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Monipur High School, Rajuk Model College beat others

PANKAJ KARMAKAR

Monipur High School and Rajuk Uttara Model College in Dhaka retained their position as best schools in this year's primary terminal and Junior School Certificate (JSC) exams for the second time in a row.

Monipur High School achieved cent percent pass rate in the primary terminal exam taken by Grade-V students. A total of 1,563 students of the school out of 2,060 secured GPA 5.

Rajuk Uttara Model College achieved the cent

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Students of Monipur High School and College of Mirpur in the capital rejoice yesterday after their school became the best nationwide in the primary terminal exam results. More photos on page 2, 5.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Well done, kids

The pass rates in this year's Primary Terminal and Junior Certificate Examinations marked rise. Free and on-time textbook distribution, creative question, teachers' training, special care in English and mathematics, stipends, school monitoring, awareness of students and parents made it possible.

PRIMARY TERMINAL

WASIM BIN HABIB

School kids have done better than ever in this year's primary school terminal examination, taking the success rate to a new height.

The number of highest grade point achievers doubled with 2,30,220 class-V students securing GPA-5 in the test. The overall pass rate is 97.35 percent, up by 0.09 percentage points than that of the last year. A total of 1,05,673 students got GPA-5 last year.

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JUNIOR CERTIFICATE

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Junior School Certificate (JSC) results this year smashed all previous records in terms of success rate and GPA-5 achievers.

The pass rates in eight education boards stand at 86.11 percent, which is 3.44 percentage points higher than that of last year. A total of 44,158 students secured GPA-5, the highest grade point average, which was

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BB opens gateway to e-commerce

Launches National Payment Switch to facilitate online transactions; new system to bring credit/debit cards of all banks under a single network

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The central bank yesterday launched National Payment Switch, a common platform for the country's commercial banks for electronic payments, which is going to revolutionise e-commerce in Bangladesh.

"The advantages of this new payment platform are enormous. E-commerce will spread across the country," said Bangladesh Bank Governor Atiur Rahman.



Once all banks in Bangladesh join the NPS, a customer using a credit or debit card of any bank will be able to draw cash from any ATM and POS (point of sales) in the country. And transaction costs will significantly go down as the transactions will be routed through the NPS instead of Visa, Master or Amex card networks abroad.

Moreover, purchase and sale can be done with cards through the internet and web portals within the country.

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Tension with Turkey

Dhaka surprised as Gul calls upon Zillur to pardon war crimes accused

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Diplomatic tension has been created between Dhaka and Ankara over Turkish President Abdullah Gul's letter to President Zillur Rahman calling for "clemency" to the accused under trial in the International Crimes Tribunal for the "sake of peace in the society".

Gul requested clemency for Ghulam Azam and the other accused, foreign ministry sources said.

Tension intensified as Ankara summoned yesterday

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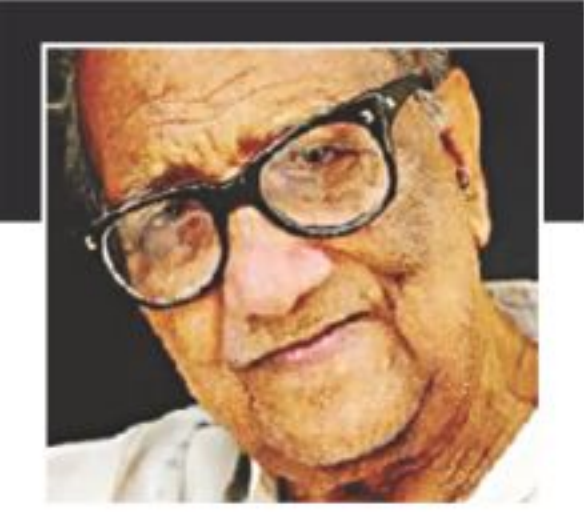
Nothing can stop war crimes trial
PM tells AL Dhaka city council

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday reiterated that war criminals would get due punishment no matter what conspiracies BNP and its ally Jamaat-e-Islami hatch to protect them.

She alleged BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia

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Sohrab Hossain passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pioneer Nazrul Sangeet singer Sohrab Hossain passed away yesterday morning. He was 91.

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Hall-Mark's illegal buildings demolished

10 acres of govt land reclaimed in Savar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eight illegal structures, including a four-storey building were demolished yesterday in Savar on the outskirts of the capital in a drive to recover 10 acres of government land grabbed by Hall-Mark Group.

