They also threw brick chips at a branch of Southeast Bank in the area, as rumour spread

that Arif took shelter there. Police held Arif and nine of his supporters for interrogation, confirmed the ASP.

Prior to his arrest, Arif said Shahidullah's supporters had swooped on them when they were holding the rally.

On the other hand, Shahidullah said there was a pre-scheduled programme of local lawmaker Simin Hossain Rimi.

Arif held his rally aiming to create hindrance to Rimi's programme, he said, adding

However, another group of Arif's supporters set fire to a covered van at Dholadia on Dhaka-Kapasia road in Sreepur around 7:00pm, said Mohsinul Qadir, OC of Sreepur

that Arif had been doing this on a regular

basis since he was expelled from the party on

to ask him why the latter had called the rally,

his supporters tried to block Kapasia-

Kishoreganj road around 6:00pm, but police

foiled the attempt, said Ahsan Ullah, OC of

but Arif's supporters attacked his men.

Shahidullah said he had gone to Arif's office

Meanwhile, protesting the arrest of Arif,

disciplinary grounds.

Kapasia Police Station.

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Menstruation should be discussed

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materials for women at all educational institutions and other public places. Coordinated efforts of both government and nongovernment organisations are necessary to make this happen, they said.

Meher Afroze Chumki, state minister for women and children affairs, said if awareness can be built among people about menstruation, it will surely minimise excessive medical cost of families. Leanne Unicomb, head of water, sanitation and hygiene research group of icddr,b, said most of the teenage girls use dirty cloths during menstruation, and even a

half of the girls cannot go to schools during the period due to a lack of women-friendly infrastructure including washrooms.

Dilruba, additional secretary of the public administration ministry, said separate toilet facility for women is yet to be ensured in government offices. But the issue is now getting priority during the planning of different infrastructures.

Prothom Alo Associate Editor Abdu Quayum moderated the function, while officials of different government and nongovernment organisations also spoke.

Second convocation

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Moody-Stuart, a trustee of AUW.

Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali, who was the chief guest, AUW Vice Chancellor Dr Fahima Aziz, Kathy Matsui of Goldman

Sachs Japan and member of the AUW Support Foundation Board of Directors, also spoke. French, Palestinian and American ambassadors were also present.

Unsatisfactory outcome makes student

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Adhunik places proposals

alternative food cultivation from tobacco farming; including articles on ill effects of tobacco and smoking in the school textbooks; persuading all print and electronic media to publish and broadcast reports, articles and programmes to raise awareness of the health hazards posed by tobacco; declaring Jatiya Sangsad a tobacco-free zone.

The Speaker assured the delegates of her full support and cooperation in their efforts to carry forward the movement to contain the tobacco epidemic.

The delegation included Prof Hasina Banu, AI Islam, MA Jabbar, Dr Neena Islam.

Eight journos win Unesco FROM PAGE 5

published or aired last year.

Jahid Hossain, news editor of Independent TV, moderated the event and Kiichi Oyasu, officer-in-charge of Unesco Bangladesh, congratulated the awardees. At the event, Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu

urged journalists to refrain themselves from broadcasting and printing gory pictures of disasters, and interviewing bereaved families only for their instant reactions. Unesco Bangladesh and BCDJC have been awarding

journalists for investigative journalism since 2008.

Ctg boys fare better

points from last year's 87.31 percent to 93.94 this year.

Despite an overall improvement in Chittagong board, Rangamati, one of the five districts under the board, suffered a fall in pass rate, by 2.08 percentage points compared to last year's.

This year, 91,847 students from 159 educational institutions sat for the exams with 91 schools achieving a 100 percent pass rate and none suffering a zero percent pass rate.

Sylhet at the bottom

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achieved the feat while the figure is 1,609 among girls. The pass rate is 91.64 percent among science students

87.93 percent among humanities students, and 93.7 percent among business studies students. Out of the 785 institutions, from where students sat the

exams, 67 saw 100 percent pass rates and none suffered a zero percent pass rate.

Last year, Dhaka board witnessed the lowest pass rate.

Rajshahi tops in pass rate FROM PAGE 3

of a total of 2,542 institutions achieving the feat. As in the last year, none of the institutions saw a zero percent pass rate.

This year, a total of 1,22,168 students sat for the exams The pass rate is 98.21 percent among science students, 96.76 percent among business studies students, and 94.88 percent among humanities students.

Road crash kills one, injures 10

DHAKA SUNDAY MAY 18, 2014

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabgani

A man died and 10 others were injured when an improvised motorised threewheeler (Bhotbhoti) fell into a roadside ditch after its driver lost control over the steering at Monakasha area of Shibganj in Chapainawabganj yesterday.

Akbar Ali, 65, of Tuthapara village, died on the way to Rajshahi Medical College and Hospital.

The injured were taken to Chapainawabganj Sadar Hospital and Shibganj Upazila Health Complex.

Huda proposes

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about the voters in their ward, and they knew well who had become eligible to be a new voter, and whether any voter had died. "It will be a better procedure than the existing one."

The existing system causes waste of both money and time, Huda said, urging the Election Commission to adopt his formula.

The EC started the voter list update on May 15, which will continue till November 15 in three phases across the country, with over 48,000 data collectors deployed to go from door to door.

None passes FROM PAGE 3 this year. It did not happen in

the last two years.

Girls did better than boys in achieving GPA-5, with the figure being 2,424 and 2,338 respectively. But more male students (90.97 percent) passed than females (90.34 percent). A total of 63,543 sat for the exams.

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at Rangamati Circuit House. On May 10 this year, CHT affairs State Minister Bir Bahadur Ushwe Sing and Secretary Naba Bikram Kishore Tripura visited Rangamati as a preparation for acquiring land. The government is in the process of acquiring 50 acres of land. Though the government took various programmes --

education for all, quality education, it is not sincere in implementing these initiatives in the hill tracts. There are innumerable villages that do not have any primary schools, and hundreds of primary schools have no quality

Hasina laid foundation stones for the two institutions

education, said Abul Maqsud. Also, he said, due to lack of quality teachers and infrastructures in the secondary and higher secondary schools, indigenous students cannot get good education. Therefore, they do not become eligible to go for higher education, he noted.

"Therefore, even a university and a medical college are set up in Rangamati, most indigenous students will not be eligible to study here," Maqsud said. Instead, there will be migration of people from the mainland, which will damage the special characteristics of the hill tracts.

Bangladesh Adivasi Forum General Secretary Sanjeeb Drong said according to the CHT accord, any framing laws or undertaking development activities for the region must be consulted with the CHT Regional Council and three hill district councils, but these had been fully ignored in this case.

"Any imposed development project cannot bring any improvement of indigenous people," he said.

Journalist Salim Samad said military establishments and Bangalee settlements since 1971 have caused eviction of thousands of indigenous people, and the process should not go on to evict them from their own land. They demanded establishing a paramedical insti-

tution in CHT and implement the CHT accord

fully before setting up any university and medical

Jagannath University Associate Prof Rajib Mir, rights activist Nilufar Banu, filmmaker Rashed Rhine and biodiversity researcher Pavel Partha also spoke.

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