

# Expulsion of 5 KU students stayed for 6 months

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna**

The High Court (HC) has stayed for six months Khulna University authorities' expulsion order for five students.

A division bench comprising Justice Mamunur Rahman and Justice Syed Afsar Jahan passed the order on Monday after hearing on a writ petition filed by the five punished students.

The HC division bench has also issued a rule upon the vice chancellor, the pro vice chancellor and the registrar of the university to show cause within next four weeks why the expulsion order should not be withdrawn as it was issued without any lawful authority.

The five writ petitioners are Atiqur Rahman of English discipline, Kauser Parvez of electronics and communication engineering discipline, Shibaji Bagchi of architecture discipline, Israfil Gazi of business administration discipline and Abu Jobair of environmental science.

Writ petitions of seven

more students are also under process in the High Court, sources said.

Authorities of the university took punitive action against 34 students on charge of their direct involvement in a fierce clash that took place on the campus on April 5 this year.

As per decision of the academic council, 34 students faced expulsion for different terms and fines of different amounts.

Four of the 34 punished students were expelled permanently from the university.

This decision was taken in the 143rd meeting of the university syndicate held on June 4 following findings on report of the committee formed to probe into the fierce clash on the campus that caused extensive damage to the university property and left over 30 people including 11 policemen injured.

University authorities also imposed ban on the punished students' entrance into the campus.

Over a hundred students of different disciplines including

the 34 punished ones went on an indefinite hunger strike from June 13 in protest against the decision of the university authorities.

They withdrew the hunger strike the next day following intervention of Khulna City Corporation Mayor Talukder Abdul Khaleque.

In presence of the hunger strike observers, the vice chancellor told the mayor that the punished students will be fully exempted from expulsion and fines.

But the academic council of the university later commuted the punishment, lessening the terms of expulsion and amounts of fines for the students, instead of its full exemption.

Twelve of the 34 punished students filed writ petitions with the High Court challenging validity of the decision of the academic council of the university.

When contacted, Khulna University Registrar Prof Dr Abdullah-el-Baki said he received a copy of the High Court order yesterday.

## JOY OF SUCCESS



CLOCKWISE: GPA-5 achievers of Rajshahi New Government Degree College flash V-sign; the best scorers of Haji Muhammad Mohsin College in Chittagong city burst into jubilation; successful candidates of Barisal Cadet College, the 'best result' winner in Barisal education board, pose with their teachers; and students of Sylhet Government Women's College celebrate their success in the HSC examinations.

# 7 Jamaat men held in Satkhira, two sent to jail in Natore

**STAR NATIONAL DESK**

Seven Jamaat leaders and activists were arrested at their houses in Sadar upazila of Satkhira district on Wednesday night while two arrested activists of the party sent to jail in Natore yesterday.

In Satkhira, police raided four villages and arrested the Jamaat men. The arrestees are Hasanuzzaman, 32, son of Hafizur Rahman of Baikari village, Israfil Sardar, 45, son of Idris Ali of Chhoygharia village, Safiqul Islam, 45, son of Rais Uddin Biswas and Abdul Kader Dhabak, 40 son of Abdul Gafoor of Kaliani village and Akramuzzaman, 45 son of Abbas Uddin, Sabbir Hossain, 25 and Nayeem Siddique, 20 son of Mahmudul Hasan of Aqardari village, reports our correspondent.

Police said the arrestees were planning to carry out subversive activities in the district. They were shown arrested in a sedition case and produced before the Chief Judicial

Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The court rejected their bail prayers and sent them to jail, court sources said.

According to a correspondent from Natore, two Jamaat activists, arrested in Kandivita area in the town Wednesday evening, were sent to jail yesterday.

Officer-in-Charge of Natore Police Station Abdullah Al Mamun said they arrested the Jamaat activists Jainal Abedin and Rubel for their alleged involvement in destructive activities.

Police produced the two in a court that rejected their bail prayers and sent them to jail.

