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83.93pc pass in Ebtedayee final exams

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The results of Ebtedayee Education Terminal Examination, 2010, introduced for the first time in the country, were published yesterday with 83.93 percent students coming out successful.

A total of 2,22,315 class V madrasa students--1,05,168 boys and 1,17,147 girls--

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Tales of the talent

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

No doubt that the most successful students in the primary education terminal examination have done exceptionally well and are overjoyed with their triumph. But the joy of Sadiya Hassan Drishti who jointly secured the second place knows no bound, as she achieved the feat amid immense hardship.

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Dropout fear mounts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Despite witnessing a good result in this year's primary education terminal examinations, a significant number of students out of over four lakh may drop out from the primary education level, posing a threat to attaining the goal of ensuring cent percent enrolment by 2011.

A total of 2.81 lakh students

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Rural students rule

92.34pc pass in primary terminal exams

WASIM BIN HABIB and NAJMUL ALAM NOBIN

Class-V students outside the capital have beaten those in Dhaka in the primary education terminal examinations for the second year in a row.

Of the 57 students of the top-10 merit list, 51 are from outside Dhaka district, according to the results published yesterday. Students from Tangail dominated the merit list with 17 of them saw their names on it. Last year, nine out of the top 10 students were from outside Dhaka.

The overall results of the terminal examinations held for second time marked a significant rise in success rate, 92.34 percent, coupled with an increase in the number of students obtaining first

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Students of Viqarunnisa Noon School and College celebrate their success in the primary terminal exams yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Major wetland to vanish for airport

Govt takes decision on Bangabandhu airport without any environmental study

PINAKI ROY and PANKAJ KARMAKAR

The government decision of building Bangabandhu International Airport covering an area that includes thousands of acres of agricultural land and the biggest wetland near the capital without any feasibility study and environment impact assessment (EIA) has triggered mass protests in the localities.

The proposed site of the airport consists of more than 25,000 acres of land in three upazilas of Dhaka and Munshiganj districts.

The authorities have already started the process of acquiring these lands in Arial Beel (wetland) -- 10,895-acre in Sreenagar upazila of Munshiganj, and 7,017 acres in Nawabganj and 7,188 acres in Dohar upazilas of Dhaka.

"We have just selected the site, and it (airport) will be built on the basis of public-private partnership basis. So, we are acquiring land and

then we will express our interest to attract investor. The investor will conduct all sorts of feasibility study and EIA," Chairman of Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh Air Commodore Mahmud Hussain told The Daily Star.

Initially, the government had planned to build the airport in Trishal upazila of Mymensingh and later decided in principle to build it in greater Faridpur.

Contacted, a government high official involved in selecting the site, said, "We took into consideration Trishal and both banks of the Padma to find a suitable place." A team led by the civil aviation and tourism secretary visited Bhanga upazila in Faridpur and Arial Beel last month.

"Finally, we have selected Arial Beel as there is no human habitation here," he said, requesting anonymity.

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TOP TEN SCHOOLS

Viqarunnisa Noon School & College (Dhaka)
Monipur High School (Dhaka)
Ideal School & College (Dhaka)
Motijheel Model High School & College (Dhaka)
Milestone Preparatory KG School (Dhaka)
Samsul Haque Khan School & College (Dhaka)
AK Secondary School (Dhaka)
National Ideal School (Dhaka)
Biddiyamoyi Govt Girls High School (Mymensingh)



PHOTO: STAR

Al Yasa Iffat of Tangail secured first position in nationwide merit list in the primary terminal examinations.

Sircar, Delwar sued

Anti-graft body files 5 cases for misuse of public funds, drawing excess utility bills, moving furniture from govt houses

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday filed five cases against three senior BNP leaders and a former accounts chief of the parliament secretariat.

Of the four accused, former speaker Jamiruddin Sircar is implicated in all five cases, filed for misappropriation of public funds and property during the BNP-led four-party alliance rule, said police and ACC officials.

Former chief whip and BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain stands accused in three cases, former deputy speaker Akhtar Hamid Siddiqui in one and parliament secretariat's former chief accounts officer (CAO) Ashraful Islam in two cases.

ACC Deputy Director Moniruzzaman Khan filed two cases and Deputy Assistant Director SM Khabir Uddin the rest three with Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station in the capital.

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BNP decides to contest by-elections

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP has decided to participate in the January 27 by-elections in Brahmanbaria and Habiganj.

The decision came at the party's standing committee meeting last night. Chairperson Khaleda Zia presided over the meeting at her Gulshan office.

RA Gani, a standing committee member of the main opposition party, told

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We express our heartiest congratulations to

ALHAZ A.B.M. ABUL QASEM M.P.
Chittagong-3, elected as the Chairman of Parliamentary Standing Committee of Ministry of Commerce and heartiest congratulations to

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