GPA-5 galore

FROM PAGE 1 abroad and of them 120 came out successful.

The combined pass percentage under 10 education boards including Madrasa Education Board and Technical Education Board rose to 74.28 from that of the last year's 72.78, according to statistics of the Education Boards' Computer Centres.

Under the 10 boards, 28,671 students -- 16,769 male and 11,902 female -- scored GPA-5, which was 20,136 last year. The pass percentage of boys and girls this year stands at 74.62 and 73.87 respectively.

Statistics show that like the last two years, almost one-third of GPA-5 scorers are from Dhaka board.

A total of 431 students out of 461 obtained GPA 5 from ten cadet colleges across the country, said a press release of Interservice Public Relations (ISPR).

Like the other years, Alim examinees under Madrasa board did exceptionally well compared to other nine boards with a pass rate of 86.55. About 63,864 out of 73,790 students came out successful with 2,957 GPA-5 scorers.

The Technical board students also did well with 82.48 percent pass rate and 202 GPA-5 achievers.

The results of this year's HSC and equivalent examinations were simultaneously published at all examination centres and educational institutions yesterday noon, in 57 days since the exams ended. Education Minister Nurul

Islam Nahid formally handed over the results to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina around

The number of colleges with cent percent pass rate decreased to 714 from last vear's 755 while the number of institutions with zero success came down to 25 from 41 in

In terms of pass rate, Sylhet Education Board tops the chart among the eight general education boards while Dinajpur gets the bottom.

A declining trend of expelled students has also been marked this year as the number reduced to 608 from last year's 664. It was 785 in 2008 and 1,046 in 2007, according to statistics.

For the first time in years, two colleges outside the capital--Mymensingh Girls' Cadet College and Mirzapur Cadet College in Tangail--secured the first and second positions respectively on the list of top 20 institutions under Dhaka Education Board.

Holy Cross College and Rajuk Úttara Model College in the capital ranked third and fourth position respectively, while Residential Model

College fifth. As per the ministry's newly

introduced selection system, an institution's success is measured under four criteria--the number of students registered for the exam, number of students appeared, pass rate and number of GPA-5 achievers.

Considering the controversy in selecting institutions with cent percent success rate, the ministry set the new criteria this year, which were also applied in the recent Secondary School Certificate (SSC) exams.

Mojahid

Metropolitan Magistrate

Roksana Begum Happy issued

the remand order after CID

Inspector Nurul Islam

Siddiqui, also the investiga-

tion officer (IO) of the case,

produced Mojahid before it

Earlier on Wednesday, the

same court granted a five-day

remand each to detained

Jamaat leaders Muhammad

Kamaruzzaman and Abdul

Quader Molla in the same

Freedom fighter Amir

Hossain Mollah filed the case

on January 25, 2008, with the

Chief Metropolitan

REMAND OF MOJAHID-

Third Additional Chief

Metropolitan Magistrate

Mohammad Ali Hussain

yesterday allowed Uttara

police to take Mojahid and

Sayedee on a three-day

remand granted earlier in

connection with a case filed

with Uttara police for creating

anti-state activities across the

The duo were produced

before it on completion of

their 13 days' remand in four

cases filed with Paltan and

Ramna police stations on

February 12, 17 and June 20

were shown arrested on June

30 in the case and they were

placed on a three-day remand.

The same court yesterday re-

fixed July 18 for hearing on a

prayer for a seven-day remand

of detained Jamaat Nayeb-e-

Ameer Delwar Hossain

Sayedee in a case filed for

CASE AGAINST SAYEDEE

Magistrate's Court.

SAYEDEE

country.

and 26.

with a 10-day remand prayer.

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period in another case.

A confusion rose during the education minister's press conference when he announced 74.31 percent pass rate including the results of DIBS (Diploma in Business Studies) in the main results.

Asked, why DIBS results were included with the main HSC results under Dhaka board when it is not equivalent, the minister adjourned the press briefing for around halfan-hour.