Earlier on Wednesday, police arrested city Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami Atiqul Islam, Russell, activists Jamal Uddin, Nurul Islam, Mehedi and Shibir activist Abdullah Al Mamun at Islamia Hospital at Harishpur area in the city.

Police said they detained the Jamaat men as they were holding a 'secret' meeting.



This health complex in remote Dhalarchar union in Bera upazila of Pabna district has been used as a 'temporary' police camp for the last three years, depriving locals of health services.

# Health complex used as police camp

*People in Dhalarchar of Pabna denied medical service for 3 years*

**AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna**

People of remote Dhalarchar union in the Jamuna basin in Bera upazila under Pabna district are deprived of healthcare facilities as the union health and family planning complex has been used as a police camp for over three years.

The two-storied health complex was built at Dhalarchar village spending Tk 26 lakh in 2003 to provide health and family planning service for 25 thousand people in the remote area.

As health workers started providing service from the centre, it came to great help to local people, especially the women and the children.

But only three years after the start of its functioning, a

police camp was set up there.

"The police sheltered in the health complex in 2006 saying that they would stay there for seven days. But they have continued occupying the complex still now. Health services to the shoal people are hampered as health and family planning workers have to do their jobs from residences of others," Dr Ram Dulal Voumik, deputy director of district family planning office, said.

Officials of district family planning office and the health department on several occasions urged the police administration and the district administration to free the complex for the health service but to no effect, he said.

"We have recommended ensuring use of the building for health service because it

was built for that purpose. The police camp operate from a separate place," said Additional District Magistrate Emam Uddin Kabir.

"Around 15 policemen are staying at the temporary camp in the health complex building as there is no other alternative. Outlaw operatives from Pabna, Rajbari, Manikganj and nearby areas often take shelter in remote Dhalarchar area. There is no easy communication from Bera upazila Sadar to Dhalarchar. So a police camp is essential to maintain law and order there," said Sub Inspector Abul Kalam Azad of Bera police station.

"A police camp is essential for Dhalarchar. We are looking for a suitable place for a permanent police camp there," said Pabna Superintendent of Police Jamil Ahmed.

# Pirates abduct 4 fishermen

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna**

Pirates of the Sundarbans kidnapped four fishermen from Karamjol under Mongla upazila of Bagerhat district on Wednesday.

The abducted fishermen are Shahidul Islam Ratan, 24, Firoze Sheikh, 22, Moula Khan, 28, and Raju Sardar, 20. They all hail from Katakali village under Rampal upazila of the district.

According to police, a gang of six belonging to Palash Bahini of the Sundarbans kidnapped the fishermen at gunpoint.

Later, one of the pirates sent a message over cellphone to Abdul Hakim, father of Shahidul Islam Ratan, demanding Tk two lakh ransom for release of his son, police said.

# Outlaw held with gun

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushitia**

Police arrested a cadre of outlawed Gono Bahini with a gun at Madhupur village under Sadar upazila of the district Wednesday night.

The arrestee is Mannan Ali alias Dhali Mannan.

Acting on a tip off, law enforcers from Islamic University Police Station raided the village and arrested Mannan with one light gun and three bullets.

Police said Mannan was wanted in several cases, including two for murder, filed with Sadar and Islamic University police stations.

# Fugitive convict arrested

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, C'inauabganj**

A fugitive, convicted in a case for misappropriation of money, was arrested at Ghughudima village under Chapainawabganj Sadar upazila early yesterday.

The arrestee is Saiful Islam, 30, son of Abdul Haque of Ghughudima village under the upazila.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided Saiful's house at around 5:00 am and arrested him, said duty officer of Sadar Police Station ASI Saiful Islam.

Saiful was the president of Ghughudima Uttar Samabaya Samity. He was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in 2009 in a case filed by the members of the samity against him for misappropriating money from samity's fund.

He remained absconding since filing of the case with Chapainawabganj magistrate's court in 2003.