A team of Dhaka district administration along with Savar police and the Industrial police bulldozed structures that housed at least 20 factories and store-

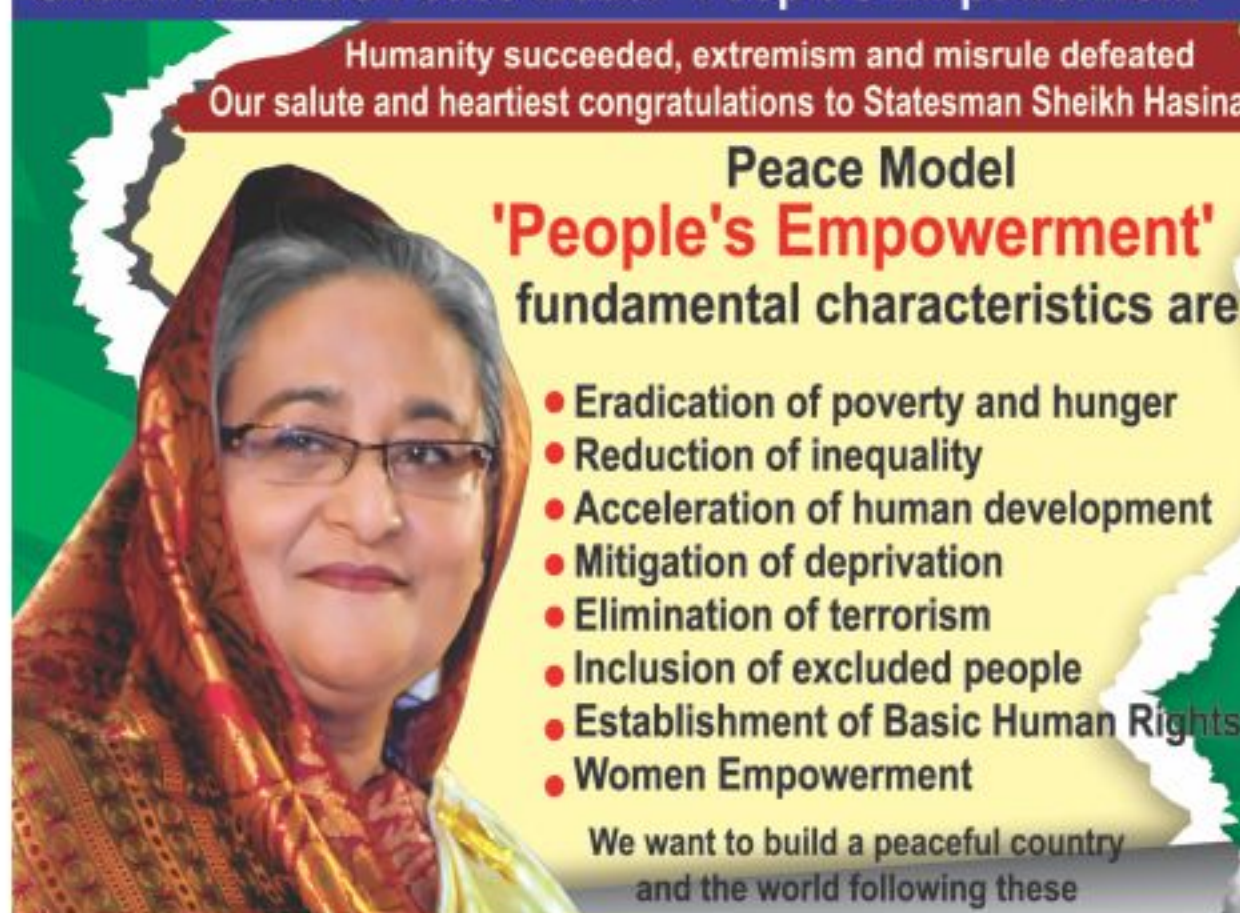
houses at Nandakhali.

Seven tin-shed structures have been completely demolished while the four-storey building has been partially destroyed due to lack of proper equipment, witnesses said.

Selim Hossain, executive magistrate of the district administration led the drive from 10:00am to 5:00pm in presence of

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United Nations has adopted unanimously Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Peace Model "People's Empowerment"



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United Nations has adopted unanimously Bangladesh's proposal titled "Autism Spectrum Disorders".

Our heartfelt congratulations to **Saima Hossain Putul** the daughter of Statesman Sheikh Hasina and Chairperson of Bangladesh National Advisory Committee on Autism

No autistic child is alone today. We all are with them. There is no fear for them. We will altogether win all the obstacles.



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