Later in his second briefing, Nahid said the DIBS examinations are equivalent to HSC. In the past, the results were not included with the total results, which happened for the first time this year.

The total pass rate in 10 education boards including the DIBS results is 74.31 while 74.28 excluding it, he added.

A total of 3,070 students passed in DIBS exams under Dhaka Board out of 3,857 students with a success rate of 79.60. Of the successful students, 333 secured GPA 5.

Nurul Islam Nahid said this year they would follow the results of Education Boards' Computer Centre and that's why the results were uploaded in the websites of the colleges across the country.

About the rise in the pass rate, the education minister said sincere efforts by students and hard labour by their teachers and guardians have brought about such good results this year.

Jamaat

FROM PAGE 16 of mass murder in 1971.

Party leaders however ruled out the idea that the party supporters and leaders of the new generation don't want controversial leaders, highly criticised for their dubious role during the Liberation War, to be at the helm of Jamaat.

Both Azhar and Azad termed the war crimes allegations against Jamaat leaders

They said the government is using the issue in a planned way to weaken the opposition by crushing Jamaat.

Azhar said the government targeted Jamaat to weaken the opposition fearing a possible anti-government movement. But it has to keep in mind that Jamaat is a political party, which is registered with the Election Commission and has representation in parliament.

"It is true that we are worried about the present situa-

But the party knows how to tackle it like it did in the past, he said.

Azad said they would not accept such autocratic attitude of the government but they will continue a peaceful movement.

A number of Jamaat leaders said they are worried about the arrests of the party leaders across the country and considered it a deep crisis for the party for the first time in the last two decades.

They said the party has decided to adopt a wait-andsee policy for now.

attempt to kill late Prof

Humayun Azad on February

nent writer Humayun Azad

brutally with machetes in

front of Bangla Academy when

he was on his way back to his

again as CID Inspector

Mostafizur Rahman, also the

IO of the case, could not sub-

mit the case diary before it

before the court as it had fixed

yesterday for hearing the

remand prayer earlier. The IO

on July 11 prayed for his seven-

arrested in connection with

Another Dhaka court yester-

day placed seven people

including Quader Molla's son

and two sons-in-law and also

Kamaruzzaman's son and

nephew on a two-day remand

in a case filed under section 54

of the Criminal Procedure

son Hasan Jamil and sons-in-

Mahibullah

Kamaruzzaman's son Hasan

Imam and nephew Mashqur

Rahman Jitu, and Shibir activ-

GM Al Masud passed the order

after Kotwali police produced

them before it with a seven-

the court on Wednesday on

charges of attempts to deterio-

rate law and order on the court

Police arrested them from

day remand prayer.

premises.

Metropolitan Magistrate

The arrestees are Quader's

Zahirul Islam and

the case on the same day.

REMAND OF JAMAAT

LEADER'S RELATIVES

Sayedee was also shown

The CID produced Sayedee

The court fixed the date

Assailants stabbed promi-

27, 2004.

residence.

vesterday.

day remand.

Code.

The two along with Nizami ists Zaman and Monirul Huq.

Two held FROM PAGE 16

A team of Rab-3 arrested the men at the company's Rampura office with the help of Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) officials.

SEC officials said the accused had made contracts to sell shares of listed and nonlisted companies through private placement, a system of selling securities without an initial public offering. Only an issue manager can

sell shares by private placement, whereas Green Bangla has no licence to carry out merchant banking, stockbroker, and stock dealer activities, said SEC Executive Director Farhad Ahmed.

It means Green Bangla is not authorised to sell shares under private placement, said Ahmed

As per a primary investigation, Rab and SEC found that the accused made arrangements to sell shares of at least 13 companies through private placement to at least 100 individuals. "The number may even be

higher," said Ahmed. The move came as stake-

holders complained to SEC about the illegal trade. Earlier, SEC had sought help from Rab to unearth the manipulation. Ahmed also said SEC wants

to bring them to book. SEC also requested any person deceived by this cartel to contact Rab or SEC.

