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HSC pass rate goes down 4.42 points

Number of GPA-5 achievers drops

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The results of this year's Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations saw a drop in both the pass percentage and number of GPA-5 scorers.

The pass percentage of HSC exams under the eight education boards came down to 70.43 from last year's 74.85, marking a fall of 4.42 points. On the other hand, 18,222 students got GPA (Grade Point Average)-5, compared to 19,108 last year.

However, the number of colleges with hundred percent pass has climbed to 755 from 674. Like the previous year, 41 institutions experienced zero success.

The combined pass percentage under eight education boards, the Madrasa

Education Board and the Technical Education Board came down to 72.78 from last year's 76.19, decreasing by 3.41 points.

Under the 10 boards, 20,136 students -- 12,088 male and 8,048 female -- scored the highest GPA-5 against 22,045 achievers last year.

The results were simultaneously published at 1:00pm yesterday at all examination centres and educational institutions within two months of the exams.

As many as 607,872 students -- 333,505 boys and 274,367 girls -- appeared for the HSC and equivalent exams and 442,389 of them passed. The pass percentage of boys and girls stands at 73.64 and 71.73 respectively.

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BY THE NUMBERS

Students Appeared	6,07,872
Students Passed	4,42,389
Pass Percentage	72.78%
GPA-5	20,136

100pc pass records for 755

Not a single success in 41 institutions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 755 educational institutions have achieved 100 per cent pass in the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) and its equivalent examinations across the country this year.

However, not a single student of 41 institutions has passed the examinations this year under all the education boards.

Of the successful institutions, only 52 colleges under the eight general education boards boast of cent per cent pass while 583 madrasas and 120 colleges under the Bangladesh Technical Education Board obtained it.

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Small errors fail ACC cases

EMRAN HOSSAIN

The anti-graft cases filed against high-profile accused are getting quashed or stayed due to trivial technical glitches although allegations brought against them have merit and were substantiated.

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) cases are mainly facing problems like issuance of notices on 50 such accused by the ACC secretary when the three-member commission was not formed and filing some cases without sanction.

More than 200 high-profile accused have so far obtained stay orders on their cases filed in absence of sanction by the commission.

On the other hand, only ruling Awami League lawmaker Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, who received the notice on February 18, 2007, has got the 13-year jail sentence cancelled thanks to this glitch.

The charges the anti-graft body brought

against Alamgir were substantiated with documents and evidence. The High Court order given in his case did not consider the charges, an ACC top official told The Daily Star.

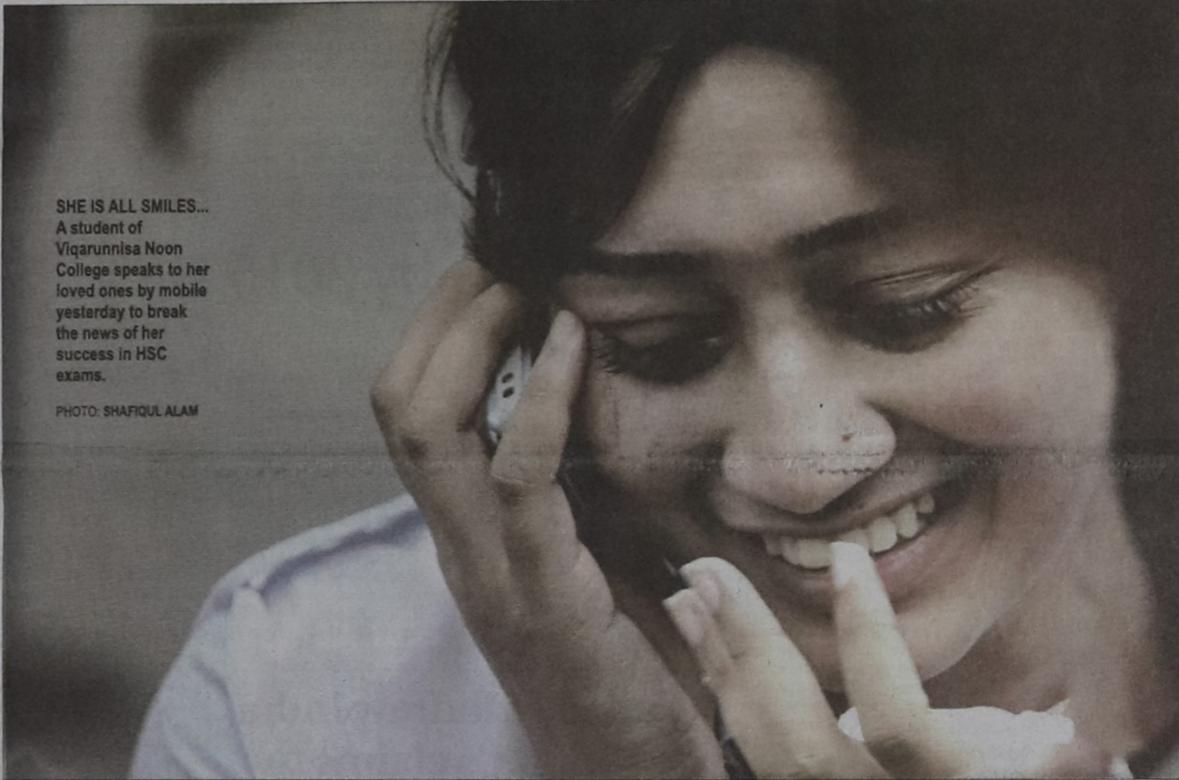
Speaking anonymously, another ACC high official explains that the verdict was given based on absolutely technical grounds and non-pertinent to the allegations brought against MK Alamgir.

