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The legendary commentator and the voice of West Indies dies aged 75

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Pakistan again sides with war criminals

Its national assembly passes resolution condemning execution of Nizami; Pak reaction sparks outrage in Bangladesh

"His only sin was upholding the constitution and laws of Pakistan."

"Pakistan should learn not to interfere in the internal affairs of a sovereign country."

LAW MINISTER ANISUL HUQ

PAKISTAN FOREIGN MINISTRY
IN A STATEMENT YESTERDAY, FOLLOWING MOTIUR RAHMAN NIZAMI'S HANGING FOR 1971 WAR CRIMES

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pakistan national parliament has once again sided with war criminals by passing a resolution to express serious concerns over the execution of Jamaat-e-Islami chief Motiur Rahman Nizami.

This has caused a huge outcry in Bangladesh and risks further straining of the relations between the two countries. Ministers and war crimes trial campaigners have termed the resolution a brazen attempt to meddle in internal affairs of the country.

In the resolution passed unanimously, Pakistan parliament also condemned the war crimes trial proceedings in Bangladesh and described them as against the law, justice and human rights.

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JAISHANKAR'S TALKS WITH BANGLADESH HIGH-UPS Minority repression likely on agenda

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Visiting Indian Foreign Secretary Subrahmanyam Jaishankar is likely to raise the issue of the recent attacks on religious minorities in Bangladesh during his meetings with the government high-ups.

Highly placed sources said the BJP government and various quarters in India have voiced concern about the recent killings of religious minority people, particularly the Hindus, attacks on temples and grabbing of their properties in Bangladesh and called for an immediate halt to such incidents.

Talking to The Daily Star, top Hindu community leaders yesterday said they expected that Jaishankar would raise the issue and call upon the government

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Jaishankar



A jubilant student of Viqarunnisa Noon School in the capital with friends after the SSC results were published yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSIAN

Mathematics the key

SSC pass rate rises to 88.7 this year; 96,769 students under 8 general education boards got GPA-5

WASIM BIN HABIB

With the secondary students doing better in mathematics, the SSC results this year show a rise in both the pass rate and the number of GPA-5 achievers in eight general education boards.

The success rate rose to 88.7 percent, up by 1.98 percentage points from that of last year.

A total of 96,769 students under the eight boards got GPA-5 this year. The number was 93,631 last year, according to

the results published yesterday.

After an uptrend for six consecutive years, the pass rate and the number of GPA (Grade Point Average)-5 achievers in Secondary School Certificate exams came down last year. At that time, teachers and officials cited students' poor performance in mathematics for the slide.

This time, the students have done particularly well in the subject, pushing the pass rate up, say officials at the education boards.

"Mathematics has always been consid-

ered as a major factor in the result chart. The performance of students in this subject is better this year," Dhaka Education Board Chairman Prof Mahabubur Rahman told The Daily Star.

The average pass rate in mathematics is 93.13 percent which is about 2 percentage points higher than that of last year.

When the government introduced a creative method in mathematics last year, many students found it difficult to answer the questions and couldn't do well in the

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Death strikes hours before happy hours

JAMIL MAHMUD

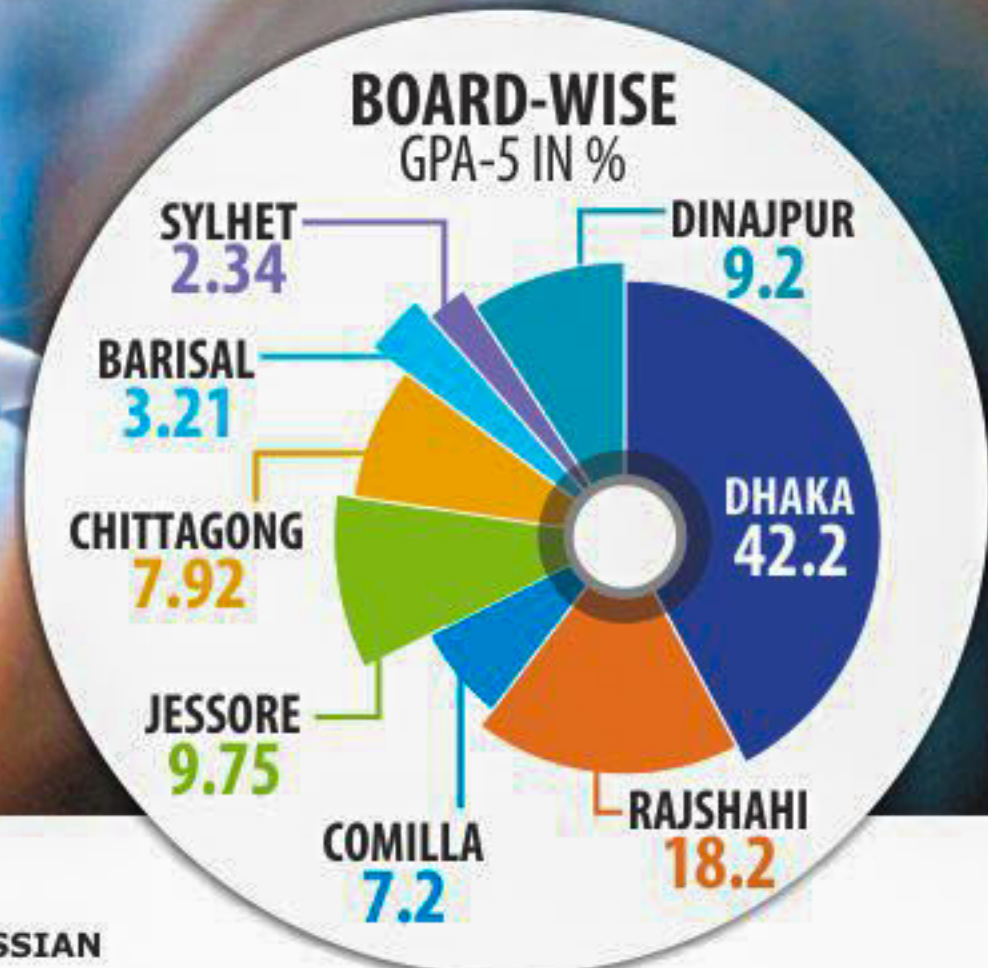
The day started full of hope and enthusiasm for the family of Tamera Begum but turned tragic before noon.

For days, the mother and all the other family members had kept their fingers crossed for Babul Sikder Hridoy whose Secondary School Certificate (SSC)

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Hridoy



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