Tarique still waiting for govt nod

FROM PAGE 1 Tarique's leaving the country as he has obtained bail in all cases filed against him. But the government is unwilling to send Tarique away without imposing any restrictions on him whatsoever and that is the

He said restrictions might be imposed on Tarique under certain provisions of the Emergency Power Rules (EPR).

main reason behind the delay, the

source added.

Hearing the news that Tarique would leave the country, BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain went to the BSMMU at 7:00pm to bid Tarique farewell.

Earlier, wife of Tarique's maternal uncle Sayeed Iskander and Tarique's physician Dr Idris Ali went to see him.

Coming out of Tarique's cabin, Idris Ali told reporters that the BNP leader would leave the country at night for London via Singapore and get admitted to a London hospital by Friday.

Several thousand supporters also thronged the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) Hospital. They brought bouquets to bid their leader farewell and waited in front of the Dblock chanting slogans and singing

An ambulance of Naz-e-Noor Hospital was also brought to the entrance of D-block to carry Tarique to Zia International Airport

Additional police were deployed at the BSMMU and ZIA to beef up

Speculations over Tarique's leaving for the ZIA arose as his wife Zubaida Rahman went to the hospital at 9:30pm.

Advocate Shimul Biswas told reporters that Tarique could not go

victim fell down and died on the

and Warning Centre (FFWC), flood

situation of northern districts

continued to improve and has

started getting better slowly in

central and south central districts

and is expected for significant

adds: Flood situation has improved

in Sirajganj as the floodwater has

300 people of different flood-

affected areas have been affected

by diarrhoea, pneumonia and

dysentery. They were admitted to

different hospitals and health

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ing untold sufferings to them. They

are leading their days with great

inadequate supply of relief materi-

als has left many people to live in

subhuman conditions.

Flood victims alleged that the

Our Tangail correspondent dangerlevelyesterday.

Besides, flood has rendered a

Our Sirajganj correspondent

Hospital sources said around

improvement by next 48 hours.

continued to recede.

complexes.

According to Flood Forecasting

abroad yesterday because of influ-.ences from an "unseen" quarter.

Advocate Aazam Khan said, "All preparations were made to send Tarique abroad -- a ticket of Singapore Airlines was purchased, the home ministry and the Supreme Court were informed. But Tarique could not leave because of the government's prevention at the

"Our all-out and peaceful attempts will continue to send Tarique abroad for treatment in the next available flight," Aazam said, adding, "We have booked tickets of the British Airways and the Emirates.

Tarique is a leading accused in corruption cases. He was released on bail on September 3 after 18 months of highly publicised imprisonment on various graft and extortion charges.

Earlier, Tarique obtained a UK visa of five years' validity on September 8 and a German visa yesterday, valid for 90 days, indicating that he may fly to Germany

He had applied for the German visa on Tuesday, but because it takes at least a week to issue a Schengen visa to visit Europe, the German Embassy issued him a German national visa under special consideration.

Tarique's wife Zubaida, daughter Zaima Rahman, and Tarique's physician Dr Kazi Mazharul Islam Dolon will be accompanying Tarique. His wife and daughter were also given UK visas for five years while his physician obtained a visa for six months.

Tarique's lawyers met home ministry officials informally on Tuesday to confirm that there is no

reports: Although the overall flood

situation has been improving and

floodwater retreating in the last

two days, a big crack has developed

on Pingna-Jokarchar flood control

(WDB) workers are dumping sand-

engineer of Tangail WDB, told The

Daily Star that the crack developed

on the embankment in Baghbari

area at Bhuapur upazila three days

ago due to the strong current of the

tracks of farmlands under

Bhuapur, Kalihati, Ghatail and

Basail upazilas in the district may

go under water if the embankment

Manikganj adds: The overall flood

situation in all the seven upazilas in

water of the Jamuna decreased at

Aricha point in the last 24 hours

Our correspondent from

FFWC office sources said 8cm

collapses, he added.