Eden student

FROM PAGE 16 Kabir said he had planned the

murder eight days ago and bought a knife with Tk 250 from Faridpur. He claimed that he had been having an affair with Menoka

since 2004. He spent two years in Malaysia since 2007 during which Menoka started an affair with another youth. Menoka's mother Hasina Robbani said Kabir entered her daughter's room a little after

Menoka crying. "I knocked the door, but Kabir refused to open it until police came", Hasina said.

noon while she was sleeping,

and she woke up hearing

Mirpur Police Station Subinspector Abu Bakkar said they recovered the knife used in the killing.

Girls perform

FROM PAGE 1 examinations in terms of pass

A total of 2, 77,946 girls and 3, 02,677 boys participated in

the HSC examinations under the eight general education boards this year. The success rate among the

girls is 71.88 percent while 71.76 percent of boys were successful. Principal of an esteemed

college in the capital and Dhaka Education Board Chairman observed that awareness among parents and provision of government stipends have played an important role behind such an achievement by girls.

Females in three groups--Science, Agriculture and Home Economics; Humanities; Islamic Studies and Music; and Business Studies--have beaten

the boys more sharply. Among 39,127 female students in the Science Agriculture and Home Economics group, 75.46 percent have passed while the pass percentage of males among 67,400 is 71.63.

In the Humanities, Islamic Studies and Music group, a total of 1,71,497 girls attended the examinations and their pass percentage is 66.40 while out of 1,15,066 boys from the group 63.90 percent were successful.

Girls even excelled in the Business Studies group with a pass percentage of 83.76 while the percentage of the boys is 79.35.

Among the eight boards, girls performed better in Dhaka, Rajshahi, Chittagong and Dinajpur Boards while boys excelled in Comilla, Jessore, Barisal and Sylhet. However, girls won the battle in the overall result analysis in the eight boards.

However, boys managed to secure higher Grade Point Average (GPA). A total of 14,364 boys achieved the GPA 5 while 11,148 girls achieved it.

Last year, the pass percentage of boys was 73.63 while the pass percentage of girls was 71.73 in the HSC and its equivalent examinations.

"Girls are becoming more sincere towards their education while their guardians are becoming more aware," said Husne Ara Begum, principal of Viquarunnesa Noon School and College in the capital.

Another thing that played a major role behind the success of girls was the stipends given to them by the government, she added. Dhaka Board Chairman

Fahima Khatun said, "The stipend offered to the girls by the government has sharply decreased their drop-out rate and motivated them to succeed."

Parents of candidates living in rural areas along with those residing in the urban sides are becoming serious towards educating their daughters, she said hoping that girls will continue to achieve more success in coming years.

Unfit buses

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Sixteen mobile courts carried out yesterday's drive simultaneously throughout the capital to keep the city roads free from dilapidated and unauthorised vehicles.

Additional District Magistrate Amitabh Sarkar, who is coordinating the drive, said the mobile courts would continue the drive until they achieve success.

Nearly 1,446 buses, 8,125 trucks and 2,365 minibuses that are unfit and dilapidated are plying the city roads.

The government earlier decided to launch a drive to rid the city of 20-year-old buses and minibuses, and 25-yearold trucks and vans. The drive will be conducted four days a week. Meanwhile, a large number

of commuters, especially office-goers and students, struggled to find buses during rush hours. Many were found waiting on the streets for hours while some walked all the way to their destinations. Those who managed to

board buses or minibuses found it difficult to find space in the crowded vehicles. Some was shown arrested in the case were left with no choice but to hire CNG-run auto-rickshaws. "We usually face problems

in getting transport in the morning. But the number of buses on the street was very low today forcing many to walk to their destinations," said Tapan, who walked up to Jatrabari from Shonir Akhra.

