



Indian cabinet approves two more deals

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

The Indian cabinet yesterday approved two separate agreements, to be signed during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Dhaka next week, to fight human trafficking and introduce coastal shipping service with Bangladesh.

The cabinet, chaired by the prime minister, approved the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on prevention of human trafficking, especially

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## It's like fall of Berlin Wall

Modi basks in land deal, silent on Teesta-sharing

STAR REPORT

Ahead of his June 6-7 Dhaka visit, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has compared the settling of the Indo-Bangla land boundary issue with the fall of the Berlin Wall.

"The media has not realised this was a massive achievement and is talking of other issues. Had this been elsewhere in the world, this would have been cited as an example as big as the fall of the Berlin Wall," he said in an interview with



Indian daily The Tribune.

Modi boasted of the diplomacy he pursued, describing it as "practical and outcome-based".

The Indian PM, however, refrained from answering a question on the prospect of a deal on sharing of Teesta waters with Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee yesterday said she would visit Bangladesh on June 5 and return home the next day after signing the

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SSC examinee Shayor Islam hugs her smiling mother as the mother tells relatives about Shayor's result over the phone at Rajuk Uttara Model College yesterday.

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PASS RATE 86.72PC

## SSC results slide for politics, math

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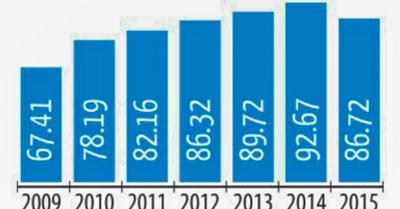
After a six-year uptrend, the SSC results this year show a significant drop in pass rates and the number of GPA-5 achievers, which is largely blamed on political unrest and students' not performing as expected in mathematics.

The results, published yesterday, also show a decline in other indicators: The number of failed students increased remarkably and the number of schools with cent percent pass rate decreased,

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PASS RATE (YEAR-WISE) IN %



DAKHIL, VOCATIONAL Pass rates up

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unlike the other boards, the success rate of madrasa and technical education boards in this year's SSC and its equivalent examinations is higher than that of the previous year.

In madrasa board, the

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THE HUMAN TRADE

## Gaining from others' pain

THE STAR, Kuala Lumpur

To society, he is seen as a philanthropist, often helping his less fortunate countrymen. But what is not known is that this former Myanmar refugee and his Malaysian business partner make millions from the misery of trafficking victims.

They have been linked to the trafficking of Rohingyas and Bangladeshis into this country along the Malaysia-Thai border.

The authorities are closing down on the two men, aged between their late 40s and 50s, who could be arrested under preventive detention laws soon, according to sources.

The two are said to be prominent figures in George Town and are known for their flamboyant lifestyles. The philanthropist from Kepala Batas set up base here two decades ago and is involved in issuing fake MyKad and UNHCR refugee documents to Rohingyas who entered the country illegally.

He has permanent resident status, is well-connected to

'He's not their son'

STAR REPORT

The youth found in Indonesia is not Sabbir, the private university student washed away in the Bay of Bengal last year, reports AFP Jakarta office.

The identity of the youth has been verified as Abdul Hakim, a resident of Cox's Bazar, said AFP Dhaka

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TOP QUOTE

"Credit for this success goes to us, the parents, not the schools. For the last two years, I devoted myself to preparing my daughter for the exams. I also spent a lot for her coaching."

THE MOTHER

OF A GOLDEN GPA-5 ACHIEVER, APPARENTLY PEEVED ABOUT THE ROLE SCHOOLS PLAY

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