Manikgani has improved.

Around 7 lakh of people and vast

bags to save the embankment.

Water Development Board

embankment at Bhuapur upazila.

problem regarding Tarique's leaving the country for treatment. The

achievers with 2,886 students 2.333 male and 553 female -- having obtained the highest grade. The number of GPA 5 holders Flood still alarming under the board rose three times on

the previous year's 930. A total of 507 madrasas have obtained cent percent pass rate. The number of colleges having cent percent pass rate this year stands at

home ministry confirmed that

there is no bar from the govern-

numerous offers from his loyalists,

well-wishers and BNP units from

across the world including the UK,

Germany and the United States--

who have offered to help him with

editor-in-chief of the weekly

Janomot and the Curry Life

Magazine in London, told The

Daily.Star last night over telephone

that the UK chapter of BNP has

made all preparations for Tarique's

treatment at any specialised hospi-

BNP UK chapter, he said the party

leaders there have spoken to sev-

eral consultants and neurologists

in London and Tarique would be

admitted to whichever private

Startling 82pc

Madrasa Board this year, 50,882

including 18,146 female students

female students are 83.32 and 80.88

most successful among the nine

education boards in the last three

74.31 pass rate while the overall pass

rate of nine boards was 65.60 per-

cent. The board's pass rate was

75.23 against the overall pass rate of

secured the second position among

the nine boards in terms of GPA 5

This year, the Madrasa Board has

Last year, the board secured a

The pass rates for male and

The Madrasa Board has been the

hospital they suggest.

percents respectively.

65.65 percent in 2006.

years in terms of pass rate.

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Quoting the president of the

Meanwhile, Syed Nahas Pasha,

treatment in those countries.

Sources said Tarique has

ment over the matter.

Last year, the number of madrasas with cent percent pass rate stood at 356. However, all students passed in only 40 colleges under the seven education boards

Shajahan Siraj, sub-divisional last year. A total of 146 students under the Madrasa Board were expelled under the board while 203 students under the Technical Education Board were expelled this year.

Meanwhile, the Technical Education Board has witnessed a sharp increase in pass percentage, which stood at 81.27 earning it the third position among the nine boards. Last year, the board secured pass percentage of 68.13. Out of 54,518 examinees under

the board, 44,306 including 27,974 male and 16,332 female have passed.

This year 51 students -- 29 female and 22 male -- have achieved GPA 5 while only five students obtained and was flowing 12cm above the | the highest grade point under the board last year.

Khaleda set to be freed

NEWS

her tomorrow as early as possible," Siddique added.

Leaders of BNP and its allies were busy through the day yesterday planning a grand reception for Khaleda who will be walking out of jail a year and eight days into her arrest from her Dhaka Cantonment house on graft charges.

Although the Anti-corruption Commission (ACC), which filed the four graft cases against Khaleda, also filed separate petitions seeking stay of the bail orders, those will not be an impediment to her release as hearings of the petitions will not be held before September 15, according to Khaleda's lawyers.

The ACC yesterday filed two separate petitions with the Supreme Court (SC) seeking stay of the High Court (HC) orders granting Khaleda bail in Gatco and Niko cases, a day after filing separate similar petitions seeking stay of the HC orders granting her bail in Zia Orphanage Trust and Barapukuria coalmine cases.

"The HC bail orders will remain valid until adjudication of the ACC petitions in the Appellate Division," Khaleda's counsel Barrister Rafiqueul Huq told The Daily Star.

The joint forces arrested Khaleda and her son Arafat Rahman Koko in the morning of September 3 from their Shaheed Moinul Road residence in Dhaka Cantonment on graft charges, and a Dhaka court sent her to a sub-jail a couple of hours later.

All legal impediments to Khaleda's release were removed with the HC granting her three months' ad-interim bail in Gatco and Niko graft cases on Tuesday.