# Sylhet sees highest pass rate among 10 education boards

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet**

The Sylhet education board saw the highest 76.12 per cent pass in this year's HSC examinations while the average of the country's 10 education boards including the madrasa board and the technical education board is 74.28 per cent.

This year the board achieved the ever highest pass percentage since it started conducting the HSC examinations in 2001, Prof Manir Uddin Ahmed, controller of examinations of the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE), Sylhet, said

at a press conference at the board yesterday afternoon.

The number of GPA-5 achievers from the board this year is 597, which is 158 higher than the last year's figure.

Of the GPA-5 recipients, 425 are from science group, 110 from business studies and the rest 62 from humanities group. Sylhet MC College got the highest 138 GPA-5 followed by the Jalalabad Cantonment Public School and College with 119.

Of the 130 institutions, four got hundred per cent pass while there is none with zero pass percentage.

Of the 19,820 examinees

who appeared in this year's HSC examinations under the Sylhet board, 15,087 students, including 7,391 boys and 7,696 girls, came out successful.

Students from the business studies group did the best among groups for the 5th consecutive year. It was 89.6 per cent against 89.06 per cent in last year.

In science group, 71.81 per cent of students achieved success while it was 74.37 per cent in last year. In humanities group, 73.63 per cent examinees came out successful while it was 71.32 per cent last year.

The BISE, Sylhet con-

ducted HSC examinations for the first time in 2001 when only 30.63 per cent of the 17,180 examinees came out successful. The pass percentage came down to 28.69 in the following year when 17,444 examinees appeared. In 2003, a total of 19,286 students appeared in the examination and 33.38 per cent came out successful.

Pass percentage in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 was 46.69, 44.4, 65.45, 65.98 and 71.17 respectively.

In last year, 13,413 students came out successful against a total of 18,136 examinees. The pass percentage was 73.96.

# GPA-5 up, pass rate down in Chittagong board

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**

The number of Grade Point Average (GPA)5 achievers increased although pass percentage decreased in this year's Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations under Chittagong education board.

This year, a total of 1,618 students secured GPA-5 while last year the number was 1,448. Pass percentage rate is 72.65 which marks 3.66 per cent decrease.

A total of 42,976 students appeared in the examinations this year. Of them, 31,224 came out successful from 181 colleges under the board.

In 2009, 31,668 students out of 41,498 passed successfully from 175 colleges with pass percentage of 76.31.

In 2006, the pass percentage was 61.45 while in 2007, 2008 and 2009 it was 61.36, 67.96 and 76.31 respectively.

Considering number of GPA-5 achievers, Faujdarhat Cadet College topped the list.

Ninety-four per cent examinees secured GPA-5. Forty-seven students out of 50 achieved GPA-5 marking 100 pass percentage from this college.

Chittagong Public School and College stood second with 143 GPA-5 achievers. A total of 503 students appeared in the examinations. Of them, 500 passed successfully with 99.40 per cent pass percentage.

Government Hazi Muhammad Mohsin College stood third with 96.74 pass percentage and 351 GPA-5 achievers. A total of 1,380 students sat in the examinations from this college. Of them, 1335 passed successfully.

Ispahani Public School and College secured fourth position as 94 examinees obtained GPA-5. Here the pass percentage rate is 98.75.

A total of 240 students appeared in the

examinations.

One hundred forty five examinees obtained GPA -5 from Government Commerce College obtaining fifth position. Seven hundred forty two students out of 744 came out successful from this college. Pass percentage rate is 99.73.

However, none of four examinees of Ukhia Girls' School and College in Cox's Bazar district came out successful.

The controller of examinations of the board, Prof Dr Pijush Dutta said, students did well in the metropolitan area. Pass percentage falls in the remote areas, he said.

The HSC examinations were held in 88 centres. A total of 42,976 students appeared from 181 educational institutions. Three hundred thirty two students remained absent and 29 were expelled in the examinations. Results of 13 students remained withheld.

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