

# Indefinite transport strike begins in 10 districts

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Khulna Divisional Transport Workers Oikya Parishad enforced an indefinite transport strike in 10 districts yesterday to press home their 5-point demand.

Vehicular movement remained off the 18 routes in the districts, causing untold suffering to the commuters.

The ten districts under the division are Khulna, Jessore, Narail, Magura, Jhenidah, Chuadanga, Meherpur, Kushtia, Bagerhat and Satkhira.

The demands include withdrawal of cases under 302 of BPC for road acci-

dents, regular appointment of the transport workers, increase of salaries, steps to stop corruption and harassment at ferry ghats and stopping extortion on highway by police, report our correspondents.

The decision to go on work stoppage by transport workers for indefinite period was taken at a meeting held in Jessore on Tuesday, reports our staff correspondent in Khulna.

Presided by president of the Oikya Parishad Azizul Alam Mintu, the meeting was attended by leaders of 26 motor sramik unions of the ten districts.

The transport strike will continue till realisation of all the five demands in full, Mintu said.

Movement of all sorts of vehicles like buses, trucks, tank lorries, minibuses, pick-up vans and easy bikes stopped plying on all the routes of Khulna division yesterday morning in response to the call for strike.

Similar stories were filed by our correspondents in Kushtia, Jhenidah, Narail and other districts yesterday.

Our Jhenidah correspondent reports: Besides commuters, the vegetable growers of the district

were badly affected due to the indefinite strike.

Vegetable farmer Abdul Malek of Bhutiargati village in Jhenidah Sadar upazila said, he could not sale his produces as he failed to take those to weekly vegetable market at Saikupa yesterday.

In Narail, sufferings of passengers from remote areas knew no bound as all passenger buses, mini-buses remained off the road.

Jahangir Biswas, president of Narail Bus-Mini Bus Workers Association said that no vehicle will return to roads till their five-point demand is met.

## BCL cadres kill youth in Patuakhali college

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) cadres on Tuesday killed a youth on AKM College campus in the town.

The victim was identified as Shahadat Hossain, 28, son of late Nayan Hawlader of Nandanakai in the town. Shahadat used to drive motorbike on rental basis.

A gang led by Hasan Sikder, secretary for BCL of the college unit, killed the driver in presence of over a hundred students and teachers.

Eyewitnesses and police said, there was a long-standing feud between Hasan Sikder and Sahadat Hossain. Hasan's men asked Sahadat to come to the campus to settle the dispute at about 12:30 noon.

When Sahadat entered the campus, the gang attacked him with sharp weapon and hacked him mercilessly.

A few students who witnessed the scene chased the gang but failed to nab any of them.

Later, the students took Sahadat to Patuakhali General Hospital where the on-duty doctor declared him dead.

Tapan Kumar Saha, officer-in-charge (OC) of Patuakhali police station said police were 'trying their best' to arrest the culprits.

"We shall take lawful action on getting allegation," he added.



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School kids wade through stagnant polluted water in the compound of Darogakhola Government Primary School in Madaripur town yesterday.

## HEAVY DOWNPOUR FOR 3-4 DAYS Many areas of Madaripur town get waterlogged

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Madaripur

Low-lying areas in Madaripur municipal area have been flooded due to heavy downpour in the last three to four days.

The most affected areas are Darga Sharif, Kali Bari, Ukil Para on the west of Panichhatra Poura Bhaban and Thakur Bari on the east, Kheloar Para and Das Bari.

A few thousand people of these areas are facing water logging problem during the rainy season for the last few years, the residents alleged.

Arif Hossain, a schoolboy

of Ukil Para said they cannot attend school because of floating filth on the flooded road.

Housewife Sabita Das in Panichhatra area said she is witnessing this problem every rainy season since her marriage a few years ago.

Although the villages are out of this ordeal, people of the municipality area are suffering a lot, sometimes amid embarrassment, she said.

Sabina Yasmin, headmistress of Darogakhola Government Primary School told this correspondent that her students were getting

infected with various kinds of water borne diseases due to the polluted water.

The number of students decrease during the rainy season as the schools of the area remain inundated, she added.

Newly elected mayor of Madaripur municipality Khalid Hossain Yeadd said that the authorities have taken initiatives to implement a Tk10 crore project to solve the water logging problem in the municipal area.

It will take at least two years to get rid of the situation, he added.

### HSC RESULTS

## Sylhet Cadet College tops merit list

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Sylhet Cadet College topped the list of top 20 colleges under Sylhet education board.

As many as 30,894 students, including 16,516 girls, appeared in this year's HSC examinations under the board and 23,381 came out successful. The pass percentage is 75.68.

Of the successful candidates, 887 got GPA-5.

