

NEWS IN brief

Fresh high school graduate dies in Dinajpur road crash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A boy was killed in a road accident in Raniganj of Chittagong upazila in Dinajpur yesterday while he was returning home after getting his SSC results.

Shamim Hossain, 16, took the exams from Raniganj High School and obtained GPA-4.5, said his father Nur Hossain.

The accident occurred around 5:30pm on an oncoming Gaidandha-bound truck hit a motorcycle Shamim was riding on Dinajpur-Bogra highway, said Chittagong Police Station Sub-inspector Kalyan Chandra.

Following the accident, locals kept the highway blocked till filing of the report at 9:15pm.

Unidentified body of man recovered in Ashulia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dhaka

Police recovered an unidentified body of a man, aged around 33, from Barotpara area of Ashulia in Dhaka yesterday.

The person, wearing lungi and t-shirt, might have been killed somewhere by suffocation and dumped here, said police.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for an autopsy.

Canadian International School to provide education to poor children

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Canadian International School planned to launch an evening school programme for the underprivileged children this year in Dhaka, says a press release.

In this regard, CIS students, along with a team of United World College South East Asia-Singapore, had visited Jaago Foundation, Brae and Gajpur Shiksha Peli Plan last week to observe their activities to educate poor children.

UZGP basic training begins today

CITY DESK

A five-day basic training on "Law and Administration of 4th Upazila Parishad" begins today simultaneously in Dhaka, Comilla and Bogra, says a press release yesterday.

The Upazila Governance Project (UZGP) under Local Government Division is organising the training for the newly elected public representatives and government officials at upazila level to enhance their skills to make the Upazila Parishads more effective and functional.

SSC EXAM RESULTS BEYOND CAPITAL



Clockwise from top left, students of Chittagong Collegiate School, the topper in the board this year, celebrate their success on the campus in Chittagong city yesterday. Sylhet Cadet College students, the best in Sylhet. Jubilant boys and girls at Bogra Cantonment Public School and College, which topped in Rajshahi board. Students and faculty of Barisal Cadet College, the top in that board. Graduates of Khulna Military Collegiate School, and Jheridaha Cadet College which share the honour of being the best in Jessore board.

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Rajshahi tops in pass rate

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Like the previous year, Rajshahi has topped among the eight general education boards with an impressive 96.34 percent pass rate, 3.67 percentage points higher than the national average.

The pass rate among female students (96.5 percent) is higher than that among male ones (96.16 percent), but boys outnumbered the girls in achieving GPA-5.

Among the GPA-5 achievers, 10,825 are boys and 8,990 girls.

The educational institutions under the board also fared tremendously well in maintaining 100 percent pass rate, with 41.5 percent

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Sylhet at the bottom

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Although more students have passed and achieved GPA-5 in Sylhet board this year, its pass rate, 89.23 percent, is the lowest among the eight general education boards.

In fact, the pass rate marked a very slight improvement, going up by only 0.27 percentage points from last year's 88.96 percent.

In Sylhet, more girls than boys got through the exam with their numbers being 33,351 and 27,399 respectively out of a total of 68,085 examinees this year.

However, boys fared better in terms of the number of GPA-5 achievers—1,732 male students

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None passes from one Barisal school

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A total of 208 out of 1,342 institutions under Barisal board have achieved the 100 percent pass rate this year while one school saw none of its candidates get through.

Like most of the eight general education boards, the pass rate here marked a rise, by 2.03 percentage points, to 90.66 percent from 88.63 last year.

All students of only Swarnakathi Anarh Narnar Memorial Secondary Girls School of Swarnakathi in Prosjar failed

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Ctg boys fare better

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Unlike most of the eight general education boards, boys in Chittagong have fared better in terms of both pass rates and the number of GPA-5 achievers.

The pass rate among male and female students is 92.33 percent and 90.58 percent respectively, while 5,579 boys obtained GPA-5 and 5,305 girls achieved the feat.

The board saw a healthy rise in pass rate to 91.4 percent, 3.36 percentage points higher than last year's 88.04 percent.