On August 26, the HC granted four months' ad-interim bail to Khaleda and her elder son Tarique Rahman in Zia Orphanage Trust fund embezzlement case responding to their separate bail petitions moved on the previous day. Two days before that, an HC

bench granted Khaleda a fourmonth ad-interim bail in Barapukuria coal mine graft case. Khaleda's counsels yesterday submitted her bail bonds in the four cases to four separate courts.

"The courts dealing with Niko and Gatco cases accepted the Tk I lakh bail bond from Sanaullah Mia as the advocate guarantor and me as the local guarantor," Masud Ahmed Talukder, one of Khaleda's counsels

told The Daily Star. Earlier in the day, they submitted bail bonds in Zia Orphanage Trust and Barapukuria coalmine cases to the Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate of Dhaka, which the court

accepted. On receiving the bonds, the courts sent Khaleda's release orders to the prison authorities.

Sources said the government has taken all preparations for Khaleda's release today. TODAY'S PROGRAMME

After her release, Khaleda Zia is likely to visit at Zia Uddyan the grave of her late husband Ziaur Rahman, who was also a president of the country and the founder of BNP.

Party sources said she may later go to the BNP office at Naya Paltan before going to her cantonment

Her elder son Tarique Rahman is expected to leave the country any time soon for treatment abroad as he was also released on bail in all 13 cases filed against him on charges of corruption.

Her younger son, Koko, who had been released on July 17 through a government executive order, left for Singapore on July 19 for treatment.

Khaleda earlier put Tarique's release as a condition for her own release from jail.

Bomb hoax

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Nasir Uddin of Bijoy Nagar, a passenger of the Air Arabia flight, was detained for interrogation, said ASP Sheikh Shariful Islam of Rab.

The bomb hoax created panic among passengers at the airport and delayed the scheduled flight of the Air Arabia aircraft by two hours. The plane left for Sharjah at 4:45pm, sources added.

Cox's Bazar

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vote manipulation. The organiser, New7Wonders Foundation, had charged on September 3 that some websites were arranging multiple votes for the two tourist favourites using single email addresses.

The Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation (BPC) called for legal actions against the zealots involved in tweaking the rules.

It has already shut down the four websites accused of cheating, said a press release.

"We worked relentlessly... contacted the organisers and took necessary measures to bring Cox's Bazar and the Sundarbans back in the race again," BPC Chairman Shafique Alam Mehedi told The Daily Star yetserday.

The Bangladesh Tourism Promotion Association had earlier blamed the indifference and failures on the part of the government, the BPC and Orascom Telecom Bangladesh Ltd (Banglalink), official sponsor for Cox's Bazar, for the

The tourism industry expects a boom in foreign tourists if the two places, or either of them, hit the final list of the nature's new seven wonders, to be announced in 2010.

Ctg JMB chief

FROM PAGE 16 serial blasts on August 17 in 2005.

Meanwhile, the Barisal Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal judge Rabiul Hassan acquitted all 14 accused JMB Islamist militants in a case lodged in connection with the serial bomb blasts.

Judge Shafiqul Karim of the Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal of Chittagong gave the verdict for two bomb blasts that took place on the city's Port Connecting Road and EPZ Intersection on August 17 in 2005 as part of the countrywide serial blast. The other two acquitted JMB members are Abdur Sattar Molla and Arshadul Alam alias Tea Alam.

The case was filed with Bandar Police Station and the charge sheet was submitted on January 14 in 2007 while he charge was framed on June 25 in the same year.

The court pronounced the verdict after taking deposition of 10 wit-

The same court here on Tuesday awarded Javed 10 years' imprisonment for bombing at GEC intersection in the port city as part of the serial blast. The court also fined him Tk 5000, in default he has to suffer another year in jail.