Rakib Hasan, a resident of Khilgaon, said he waited for a bus for over one hour in vain to go to the Jatiya Press Club.

"We cancelled our programme at the Jatiya Press Club after failing to get any transport from Karwan Bazar," said Dhrubo Sourabh, an employee of a private organisation, in Karwan Bazar at about 12:30pm.

Similar was the spectacle in almost all parts of the city throughout the day. The scarcity of motor vehicles, however, brought fortune for many of whom charged

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three positions as the list was

prepared based on highest

Notre Dame College

topped the list last year with

1,207 students securing the

feat followed by Dhaka City

College with 934 and

Viqarunnisa Noon College

College got the sixth place

with 81.18 rank points, while

Viqarunnisa Noon was placed

on the eighth position with

has ranked top 20 colleges

under each board by aca-

demic standards in four cate-

number of students registered

with an institution, percent-

age of regular students among

those registered, percentage

of successful students, and

numbers of GPA-5 scorers and

points for the four catego-

brought significant changes

among the list of top colleges

which removed top colleges

of Dhaka city from the top

two positions, say principals

Cadet College in Tangail

Mohammad Shahidul Islam

told The Daily Star that the

changes in the top 20 col-

leges are largely because of

ria "perfect", saying with

these criteria performance of

the colleges is properly eval-

ASM Mushfigur Rahman,

principal of Rajuk Uttara

Model College, which

secured fourth place, told

The Daily Star the new selec-

tion criteria have brought

the two cadet colleges on the

brought an end to an "un-

healthy" competition.

Earlier, only the number of

GPA-5 was considered to

select the top colleges which

the institutions wanted to

get more students and

position on the list,

The new criteria have

top two places.

He termed the new crite-

the new selection criteria.

Principal of Mirzapur

of different colleges.

The ministry set 100 rank

The new criteria have

The Ministry of Education

The four criteria were the

This year Notre Dame

with 531 GPA-5 scorers.

79.85 rank points.

total examinees.

gories.

number of GPA-5 scorers.

Executive Magistrate Saidur Rahman, who led a mobile court in Tejgaon, said they fined 21 vehicles Tk 18,000 until 2:30pm.

"We started the drive at 11:00am but failed to seize even a single old bus," he said.

Magistrate Mahbubur Rahman said, "We found fault in eight vehicles and fined them Tk 10,800. Legal actions were taken against them."

Mahmudur

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filed for defying an ACC order for submission of wealth report within seven days after receiving notice. In the case statement

Mahmudur was accused of committing punishable offence by defying ACC's order, which served a notice on April 19 to the former energy adviser asking for wealth statement. The anti-graft watchdog on

June 13 filed the first information report with Gulshan Police Station against former Board of Investment chairman Mahmudur, who has been in detention since June 2.

12 granted Mahmudur Rahman bail in four criminal cases filed on different dates.

days later on Wednesday, stayed a HC order that gave him bail in a case filed on charge of preventing police from discharging their duties.

a regular leave-to-appeal

Accordingly, the bureau-

crat-turned-politician filed a

petition with the top court for

permission to appeal against

SC declared illegal the parlia-

ment membership of Major

On October 18 last year, the

It handed down the ruling,

as Jasim took part in the

December 29 election before

five years had gone since his

election to his constitution,

Ministries not

they had made recommenda

tions to ministries to improve

governance. But the minis-

tries, in many cases, paid little

premier to monitor the imple-

mentation of those recom-

man of parliamentary stand-

ing committee on communi-

cations ministry raised allega-

tion against Communication

Minister Syed Abul Hossain of

non-cooperation with the

she would examine reported

incidents of conflict of inter-

ests, for which parliamentary

bodies fail to perform prop-

chairman of the parliamen-

tary standing committee on

health ministry, told The Daily

Star that the chiefs of the

parliamentary bodies

emphasised on implementing

their recommendations on

the parliamentary standing

committee on law, justice and

parliamentary affairs minis-

try, drew the meeting's atten-

tion to absence of a law

work on a draft to introduce

chairmen to work together

with the ministers to avert

misunderstandings and asked

them to follow the constitu-

tion and rules of procedure to

sion, a number of chairmen

also urged the premier to

restore the warrant of prece-

dence promulgated by

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur

Rahman's government to

upgrade the status of MPs.

total of 625 meetings.

