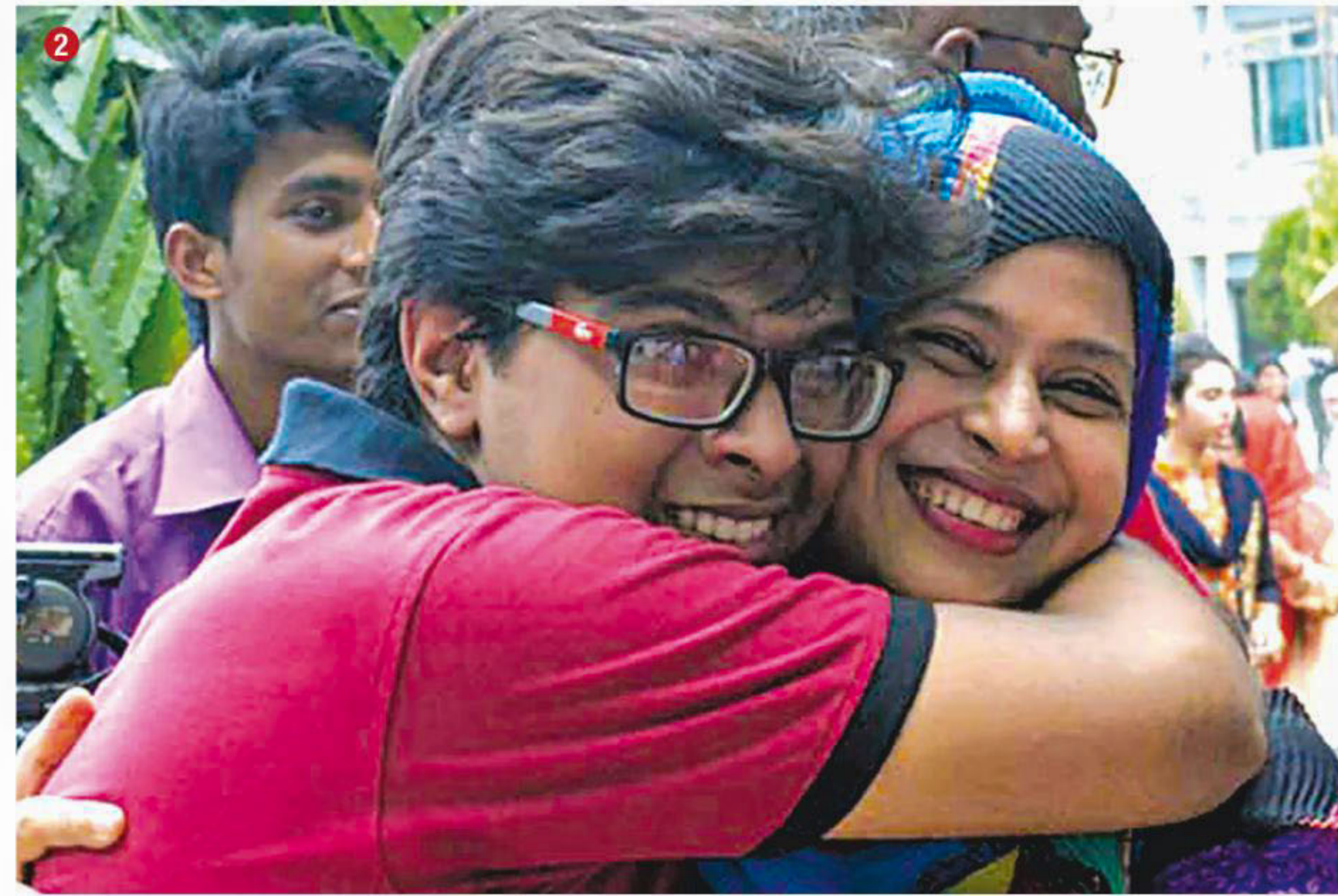


CELEBRATING SUCCESS



Students' jubilation all around with students shouting and jumping in sheer joy after the results of this year's HSC examinations were published yesterday. 1) Chittagong College. 2) A student of Rangpur Cantonment Public School and College hugs his smiling mother while celebrating his result. 3) Rajuk Uttara Model College in the capital. 4) Pabna Cadet College. 5) Sylhet Government Women's College. 6) Notre Dame College, Dhaka. 7) Mymensingh Girls' Cadet College. 8) Rajshahi College.

PHOTOS: STAR

Lowest pass rate in 6yr in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The pass rate of HSC examinations under Rajshahi Education Board has decreased again and it is the lowest in the last six years.

This year's pass rate is 75.4 percent. Some 87,301 examinees out of 1,17,794 from 715 colleges came out successful this year.

The pass rate in 2015 was 77.54 percent, 78.55 in 2014, 77.44 in 2013, 79.01 in 2011 and 75.43 in 2010.

"We will look into why the pass rate is decreasing," said Prof Shamsul Kalam Azad, controller of examination of the board, at a press briefing yesterday.