Javed Iqbal has so far been awarded 124 years' imprisonment in different terms in nine cases. He is also an accused in seven other cases, which are now under trial at different courts in Chittagong. Barisal: A total of 12 cases were

filed against the JMB militants soon after the serial blasts on August 17, 2005. With yesterday's judgment the trial proceedings of 7 cases have so far been completed. Out of 14 accused only seven,

including four absconders, were sentenced to lifetime imprisonment by the same court on July 30, 2008. The tribunal judge, Rabiul

Hassan, also passed an order to release the accused now in jail if they are not accused in any other cases. After this judgment, one of the

accused Sultan Sharif was released from Barisal central jail on Wednesday evening. Those who were acquitted of the

charge are Sultan Sharif, Golam Morshed Chowdhury Reza, Jalal Arefin, Hafez Saiful Islam, Abu Yusuf Majumdar, Abu Solaiman Sujan, Md Maruf, Jasimuddin, Abdus Sobahan, Giasuddin, Sarwar, Abdur Rahim, Zahid Babu, and Ziaur Rahman Zia.

Edible oil

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A distributor of brand soya bean oil at Moulvibazar vesterday said customers can buy a five-litre soya bean oil container at Tk 519, which was Tk 569 only a day ago.

Palm and super palm oil were sold at Tk 72-85 per kg and nonbrand soya bean oil at Tk 104-110 per kg in retail markets yesterday.

Traders at wholesale markets at Karwan Bazar and Moulvibazar said prices of edible oil are coming down due to a fall in prices on international market.

Climate change

over the current level of funding from multilateral and bilateral sources for adaptation to climate change and mitigation of its impact, he said, "We must immediately mount a large-scale campaign to mitigate the adverse impact of climate change.'

The chief adviser said the UK Bangladesh conference demonstrated that "we as a world are more united than before in addressing the threats of climate change. We simply cannot remain idle until the worst effects are already upon us." Fakhruddin said climate change

is a global issue that demands a He said the Tac has written to the National Board of Revenue (NBR) and global response. It is an issue of fundamental human morality that those who have contributed the least to this problem, cannot be allowed to suffer the most, he said. The chief adviser said

Bangladesh is taking all necessary steps to mitigate the adverse impacts of climate change on the economy and on the livelihood of the people.

He also said they have found He said despite severe resource differences between voluntary constraints, the government has disclosures and investigations by the set up a dedicated Climate Change Fund with an initial endowment fund of \$45 million.

He appealed to Bangladesh's development partners to channel additional funds into the proposed Multi-Donor Trust Fund to help implement the Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan.

Record HSC feat

	Appeared	Passed		Growth over
Board		Number	%	Last year %
Dhaka	1,49,781	1,23,285	82.31	11.54
Rajshahi	1,34,362	96,564	71.87	9.98
Comilla	50,202	38,819	77.33	11.58
Jessore	69,880	50,478	72.24	12.76
Chittagong	40,752	27,696	67.96	6.6
Barisal	31,796	20,758	65.28	9.65
Sylhet	19,366	13,782	71.17	5.19
Madrasa	61,724	50,882	82.43	8.12
Technical Edu.	54,518	44,306	81.27	13.14

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subject, which are one of main reasons for increased pass rate and number of GPA-5 scorers, sources of combined education board computer centre observe.

The same improvement is also seen in the combined average result of seven education boards, Alim examination under Madrasa Education Board and HSC business management examination under Technical Education Board.

The combined pass rate is 76.19 percent against last year's 65.6 percent and 22,045 students secured GPA-5 compared to last year's 11,140. About 6.2 lakh students appeared in the HSC and equivalent examinations and about 4.66 lakh have passed.

Pass percentage for boys and girls is almost same. In Dhaka, Rajshahi and Technical boards, girls have performed well compared to boys. On the other hand, business

studies students have marked a significant progress against science and humanities groups. Education Adviser Hossain Zillur Rahman officially announced the

results at a press conference at the education ministry in the capital. "The increase in pass rates continues gradually since 2001 which proves that education standard is improv-

ing," he said. The education adviser thanked all officials and employees of nine education boards for publishing the results in 60 days as promised by his

ministry. The examinations began on May 29 and ended on July 10. "Restless efforts by the students and their guardians, college teachers'

hard labour, and effective monitoring

on the colleges by the education boards have made the bright HSC results," the adviser said narrating the background of outstanding results.