Participating in the discus-

run the committees.

such a law.

The premier asked him to

Sheikh Hasina urged the

empowering the committees.

Suranjit Sengupta, chief of

Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim,

erly, meeting sources said.

The premier, however, said

In the meeting, the chair-

The chiefs requested the

Later, the EC held a by-

retirement from the military.

petition with the SC.

the HC order.

Bhola-3.

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heed to them.

mendations.

(retd) Jasim Uddin.

MK Alamgir

cannot stand for a parliamen-

tary election unless five years have passed since he served out the sentence. Election Commissioner Muhammad Sohul Hussain

yesterday said they will take a decision after receiving a certified copy of the verdict. Alamgir contested the election, as the chamber judge

of the Appellate Division stayed the HC order a few days before the polls. Legal experts said the AL

leader will lose his parliament membership, as the EC's decision cancelling his candidature now stands valid.

Mahmudul Islam, principal lawyer of the EC, declined to make any comment on the court order.

Constitution expert Dr M Zahir said the SC order means Alamgir's parliament seat has fallen vacant, and the EC has no alternative to holding a fresh election to his constitu-

ency, Chandpur-1. SC Bar Association President Khandaker Mahbub Hossain told The Daily Starthat Alamgir has already lost his parliament membership

because of the court order. This is the first time that the Appellate Division has upheld EC's decision cancelling a person's candidature on graft

EC lawyer Prabir Neogi told this correspondent that cancellation of the candidature is

valid as per the court order. He said Alamgir however can contest the by-election as the SC on July 4 scrapped his conviction and sentence.

The AL lawmaker's counsel, Rokanuddin Mahmud, told The Daily Star that the SC order would not affect his client's parliament membership since he took part in the 2008 election on order of the chamber judge of the Appellate Division.

He also said there is no need to file a petition with the Appellate Division to review its lecision. During the last caretaker

government rule, the Anti-Corruption Commission filed the case against Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir on charges of amassing wealth illegally and concealing information from On July 26, 2007, the Special

Court-3 sentenced him to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment for earning around Tk 3.27 crore through misuse of power, and three years in jail for withholding information about six fixed deposits worth Tk 1.17 crore. Chandpur RO on December

3, 2008, cancelled Alamgir's nomination. The EC upheld the decision after dismissing an appeal from Alamgir. On December 15 that year the EC's decision was adjudged

legal and the AL leader's writ petition rejected by the HC. But three days later, the chamber judge of the Appellate

Division stayed the HC order,

rickshaw and van pullers,

almost double the usual fare. "I had to pay a rickshawpuller Tk 80 to go to Purana Paltan from Rampura while the standard fare is Tk 40," said a staff of a private company. The government should have arranged more public buses before launching the drive, he

Another Executive

Metropolitan Magistrate Konika Biswas yesterday rejected Mahmudur's bail petition in this case. On Tuesday, Mahmudur

The High Court (HC) on July

But the Supreme Court, two

increase the number of GPA-5 achievers, he observed. and asked the EC to allow If the new criteria were Alamgir to participate in the not there, our college would election on December 29. have been in a much lower He also asked Alamgir to file

uated.

Principal Mushfiq said. He however pointed out some weak points of the new criteria that the colleges with fewer students and fewer dropouts get advantage in the selection race.

Principal of Viqarunnisa College Husne Ara Begum told The Daily Star that the new criteria are one of the causes for the changes on the

But there are some other reasons as well, she said.

"There are some colleges which don't have any students in humanities or business studies group, in which securing GPA-5 is a bit tough. As a result, colleges like ours lag behind as we have students from science, humanities and business studies.