The top 20 educational institutions under the board are Sylhet Cadet College, Jalalabad Cantonment Public School and College, Sylhet Government Women's College, Sylhet MC College, Sylhet Commerce College, The Buds Residential Model School and College in Srimangal, Sachindra College in Habiganj, Sylhet Government College, Brindaban Government College in Habiganj, Scholarshome of Sylhet, Moulvibazart Government College, Jalalabad College, Suja Memorial College in Moulvibazar, Taiburnesa Khanam Academy College at Barlekha in Moulvibazar, Madan Mohan College, Blue Bird School and College, Sunamganj Government College, Goainghat College, MC Academy School and College and Dhaka Dakshin High School and College in Golapganj.

### RAJSHAHI BOARD

## Pass rate of girls higher than boys

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The pass rate of girls is 4.97 percent higher than boys' in this year's HSC results under Rajshahi Education Board.

This year, the pass rate in Rajshahi Education Board stands at 79.01 percent. Among them, boys' pass rate is 76.74 percent while the girls' is 81.71 percent.

The girls are ahead of the boys in all the three groups science, arts and commerce.

In last year too, girls did better, being 2.66 percent higher than boys in pass percentage under Rajshahi board.

Boys, however, did better in terms of GPA-5 achievers.

Out of the total 5588 GPA-5 winners, 2949 are boys and 2639 are girls.

Last year, 3082 boys got GPA-5 against 2520 girls.

Class attendance among girls is better and so, their success rate is higher, said Abdul Mannan, principal of Rajshahi Government Women's College that stands within the top 20 colleges in Rajshahi.



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Flowers and fruits of elephant apple, a rainy season citrus fruit locally known as chalta, adorn a tree at a village in Mymensingh.

## Teachers protest stalking of colleague by BCL man

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Teachers of Khalishpur Haji Mohsin College yesterday abstained from taking classes to protest stalking of a female teacher by a student on Monday.

They also formed a human chain in front of the college in the morning.

Besides class boycott, the teachers also threatened to go for tougher movement in case the college governing body fails to take stern action against the accused.

According to sources, stalker Imran Hossain Shabuj is joint secretary of

the college unit of Chhatra League (BCL).

Vice Principal of the college Nazmul Ahsan said Shabuj, a student of third year class, teased a female lecturer of political science department while she was returning home on Monday afternoon. He hurled filthy remarks at the female professor, he said.

The female professor later submitted a petition to principal MA Rouf demanding stern action against the accused.

The said student had been teasing her since last one year on the campus and

also on way to her house everyday, she alleged.

On Tuesday, 43 teachers of the college met state minister for labour Begum Mannujan Sufian seeking her intervention in the matter.

The state minister is chairman of the governing body of the college.

The state minister asked the principal to file a case against the stalker student, said OC Shahabuddin Azad.

Meanwhile, Imran Hossain Sabuj and some of his associates allegedly threatened the principal of dire consequences for lodging the complaint.

### CTG BOARD HSC RESULTS

## Pass percentage down, GPA-5 achievers up

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The pass percentage of this year's Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations under Chittagong Education Board came down to 71.03 from last year's 72.65, marking a fall of 1.62 point.

Though the education board saw a fall in the pass rate, the number of Grade Point Average (GPA) -5 achievers is a little bit higher than previous year.

The board statistics show pass percentage in the metropolitan area is 81.15 while the rate outside the metropolitan area is 64.62. Seven institutions secured cent percent pass rate like previous year and no college had zero success.

A total of 1795 students from 187 colleges achieved

GPA-5, compared to 1,618 of last year's.

As many as 48,191 students--24,971 boys and 23,220 girls--appeared in the HSC examinations under Chittagong board and 33,931 came out successful. The pass rate of boys and girls is 69.84 and 72.32.

Fauzderhat Cadet College topped the list of top 20 institutions. Fifty students appeared in the HSC examinations from the college and came out successful. Of them, 47 obtained GPA-5.

Chittagong Government College stood second with highest 404 GPA-5 achievers in the board. A total of 769 students appeared in the exams from the college. Govt. Commerce College secured third position with its 214 GPA-5 achievers. As many as 751 students sat for

the HSC examinations from this college and came out successful.

Chittagong Public School and College secured fourth position among the top 20 colleges with 153 GPA-5 achievers. A total of 604 students appeared in the examinations from this college.

Govt. Haji Mohammad Mohsin College stood fifth with 310 GPA-5 achievers. A total of 1357 students sat for the HSC from the college.

Ispahani Public School and College, Chittagong Govt Girls' College, Noubahini College, Chittagong Govt City College and Cox's Bazar college secured sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth position among the top 20 colleges under the board.

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