Dhaka Board has secured top position among the seven education boards, while Barisal Board got the lowest based on pass rates and GPA-5 scorers.

The statistics also show that almost half GPA-5 scorers are under Dhaka Board. Like the previous year, students from Rajshahi Board captured second highest number of GPA-

Jessore Board pass rate has risen sharply by 13 points, while the rise in pass rates is about 10 points in others education boards.

The Madrasa and Technical boards produced tremendous good results among the nine boards with a pass rate of over eighty.

Like the previous years, colleges in urban areas, especially in the metropolises, dominate the GPA-5 category and hundred percent pass records. Among the top ten GPA-5 securing

colleges, ten are in the capital under Dhaka Board, five in Bogra, Rangpur, Dinajpur and Pabna Sadar under Rajshahi, eight in Comilla, Noakhali and Feni under Comilla, nine in Jessore, Khulna, Kushtia, Jhenidah and Satkhira under Jessore, five in Chittagong Sadar and Cox's Bazar Sadar under Chittagong, six in Barisal, Bhola and Pirojpur under Barisal, and eight in Sylhet, Moulvibazar, Sreemangal and Habiganj under Sylhet Board.

Notre Dame College produced highest 1,189 GPA-5 scorers followed by Dhaka City College with 987 and Vigarunnisa Noon College with 663.

Politics unto death

ing after placing wreaths at the portrait of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on Road-32 at Dhanmondi in the capital

long 45 years and I will continue to be so for people's welfare as long as I am alive," Jalil said responding to a query about his earlier statement on quitting politics.

Even party President Sheikh Hasina called acting party chief Zillur Rahman over phone and wanted to know under which grounds Jalil took the charge suddenly.

Sources said Hasina had advised Jalil a couple of days ago to take rest rather than taking charge as the party's general secretary. She said acting General Secretary Syed Ashraful Islam would continue his

the government through his wife Rehana Jalil, the AL leader said it would not be proper to create 'further confusion' about it. "I don't know from where the letter (petition) came. But I did not send any letter stating that I'll quit politics, and my wife also did not," he told a press briefing at the Supreme Court Bar Association soon after getting bail.

He however said he had sent a letter to the government for his release and treatment

view with a private television channel Jalil said he himself wrote a letter to the chief adviser about quitting politics and appealed for his release. Later, he said he might join politics if he is released and recovers from illness.

He also questioned yesterday under which law the media was allowed to interview him while in detention.

Jalil alleged that he was arrested and charged only for harassment. He said his leader [Hasina] had told him that everything was being done with ill motive.

The AL leader mentioned that as per the party constitution, he is supposed to resume activities as general "As I was released on parole for

"I asked my party colleague Syed Ashraful Islam (acting general secretary) to continue doing my job. Since my parole was supposed to end today (yesterday), I appealed to the High Court for bail and got bail until October 20," Jalil said. "As a bailed person, I now announce my resump-

He blamed the media for creating confusion in the past over his party responsibility. "But now there is no scope to create further confusion over the matter," he said.

as party general secretary this morn-

"I have been involved in politics for

the party general secretary has meanwhile evoked mixed reactions within Court.

"She [Hasina] phoned me and wanted to know how he [Jalil] took charge," Zillur told The Daily Star last

Speculations about his return to politics grew following his 'mercy petition' to the caretaker government on July 5 last year seeking release, and stating that he had decided to retire from politics, if necessary. In the petition, he also blasted AL President Sheikh Hasina for her 'dictatorial leadership'. Asked about the petition sent to

But on July 15 last year, in an inter-

treatment on condition that I will not engage in politics or make any political speech while on parole, I did not want to violate it since I am respectful to the rule of law. I was just waiting for bail," he said.

tion of duties as Awami League general secretary."

