul Haq

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Number of GPA-5 holders up by 7pc

DAILY DINKAL

Khaleda, Tarique, 12 others sued for non-submission of service return

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Immediate past prime minister Khaleda Zia, her elder son Tarique Rahman and 12 other BNP leaders, who were directors of Daily Dinkal Limited, were yesterday sued for not submitting service return of the daily for the last several years.

Abdul Mannan, deputy registrar (current charge) of the Joint Stock Companies, filed the case under section 36(5) of the Companies Act 1994 with the Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Dhaka.

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GPA-5

Viqarunnisa, Ideal, Monipur school on top

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Viqarunnisa Noon School and College, Ideal School and College and Monipur High School came out first, second and third respectively in terms of securing the highest number of GPA-5 in this year's Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination under Dhaka Education Board.

Other top institutes include Rajuk Uttara Model School and College, Motijheel Model High School, Dhaka Residential Model College, Mohammadpur, Government Laboratory High

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PHOTO: STAR

Students of Viqarunnisa Noon School and College in the capital burst into jubilation flashing victory signs on the campus yesterday as their school has the highest number of GPA-5 scorers in the SSC examination this year.

57pc pass in SSC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pass rate in this year's Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination has declined to 57.37 percent from last year's 59.04 percent but more students secured GPA-5.

A total of 25,732 students under seven education boards received the highest score of GPA-5 (Grade Point Average) this year – up from 24,384 students last year.

Average pass rate of SSC, SSC (Vocational) and Dakkhil examinations under nine education boards including Madrasah Board and Technical Education Board also declined to 58.36 percent against 62.22 percent last year.

However, more examinees from Dhaka Board, 6,910 from Rajshahi Board, 2,387 from Comilla Board, 2,329 from Jessore Board,

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SSC Results 2007

Boards	Pass Percentage 2007	Pass Percentage 2006	GPA-5 2007	GPA-5 2006
Dhaka	60.81	61.35	9439	8348
Rajshahi	59.18	60.71	6910	6571
Comilla	46.83	63.45	2387	2621
Jessore	60.87	48.10	2329	2013
Chittagong	57.94	63.87	3313	3725
Barisal	50.67	59.30	641	721
Sylhet	47.27	56.52	713	385
Grand Total	57.37	59.04	25732	24384

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Babar talks about illegal VoIP network

Sons of Khaleda, Saifur, SQ Chy, Nasim were involved

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Most of the ministers' sons used to run illegal Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) business and make a profit of up to Tk 5 crore a month during the BNP-led alliance rule.

Of them, former finance minister M Saifur Rahman's son Babu and daughter both were involved in the lucrative but unlicensed Internet telephony services that deprived the government of up to Tk 3,000 crore in revenue each month.

Lutfuzzaman Babar, ex-state minister for home, has recently given away the information about the high-profile VoIP syndicate to the Task Force for Interrogation

(TFI).

The names he mentioned under interrogation include Tarique Rahman and Arifat Rahman, Giasuddin Al Mamun, owner of Daffodil Computers Sabur Khan and sons of Salauddin Quader Chowdhury and AL leader and former telecoms minister Mohammad Nasim.

Sources close to the interrogators quoting Babar also said that former premier Khaleda Zia's nephew Shahrin Islam Tuhin would control the entire business through Sabur Khan.

The VoIP rackets used to operate

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Private credit dips BB asks banks to improve situation

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The Bangladesh Bank (BB) yesterday asked all commercial banks to increase credit flow as growth in private sector credit shrank by 3.33 percentage points during the first four months of this calendar year.

According to the central bank, private sector credit growth was 2.75 percent during January-April period of this year compared to 6.08 percent during the same period of the previous year.

The law enforcers' recent drive in different financial institutions and bankers' carelessness in disbursing new loans are two main reasons behind this slow pace in credit flow, BB Governor Salehuddin Ahmed told reporters yesterday after a meeting with the chief executives of all the private commercial banks.

In the meeting, the governor discussed ways to achieve the goals announced in the proposed budget with the chief executives.

The top bank officials told the governor that they often face embarrassing situation, as the law enforcers demand various information from the banks frequently without showing any valid document.

They alleged that though the government asked the law enforcers not to harass the bankers, they (law enforcers) are visiting different banks often in the name of enquiry.

The bankers viewed that the law enforcers should come through proper channels like the central

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