



O- & A-LEVEL RESULTS

Hopes, here

52 score world's highest in different subjects; Star awards outstanding achievers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It is a time for change and the young minds who gathered at the Shaheed Suhrawardy National Indoor Stadium yesterday showed every sign that they would be the change-makers of tomorrow, overcoming all hurdles -- be it political or financial.

Recognised for their academic brilliance at The Daily Star's O- and A-level Award Presentation Ceremony, 1,760 awardees, who took the international exams in June 2013-2014 amid political unrest, promised to take the country to a new height.

The 16th annual award ceremony also bestowed special

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BUILDERS OF TOMORROW ... students elated as they attend The Daily Star 16th O- & A-Level Award Presentation Ceremony yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON



They say success is not final and failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts.

MAHIN AR RAHMAN
RESULT: 11 A*'s IN O-LEVEL

Riots, strikes, exam postponement and cancellations -- you name it! Instead of demoralising you, these obstacles only help your spirits soar because you don't let the intimidation win over you.

SHAH HABIBUR RAHMAN
RESULT: 5 A*'s AND 1 A IN A-LEVEL

A triumph despite political gloom

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Emotions ran high inside Shaheed Suhrawardy Indoor Stadium in the capital's Mirpur yesterday as names of the awardees were being announced at The Daily Star 16th O and A Level Award Presentation Ceremony for the academic session of June 2013- June 2014.

While boisterous applause and cheers rang through the ground floor teeming with the achievers and their teachers,

the feeling up in the gallery, where the parents sat, were way deeper.

Though words could barely describe the sense of accomplishment that filled their elated hearts, we attempt to give our readers some idea about it through the words of parents, teachers and the students themselves.

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Shakib Al Hasan



EYEBALL TO EYEBALL: Australia captain Michael Clarke (L) and his New Zealand counterpart Brendon McCullum, it seems, are engaged in a cerebral war after a photo session with the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 trophy at the MCG yesterday. The two captains will fight for the ultimate glory today.

PHOTO: AFP

Fifth or maiden?

Trans-Tasman World Cup final at MCG today

AFP, Melbourne

Australia captain Michael Clarke has added a fresh edge to today's blockbuster World Cup final against New Zealand in Melbourne by announcing the match will be his last one-day international.

"I think it's the right time for me and the Australian cricket team," the 33-year-old Clarke told reporters on Saturday.

"I made the decision 48 hours ago when I asked myself if I thought I would be playing in the next World Cup and I said to myself that 'I don't think I will be'," added Clarke, whose career has been blighted by back and hamstringing problems.

Clarke has played 244 one-day internationals, scoring 7,907 runs with a highest score of 130 since his debut in 2003.

He intends to keep playing Tests, however, having already featured in 108 matches, with 8,432 runs and a highest score of 329 not out.

New Zealand captain Brendon McCullum struck the first psychological blow when he named his team 24 hours before the final.

Unsurprisingly, the Black Caps retained the same side which edged out South Africa in the semifinals.

"It's captivated the country back home, it's immensely satisfying but we have to build on it. Gee it would be nice to win it," said McCullum at his pre-match news conference.

McCullum said he had read the article by Martin Crowe, who is terminally ill, and revealed how the former captain, whose team lost to Pakistan in the 1992 World Cup semifinals in Auckland, had been involved in preparing the current squad for the tournament.

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TOP QUOTE

"My precarious life ahead may not afford me the luxury of many more games to watch and enjoy. So this is likely to be it. The last, maybe, and I can happily live with that."

MARTIN CROWE
THE FORMER NEW ZEALAND CAPTAIN, WHO IS BATTLING CANCER, ADMITTING THAT TODAY'S WORLD CUP FINAL COULD BE THE LAST GAME HE'LL EVER SEE.

CITY CORPORATION ELECTIONS 2015



A few hours left for nomination

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Awami League and the BNP are letting their grassroots leaders to file nomination papers to run for councillor in three city elections but the parties could ask them to withdraw later on.

The grassroots leaders could submit the papers today, the last day for filing, but the AL and the BNP top brass would decide who would get the party endorsement. The others would be asked to withdraw as the parties would back only one candidate per post, sources in the parties said.

The parties have no idea how many of their leaders have collected nomination forms for the elections to councillor posts but senior leaders believe there were two to three potential contestants per party for each post.

Records in the offices of the returning officers say that a total 1,951 people have collected nomination forms for 93 councillor posts in two city corporations in Dhaka.

For the two oral posts, 58 individuals,

including those belonging to AL and the BNP, have collected nomination papers.

In Chittagong, the AL and the BNP were not worried as only one person from each party has collected nomination papers.

It's a different story in the councillors' race. More than 560 individuals, most of them of AL and BNP, have collected nomination papers.

In Dhaka, some senior leaders of AL said the party would collect names of the councillor aspirants after the nomination filing today.

"The process is going on to pick a single councillor candidate [for each ward] and it would be completed before April 9, the last

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It's no level playing field

Mayoral aspirant alleges after PM's Gono Bhaban meet with Annisul, Khokon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It went against the spirit of level playing field when the prime minister introduced ruling Awami League-backed candidates to party leaders at her official residence, alleged a mayoral aspirant.

"The prime minister yesterday [Friday] introduced the party-backed mayoral hopefuls at the Gono Bhaban and it was widely reported in the media. It was contrary to the spirit of level playing

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