Replying to another query, Jalil

said the AL had supported the caretaker government's anti-corruption drive but it was later conducted on political grounds. "It is not proper to harass people in the name of anticorruption drive. JALIL-ZILLUR MEETING

After the press briefing, Jalil rushed to AL acting President Zillur Rahman's Gulshan residence. Zillur received Jalil's announcement to resume as him cordially and expressed satisfaction that he got bail from the High

"We have repeatedly said there is no allegation against him [Jalil]. He was charged and arrested on false and fabricated allegation. We had said earlier that he would not go into hidingifhe is set free," said Zillur. Referring to BNP Chairperson

Khaleda Zia's bail, the acting AL chief said they welcome it. But all must be equal before law, he said, adding the government has no right to keep many others detained after the release of Khaleda and her son Tarique Rahman. Zillur said it now depends on Jalil

when he will resume his activities as

AL general secretary. But as per the party constitution, the responsibility went to him immediately after his return to the country, he added. Jalil was arrested by the joint forces from his Mercantile Bank office in the capital on May 28 last year. As he fell sick after his arrest, he was taken to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical

deteriorated, he was shifted to LabAid Cardiac Hospital. Since his condition deteriorated further, he was set free on parole on March 2 for treatment abroad. The next day he went to Singapore and had treatment in Mount Elizabeth Hospital for about six months.

University Hospital. As his condition

'Big Bang' test FROM PAGE 16

and "dark energy" that account for 96 percent of the cosmos; and whether other dimensions exist in parallel to our own.

In a 27-kilometre circular tunnel on the Swiss-French border, parallel beams of protons will be accelerated to nearly the speed of light.

Superconducting magnets will then steer the counter-rotating beams so that strings of protons smash together in four huge laboratories, fleetingly replicating the conditions that prevailed at the "Big Bang" that created the Universe 13.7 billion years ago.

CERN scientists have dismissed fears that the process could create a "black hole" whose super-gravity would swallow the Earth.

Wednesday's startup marked the start of a long and cautious commissioning process to check equipment and operational procedures before these collisions can get underway. The first collisions are likely to

start in several weeks, but only next year will the LHC be cranked up to its full capacity of 14 teraelectronvolts -- a massive amount of energy -- or seven times the record held by Fermilab. Over the 10-15 years in which will

the LHC will operate, masses of data will spew from these collisions and will be scrutinised by physicists around the world.

Achievers thrive on three factors

TOP 20 COLLEGES BASED ON GPA 5					
Ranks	Institutions	Boards	GPA 5		
1	Notre Dame College	Dhaka	1,189		
2	Dhaka City College	Dhaka	987		
3	Viqarunnisa Noon College	Dhaka	663		
4	Dhaka Commerce College	Dhaka	518		
5	New Government Degree College	Rajshahi	443		
6	Motijheel Ideal School and College	Dhaka	420		
7	Bir Shreshtha Noor Mohammad Rifles Public School and College	Dhaka	393		
8	Holy Cross College	Dhaka	331		
9	Rajuk Uttara Model School and College	Dhaka	294		
10	Dhaka College	Dhaka	292		
11 .	Bogra Government AH College	Rajshahi	267		
12	Chittagong College	Chittagong	261		
13	Jessore Cantonment College	Jessore	253		
14	Govt Hazi Muhammad Mohsin College	Chittagong	252		
15	BAF Shaheen College	Dhaka	250		
16	Comilla Victoria Govt College	Comilla	240		
17	Rangpur Cantonment Public School and College	Rajshahi	193		
18	Chittagong Govt Commerce College	Chittagong	176		
19	Rajshahi Govt City College	Rajshahi	153		
20	Bogra Cantonment Public School & College	Raishahi	140		