DHAKA BOARD'S TOP 20 COLLEGES

Mymensingh Girls' Cadet College secured the first place with 89.6 rank points, Mirzapur Cadet College second with 85.36 points, Holy Cross College third with 83.03, Rajuk Uttara Model College fourth with 81.83, Residential Model College fifth with 81.3, Dhaka City College seventh with 80.93, Bir Shreshtha Noor Mohammad Rifles Public School and College ninth with 70.49, Dhaka College tenth with 77.51, Cambrian College 11th with 76.79, Ideal School and College, Motijheel 12th with 75.92, National Ideal College, Khilgaon 13th with 75.37, Shahid Syed Nazrul Islam College, Mymensingh 14th with 74.16, SOS Hermann Gmeiner College 15th with 73.45, Adamjee Cantonment College, Mirpur 16th with 72.53, Dhaka Commerce College 17th with 71.87, Savar Cantonment College

Nepal move FROM PAGE 1 wages and other costs.

place with 69.4 points.

The latest move was a result

of the commerce secretaries meeting for two-day talks that concluded in Dhaka yesterday.

18th with 71.58, Cantonment

Public School and College,

Mymensingh 19th with

Khan School and College,

Demra secured the 20th

The transit route from After the meeting, Chief Banglabandh to Mongla for Whip Abdus Shahid said 32 Nepalese cargo is believed to chiefs of different parliamenhelp bring about economic tary bodies were present at the integration in the region.

meeting. They told the pre-Also, both sides have mier that since formation of the committees, they held a agreed to promote two-way tourism.

Dhaka Board Law enforcers

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Saidur Rahman took the decision to make the region a peaceful area so that locals get attracted to the outfit and law enforcers do not disturb its members anymore.

Anwar Alam, arrested on July 12 in Bogra, is now being grilled by Bogra police.

He is likely to be brought to the capital today to put him face to face with Saidur and detained JMB military commander Shiblu alias Shishir.

Intelligence Wing Director of Rapid Action Battalion Lt Col Ziaul Ahsan said, "We suspect JMB still possesses a good amount of explosives and hand made bombs and grenades." Ziaul Ahsan said they are

on efforts to seize explosives, if JMB possesses any.

In an interrogation statement of JMB's ex-military commander Zahidul Islam Sumon alias Bomaru Mizan read Bhagne (nephew) Shahid is operating a bomb-making factory in north Bengal.

The Daily Star obtained a copy of the statement.

Mizan was arrested on May 14 in 2009. The following day, 11 bombs, a pistol, and a huge stash of chemical residues, plastic explosives, grenade casings, fuses and detonators were seized from the capital's

The clues given by Mizan

led Rab to launch a number of unsuccessful drives in several northern districts to unearth

the factory. Detained Saidur has already admitted to detectives that his outfit has several hundred explosives, handmade bombs and grenades stashed at different dens, said

the DB official who interrogated the JMB man. The Bogra SP also said Anwar claimed that as part of a new strategy they have deactivated their military wing in northern region and are now focusing on new recruitment

from the region. The JMB boss also admitted that they made a good number of bombs and grenades in northern region to foil the 2008 national elec-

He also said explosives might have been stashed in

Dhaka region. Police said Nazmul alias Bhagne Shahid, a highly motivated JMB member, is accused in several cases filed at different places in the country.

Some of the cases are in connection with assaulting police and arms looting in Joypurhat, Grameen Bank robbery in Pabna, lootings of BRAC banks in Natore and Tangail, bomb attacks on four cinemas in Mymensingh and attack on Prof Humayun Azad.

Factors behind

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Board chairmen, teachers and students say that now students are becoming conscious about studies.

Dhaka Education Board Chairman Prof Fahima Khatun said providing training to teachers contributed greatly to this success, apart from the government's firm role in ensuring lessons in classrooms.