It is the second highest rise in pass rate after Dhaka board, which witnessed a jump of 6.65 percentage

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AL factional clash hurts 20 in Gazipur

4 cops among injured

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Two rival groups of ruling Awami League locked horns at Kapasia upazila in Gazipur yesterday, leaving at least 20 people including four policemen injured, police said.

The injured police officials are Kapasia Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) Akbar Ullah, Sub-inspectors M Abu Siddique, Md Hachchu Mia and Akbar Kalam Azad, said Shahrar AJ Mannan, assistant superintendent of police (Kapasia circle).

The injured received primary treatment at different hospitals in the upazila.

Quoting locals, police said supporters of Anwar Rahman Aref, expelled general secretary of the upazila AL unit, brought out a procession in the morning at Kapasia Bazaar welcoming various initiatives of the incumbent government.

The procession ended at Aref's business office in the bazaar where they held a rally.

On information, former lawmaker and upazila AL President Md Shahidullah along with some of his supporters reached the spot, triggering a clash between the two sides around 11:00am that left AL-backed Juba League President of the upazila unit Shohab Hossain Prodhan, loyal to Shahidullah, injured.

Later, Shahidullah's supporters reorganised themselves.

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DHAKA AIRPORT

Gold bars worth Tk 6cr, US \$40,000 seized

4 held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Customs officials at the capital's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport seized 106 gold bars worth around Tk 6 crore and arrested three people, while the airport police nabbed a person with US \$40,000 yesterday.

The seizure of the gold bars, weighing about 11.76 kilograms, was made only four days after the haul of 72 bars weighing 8.3kg on Tuesday at the same airport.

Ihtar Ishaq Rumi, assistant commissioner (Customs), said Sabuj Mishra, Zainal and Roman had landed at the airport around 8:50am boarding an international flight of Bangladesh Biman coming from Dubai via Sylhet.

On suspicion, customs officials challenged the trio, who boarded the flight at Sylhet, and recovered the bars from them searching their bodies and shoes.

After primary questioning, Ihtar said, the arrestees admitted that they had received the bars from one Aziz, who came from Dubai in the flight and handed over the bars to them at Sylhet Airport.

Meanwhile, police challenged another passenger named Nazim Islam outside terminal-2 around 4:00pm and recovered US \$40,000 from him.

Nazim received the currency equivalent to around Tk 31,06,000 from someone at the airport, said Shah Alam, officer-in-charge of Airport Police Station.

To Know is to Prevent

A lifesaving electric shock!

Do you know a small device can save you from sudden cardiac death?

Today is Sabina's first day in high school. Looking at his daughter Sabina smilingly waving back from the school gate, Mr. Bashir Khan* went back to the day nine months earlier. Mr. Khan was getting prepared to go to his office in the morning when he suddenly fainted. Prior to this he was having episodes of rapid heart beat (palpitation), shortness of breath and dizziness. Mr. Khan was immediately taken to a renowned hospital emergency department. Cardiologists examined him and diagnosed him to be a case of Ventricular Tachycardia (VT).



Ventricular Tachycardia is a condition where the lower chambers of heart (Ventricles) pump at a very high rate of more than 300 each minute hence heart fails to pump enough blood to supply to vital organs like brain, leading to fainting episodes. Ventricular Tachycardia can lead to Sudden Cardiac Death when heart completely fails to pump blood and stops beating.

Cardiologists put a small device under the skin of left upper chest of Mr. Khan, just below his collar bone. It was a short and simple procedure of approx 1 hour, performed in hospital Cath Lab under local anaesthesia. It was a small battery powered device called Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (ICD) as small as a MP3 player; this device keeps track of heart rate. This wires connect the ICD to heart. If an abnormal heart rhythm is detected the device will deliver an electric shock to restore a normal heart-beat to stop the heart from beating chaotically and much too fast.

* Name depicted to protect identity

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ICDs can prevent Sudden Cardiac Death. Many people with underlying condition such as heart failure or family history of heart disease or those having a weak and diseased heart with a pumping ability of less than thirty percent, may benefit from having an ICD implanted.

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