FROM PAGE 16 exams. Besides, colleges now arrange model tests before exams

board exams," she said. Guardians are now more conscious about their children's career. Besides, copy-free exams help good students perform well,

which help students do better in

Shahanara Begum said. This year, Notre Dame College, Dhaka City College and Vigarunnisa Noon College secured first, second and third positions in terms of GPA-5 achievers in the HSC exams.

secured the fourth place with 518 GPA-5 achievers while New Government Degree College, Rajshahi became fifth with 443 GPA-5 holders. This year, Notre Dame College, having 1189 students with GPA-5,

Dhaka Commerce College

secured the first position for the fourth consecutive year. Last year, Vigarunnisa Noon College and Dhaka City College secured the second and third positions respectively for the third consecutive year. But this year Dhaka City College with 987 GPA-5 achievers beat Vigarunnisa Noon College having 663 students with

The other colleges that made it

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Years	100%	0%				
2008	674	41				
2007	434	60				
2006	363	86				
2005	272	131				
2004	83	278				

100% PASS/FAIL

to top 20 include Ideal School and College, Motijheel, Bir Shreshtha Noor Mohammad Rifles Public School and College, Holy Cross College, Rajuk Uttara Model School and College, Dhaka College, Government AH College, Bogra, Chittagong College, Cantonment College, Jessore, Government Hazi Muhammad Mohsin College, Chittagong, BAF Shaheen College, Dhaka, Comilla Victoria Government College, Cantonment Public School and College, Rangpur, Government Commerce College, Chittagong, Rajshahi Government City College, and

and College. This year, a total of 507 madrasahs achieved cent percent pass rate against last year's 356.

Bogra Cantonment Public School

The number of institutions under Technical Education Board that achieved cent percent pass rate is 97 this year, compared to last year's 38.

In the seven education boards, 70 colleges achieved cent percent pass rate. Of those, 40 are under Dhaka, 13 under Rajshahi, four under Comilla, two under Jessore, five under Chittagong, two under Barisal and four under Sylhet education boards. The number of students

Education Adviser Hossain

Zillur Rahman at a press briefing at

the ministry said the statistics show

that the quality of education in the

tions do well in the future.

and 31,835 in 2002.

expelled during this year's HSC exams is lower than previous year's. A total of 785 examinees Chittagong Board got a berth in the were expelled this year, while the fourth position with 39.4 percent rise number of expelled students was while Comilla grabbed the fifth 1,046 in 2007, 1,000 in 2006, 1,729 position with 657 GPA-5 holders. in 2005, 3747 in 2004, 7,616 in 2003

country has improved. holders. "Monthly Pay Order (MPO) of the institutions which have zero students achieved GPA-5 while the ACC, adding that the commission percent pass rate would be cancelled," he said, adding that MPOs of the institutions where less GPA-5 achievers. than five students passed would be Under the Technical Education scrapped for a year and the restric-Board a total of 51 students obtained tions would be lifted if the institu-GPA 5, which is a 920 percent rise

Miles of tailbacks FROM PAGE 1 He said five trucks loaded with LP September 20.

gas cylinders have been waiting at the Paturia ferry ghat for a few days. Being under the sun for long is also very risky as it could lead to an accident any moment, he added. Truck driver Amir Ali came to

Paturia ghat from Dhaka on September 9 morning with poultry feeds. He said the chicks at different farms in Satkhira have already started to die due to the lack of food and the farm owners are repeatedly calling him on mobile phone urging him to bring the feeds as early as possible.

