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HSC results better a little

75.08pc pass exams; 11,098 more score GPA-5 this year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

More than three-fourths of the total number of students who appeared in this year's Higher Secondary Certificate examination passed marking an improvement in the success rate.

For the first time in the country's history the combined pass percentage under 10 education boards, including Madrasa Education Board and Technical Education Board, rose to 75.08 with 39,769 students scoring GPA-5 (Grade Point Average).

The pass percentage this year has increased by 0.8 percentage point from last year's 74.28 percent. A total of 28,671 students scored GPA-5 last year.

Students have been consistently doing well in the HSC-level education since 2005, when the pass rate crossed the 50 percent threshold.

Although no students passed from 24 educational institutions this year, 6,595 out of 7,179 educational institutions had more than half of their students come out successful. As many as 892 institutions witnessed cent percent success.

"The statistics show that the country's overall standard of education rose. The results imply that we are

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Her classmates are in noisy jubilation after achieving great results in the HSC exams. She plugs an ear with one finger and calls her loved ones to tell them how she did. Her face says she did very well. The photo was taken from Chittagong College yesterday.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

Madrasa students mark 89pc pass rate

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

For six straight years, Madrasa Education Board has topped the success charts among the ten education boards with 89.57 percent pass rate in this year's Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) and equivalent examinations.

Last year, the pass rate of the board was 86.55 percent.

A total of 77,215 examinees-- 31,530 of them female-- took the examinations. Of them, 68,086 passed in the Alim examinations under the Madrasa Board this year. Male students have performed slightly better securing 89.73 percent pass rate while the pass rate of female students is

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GOOD TO ALL, BAD TO COPS Police out to 'frame' youth

File third case against DU student

RASHIDUL HASAN

Instead of withdrawing two "false" cases against him, police have now implicated Abdul Quader, a biochemistry master's student at Dhaka University, in carjacking.

Known as a gentle, caring person to his classmates and teachers, Quader has been detained for the last 11 days in two cases for robbery and possessing sharp weapons.

The carjacking case was filed by Mohammadpur police on July 15 accusing five to six unnamed people. Quader, who was arrested by Khilgaon police in the city's Segunbagicha area in the early hours of July 16, was made an accused in it yesterday.

On Tuesday, family members, classmates and teachers formed a human chain demanding his release. They also alleged police beat him up so hard that he could not walk and had to be admitted to hospital.

Prof Mamun Rashid Chowdhury, chairman of the biochemistry and molecular biology department, yesterday said there is not an iota of doubt that Quader is innocent. He has not been involved in any unlawful activities

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Abdul Quader

HSC RESULTS, 2011

Board	Pass Percentage		GPA-5	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Rajshahi	79.01	75.43	5,588	5,602
Dhaka	76.89	72.10	17,786	11,020
Sylhet	75.68	76.12	887	597
Barisal	71.12	74.34	1,310	1,457
Chittagong	71.03	72.65	1,795	1,618
Comilla	68.68	73.13	1,389	1,168
Dinajpur	66.18	67.54	2,260	1,814
Jessore	63.37	67.73	3,370	2,236

Boys defeat girls in pass rates

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Female students lag behind male students in terms of pass percentage in Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) and its equivalent examinations this year.

The pass percentage of female examinees is 75.01 with 2,63,412 coming out successful among 3,51,153 while 75.14 percent of male students passed the examinations.

A total of 4,13,675 male candidates took the examinations under the ten education

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PM for common question papers

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday suggested introduction of common question papers in public examinations under general education boards for maintaining the standard of the examinations.

She made the suggestion while receiving the results of this year's HSC and equivalent examinations from Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid at Ganobhaban.

The prime minister declared the results through a video conference with the students and teachers of Chandpur Govt

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11 greater dists to be made city corporations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The present government will upgrade the municipalities of 11 remaining old districts to city corporations within its tenure to ensure better civic facilities.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Syed Ashrafur Islam told this to newsmen yesterday emerging from the deputy commissioners' conference at the cabinet division of Bangladesh Secretariat.

The 11 old districts are Faridpur, Mymensingh, Tangail, Jamalpur, Dinajpur, Bogra, Pabna, Noakhali, Kushtia, Jessore and Patuakhali.

Within few days Gazipur municipality will

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JUDICIAL POWER

Admin won't get it back

Ashraf says govt to respect separation of judiciary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday refused to give back deputy commissioners (DCs) the judicial power they used to enjoy before the separation of the judiciary from the executive.

The refusal came a day after the DCs made a demand to the prime minister in this regard during the inaugural session of the ongoing three-day DC conference.

They said without the authority mobile courts cannot try any offender.

"As the judiciary has been separated in line with a Supreme Court verdict and the government is committed to ensure its independence, it will never be possible for the government to hand back the full power to the DCs," said LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Syed Ashrafur Islam after a meeting between his ministry and the DCs at the cabinet division of Bangladesh Secretariat.

He said "a little" power is given to DCs on different occasions.

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Mob beats 6 'robbers' to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Six suspected robbers were beaten to death by locals after the gang killed a villager during a robbery attempt at Companiganj in Noakhali early yesterday.

Four dead "robbers" are Alauddin, 26, Pichchi Kalam, 28, Faruq, 27, and Helal, 32. The two others could not be immediately identified.

There are several robbery charges against Alauddin, Kalam and Helal while Helal is a fugitive convicted in an arms case, said Rafique Ullah, officer-in-charge of Companiganj Police Station.

The deceased villager is Mosharrar Hossain Masud, 32, a businessman of Charkakra. Locals said a gang of 15 to 20 people split in three groups entered the area around 2:00am.

One group of five to six knocked on the door of Masud's shop at Rahim Miar Tek under Charkakra union. When Masud's brothers-in-law Kamal and Delwar Hossain opened the door, the gang stabbed them.

Hearing their scream, Masud and his family members came out of the house just beside the shop.

The gang then opened fire killing Masud on the spot, his father Rafique told The Daily Star.

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