"We have trained teachers especially of rural areas to improve their quality," she Prof Abul Kashem, chair-

man of Bangladesh Technical Education Board, said he told all the heads of the institutions that the government would not give any facilities to them if they would not increase the standard of education in their colleges. He said they suspended impartation of lessons at the

institutions that failed to

achieve satisfactory results

and their students were moved to other institutions with better standards. This motivated other institutions to do better. Prof Dipakendra Nath, chairman of Rajshahi Education Board, said if the government would have

teachers especially in rural areas the results would have been even better. Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid said even though

the level of standard of educa-

tion is yet to reach the desired

elevation, the government with the efforts of teachers and students was able to improve it.

humanities group this year is

The pass rate of the

lower than the science and business studies groups' More students sat for the HSC from this group than the latter The number of students with GPA-5 from the former group is also the lowest com-

boards, according to the stats of Education Board Computer Students of business studies group, however, marked a

pared to the latter two in the

eight general education

The stats show a total of 286,563 students from humanities group took part in the examination in eight

Business studies group saw the highest pass percentage of 80.93 percent while 73.04 group this year.

business studies examinees out of 1,87,533 passed with 6,205 securing GPA-5.

arranged more training for In science group, 106,527 students appeared for the exams and 77,805 of them

AL leaders

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witnessed across the country since it assumed power as lawmakers and their close associates in almost every constituency are controlling party matters, said leaders of different district units of the

The ALCWC will meet at the Gano Bhaban at 5:00pm today with the party chief in the chair. Hasina has asked presidents and general secretaries of all district units of the party to attend the meeting, and speak on the latest political situation in the country.

premier would listen to the grassroots level leaders to get first hand information on various matters including the government move to bring the war criminals to book. She may also learn from them about the performances of ministers and lawmakers in their respective areas.

activities, party insiders said. Asked about the issues to come up at today's meeting,

69.76, and Shamsul Haque AL Joint General Secretary Mahbubul Alam Hanif said an open discussion is likely on the country's latest socioeconomic and political situation, and organisational mat-He also said the agenda

includes finalising programmes for August 15, the day Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman along with most of his family members was killed in 1975, and those for August 21. Twenty-four people were killed in grenade attacks on an AL rally in the capital on that day in 2004.

Contacted, some other central leaders said issues like

Centre. significant progress with pass percentage while students of science group stood first in terms of securing GPA-5 this

boards and of them 187,407 or 65.40 percent passed.

percent passed from science As many as 1,51,776 of

Party sources said the

The district AL leaders will also emphasis coordinated efforts of lawmakers, upazila chairmen and local leaders of the party to expedite the government's development

stern action against those

forming properly.

passed. However, 16,112 students achieved GPA-5 from this group, the stats show.

price hike of essentials, persisting power, gas and water crises, trial of war criminals, opposition BNP's antigovernment agitation and performance of ministers and

discussed at the meeting. "We will urge the party president to bring momentum in party activities and save it from the clutches of lawmakers and influential persons concerned," said Azadul Islam Azad, general secretary of Chuadanga district AL. He hailed the party chief's initiative to talk to them.

lawmakers would also be

"I will draw the prime minister's attention to the need for steps to reduce the gap created between lawmakers and party leaders, and coordination between activities of the government and the party," said Azgar Ali, general secretary of Kushtia district

He told this correspondent that he would make a proposal to the AL president to unite pro-Liberation War forces ahead of the trial of war criminals, and to make the party more vibrant.

Tangail district unit

General Secretary Fazlur

Rahman Faruk, Narail unit

President Subhas Chandra

Bose and Jhalakathi unit President Sardar Mohammad Shah Alam said they would urge the prime minister to control BCL with an iron hand. Asked about today's meeting, some other district unit leaders also said they would urge Sheikh Hasina to take

party men including lawmakers and BCL and Jubo League

men who are involved in unlawful activities. Some others said they will urge the prime minister to reshuffle the cabinet as some of the ministers are not per-