Driver Nurunnabi, who is carrying relief materials of the Ahsania Mission, has also been waiting at the ghat for the last two days. Liton, helper of a truck, said they arrived at the ghat on

September 6 with garment jhut from Dhaka to reach Benapole border but are yet to catch a ferry. "The truck driver will get Tk 500 and I will get Tk 300 for carrying the goods but we have already spent almost double for our meals," he said. If they fail to reach Benapole

by 8:00am on Thursday, they will not get the wages, he added. Khorshed Alam, BIWTC assistant manager at Paturia ferry ghat, said, "We hope that one of the four

out-of-order ferries will be ready for operating within a day or two GPA-5 achievers

FROM PAGE 1 Education Adviser Hossain Zillur Rahman said the number of GPA-5 achievers is increasing every year, which indicates that the quality of education is improving in the coun-

Guardians and teachers are now

more sincere about their children's

education and students are also becoming serious and interested in their study, and so the number of GPA-5 achievers is increasing in the country, the adviser added while talking to the reporters. Of the total GPA 5 holders in HSC examination, a total of 12,972 students secured GPA-5 from Science

GPA 5 from Business studies and 1,546 students from Humanities Dhaka Board swept the top position in the list of highest GPA-5 achievers among the nine education boards for the three consecutive years. The board obtained almost half the GPA-5 holders across the country and it is an crease by 103.6

group while 4,590 students secured

Rajshahi and Jessore ranked the second and third position respectively. The number of GPA-5 holders in Rajshahi is 3,399 while in Jessore 1,764. These two boards saw an 86.06 and 48.11 percent rise respectively. With a total of 12,70 GPA 5 holders

Barisal and Sylhet boards were placed in the sixth and seventh position where 591 and 425 examinees secured GPA-5 respectively. These two boards also saw a significant rise in the number of GPA Under the Madrasa Board, 2,886

from the previous year.

and two more will be repaired by Khorshed, however, denied the

allegations that their officials and employees are violating serials and taking bribes with the help of brokers and traffic police. He said they are trying their best to maintain serial of the waiting trucks. A total of 393 buses, 370 trucks

on September 9 and 545 buses, 400 trucks and 300 cars on September 6 when seven ferries were operating, said another BIWTC official. Our Faridpur correspondent Rezaul Karim reports: Over 1,000 stranded vehicles created 2km long

and 290 cars left Paturia ferry ghat,

queues on both sides of the highway from Daulatdia ferry ghat. Daulatdia Terminal Superintendent Sayed Nakib alleged that there is a lack of proper

maintenance of the ferries. He said one or two ferries often become unfit for operation and only five cannot bear the huge load of vehicles. The engineering department is responsible for the

faulty maintenance, he added. Tac saved

FROM PAGE 16 But a taskforce investigation into corruption at Titas in past February revealed massive anomalies at the state-owned company.

It found that 135 of its staffers,

high officials and minions alike, are millionaire, owning at least Tk 1 crore each. Tac Secretary Khandaker M Asaduzzaman also admitted the gulf between the investigated and selfconfessed graft. The National Coordination Committee (NCC) on corruption

and serious crimes referred 107

corrupt Titas staffers to the commis-

sion for redemption, without send ing along the investigation reports. The NCC only mentioned the amount of money the staffers confessed to having as ill-gotten wealth. The NCC list to the Tac includes deputy director general, assistant

readers, account assistants, supervisors, junior technicians and junior development assistants. The Tac refused to name the Titas staffers facing the commission. But a newspaper said one former sales assistant, Abdul Kadir Mollah, who drew Tk 4,000 as monthly salary at the time of his voluntary retirement,

manager, deputy manager, meter

He is likely to face the commis-Commission Secretary percent from that of the previous Khandaker M Asaduzzaman yesterday told a regular press briefing that they have primarily ordered the 49 people confessing to their corruption to return over Tk 14.97 crore to

the state.

racked up about Tk 2,100 crore in

(ACC) to unfreeze the accounts of the corrupts so they could return their illegal assets to the state. They will not face charges for the illegal assets they disclose to the commission. If they conceal any information, then government agencies may begin investigation at

the Anti-Corruption Commission

number was 930 in the last year. The would take decision based on papers board saw a rise of 210.32 percent in and documents. In all, 209 people--191 government officials, 13 of their wives and

anytime," he added.

three businessmen--have so far applied to the commission for voluntary disclosures.