Alamgir was cleared of the charges based on the technical grounds that the secretary cannot issue a notice on graft-accused when the commission was non-existent, the ACC official adds.

Alamgir submitted his wealth statement on February 22, 2007 before the anti-graft commission started working on February 25, 2007, ACC lawyers say.

Among the 50 graft accused, another 25 including Iqbal Hasan Mahmud Tuku, Mufi Shahidul Alam, Mir Nasir, Ali Asgar Loby, Anwar

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SHE IS ALL SMILES... A student of Viqarunnisa Noon College speaks to her loved ones by mobile yesterday to break the news of her success in HSC exams.

PHOTO: SHAFIQUL ALAM

Council decision questioned

Its empowering Hasina, Ashraf to pick leaders of ALCWC contrary to party constitution

SHAKHAWAT LITON and HASAN JAHID TUSHER

The Awami League national council's decision to empower the party president and general secretary to choose leaders for 45 posts in the party's 73-member Central Working Committee runs counter to the party's constitution.

AL President Sheikh Hasina yesterday consulted with General Secretary Syed Ashraf Islam and a few close aides to finalise names of leaders for these posts in appraisal of their track records, especially during the state of emergency.

Formation of the new AL Central Working Committee (ALCWC), the party's central executive body, will be announced in a couple of days, sources close to Hasina said. The party chief might consider keeping most of the "reformist" leaders in the committee, they added.

According to the AL constitution, the national council, the highest forum of the party, has the power to confer any authority consistent with the constitution and declaration upon this committee, conditionally or unconditionally.

The council is authorised to elect 47 leaders to the Central Working Committee, but it re-elected only the party chief and elected the general secretary and bestowed on them the authority to choose the remaining 45 leaders.

The election commission formed ahead of the council for the poll did not even initiate the process for holding elections to

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Fee riddle in ratified constitution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The amended constitution of the Awami League has fixed new fees to be paid by its lawmakers to party funds, but it did not specify whether the payments will be monthly or annual.

Before the amendment at Friday's national council, a member of the AL Parliamentary Party had to pay Tk 100 a month each to the funds of the party and its parliamentary body.

The amendments to the AL constitution, which was submitted to the Election Commission yesterday, said each member will now have to pay Tk 500 each to those funds. But it does not clarify the nature of the payments.

An AL delegation led by State Minister for Housing and Public Works Abdul Mannan Khan submitted the two-page document of changes in 11 provisions of the party charter. Newly elected AL General

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Record pass under Madrasa Board

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Madrasa Education Board has topped the success chart securing a staggering 84.14 percent pass rate in this year's HSC and equivalent examinations.

The average success rate of the board has increased by more than two percent this year compared to that of last year.

The board's pass rate is

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Nine out of top 10 colleges from city

Notre Dame leads list with highest GPA holders

DU CORRESPONDENT

Nine colleges in the capital are among the top 10 GPA-5 achieving institutions in the country in the HSC examinations this year.

Notre Dame College topped the list of GPA-5 achievers with 1,207 students securing the feat followed by Dhaka City College with 934 and Viqarunnisa Noon College with

531.

The other institutions which came next to these three are New Government Degree College, Rajshahi, with 441 students getting GPA-5, and Dhaka Commerce College 409, Bir Shreshtha Noor Mohammad Rifles Public School and College 409, Ideal School and College of Motijheel 393, Dhaka College 359,

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TIPAI ISSUE Muzaffer stresses working together

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

India wants to produce hydro-electricity instead of coal-based power by constructing Tipaimukh dam to get rid of carbon pollution, said President of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon Prof Muzaffer Ahmad.

Muzaffer, also Trustee Board member of Transparency International Bangladesh, said India had studied what would happen to its portion if the dam was constructed but did not think what would happen to the

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Another Swine flu case found

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Swine flu infection cases in the country rose to 28 as one more person was found infected with the H1N1 virus on Friday.

A traveller who has returned from Indonesia was diagnosed positive for the strain at Zia International Airport, Prof Mahmudur Rahman, director of the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research, confirmed yesterday.

Eleven of the infected persons were stated to be at the secondary stage of the pandemic disease. That is, they were infected through close contact with the person

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