Of the students, 78.7 percent girls passed the examination while the boys' pass rate is 72.71.

Some 6,073 students from eight districts achieved GPA-5. Among them, 3,580 are boys and 2,493 are girls.

Barisal sees drastic fall in GPA-5

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Though Barisal Education Board saw an increase in the numbers of students passing this year's HSC examination, the number of GPA-5 achievers reduced significantly.

Only 787 students were awarded GPA-5 compared to 1,319 in 2015 and 2,225 in 2014.

The board sources said that the pass percentage of the board is 70.13 and 43,157 have passed out of 61,538 students. Last year it was 70.06 and 39,097 out of 55,804 respectively.

The pass percentage of girls is 72.38 and boys' 68.07.

"Introduction of subjects like ICT, economics and logics may have influenced the results," said Mohammad Shah Alamgir, examination controller of the Barisal board.

Hill district students boost Ctg results

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Chittagong Board saw a higher percentage of pass rate in this year's HSC examination as the three hill districts performed better than the previous year.

The results of Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachhari influence the results every year, said the board controller Mahbub Hasan, adding that this year's overall pass rate is 64.6 percent, 1.11 percent higher than the previous year.

The pass rate of Bandarban is 61.64 percent, showing a 3.65 percent rise; Rangamati and Khagrachhari are 47.14 and 51.7 respectively, which were 43.91 and 50.16 last year.

Cox's Bazar and Chittagong stand at 63.74 and 67.58 percents respectively.

Most of the hill districts' students do not get opportunities to study for lacking skilled teachers and good schools, said Mahbub, adding, "As per our direction, teachers' took extra care of the students. We will continue this initiative."

GPA-5 holders, pass rate rise in Dinajpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

The number of GPA-5 and pass rate for HSC examinations saw a rise this year under Dinajpur board.

The overall pass rate was 70.64 percent, a little higher than last year, but lower than 2014 -- 74.14 percent.

Total 3,899 students secured GPA-5. Of them, 1,565 were female students. Last year 2,395 students secured the highest grade.

The board officials said 1,03,096 students of 609 colleges appeared for their examination through 184 centres in eight districts and 72,829 were successful.

The pass rate of girls was 73.23 while the boys' 68.33.

Tofazzur Rahman, controller of examination in Dinajpur, termed the result good.

Shun terrorism, drug addiction

PM urges new graduates

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged students to shun all forms of terrorism, militancy and drug addiction to become worthy citizens and build the nation.

She hoped that they would develop good character, lead better lives, flourish talents and steer Bangladesh towards prosperity as they would have to take up future leadership.

She said these after receiving this year's HSC and equivalent exam results from Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid and education board chairmen at her official residence Gono Bhaban in the capital.

She said students in Bangladesh were no less bright than those in other countries. "They have already proved their worth in the global arena and what they need is just the scope to flourish their talents," she said.

Noting that females did better than males, Hasina suggested the latter to be a bit more attentive while guardians and teachers more careful.

Acknowledging sufferings of students in haor and hilly areas, she said the government plans to set up residential schools in challenging terrains for them to smoothly continue their studies. She also renewed her vow to set up government colleges in every upazila alongside a university either under public or private initiative. She later held a videoconference with students who passed, teachers, officials, local representatives and distinguished persons of Sunamganj and Cox's Bazar.

ZIA CHARITY CASE

Khaleda's defence Sept 1

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday asked BNP chief Khaleda Zia to appear before it on September 1 to defend herself against the depositions given by 32 prosecution witnesses in the Zia Charitable Trust graft case.

The court passed the order after Abdur Rezak Khan, a lawyer for Khaleda, sought adjournment of the hearing.

Rezak said Khaleda had earlier filed a leave-to-appeal petition with the Supreme Court challenging the legality of an April 7 order of the High Court that cleared the way to run the trial of the case.

The leave-to-appeal petition is now pending with the SC, Rezak said, adding that his client Khaleda could not appear before it yesterday due to her physical illness.

ACC on August 8, 2011, filed the graft case accusing her and three others of abusing power in setting up the charity.

Compensation for Indian elephant's death sought in court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Supreme Court lawyer yesterday filed a writ petition with the High Court seeking its direction upon the government to collect Tk 1 crore as compensation from those who are responsible for the death of Indian wild elephant Bangabhadur.

Eunus Ali Akond also prayed to the HC to order the government to form an inquiry committee led by a former HC judge to probe the incident.

He said the government has violated Article 18A of the constitution, as they have failed to protect the wild elephant's constitutional right.

Article 18A states: The state shall endeavour to protect and improve the environment and to preserve and safeguard the natural resources, biodiversity, wetlands, forests and wildlife for the present and future citizens.

Eunus requested the HC to issue a rule asking the authorities concerned to explain as to why their failure to protect the elephant should not be declared unconstitutional.

MURDER OF SYLHET BUSINESSMAN SPARKS PROTESTS



Shutting their businesses, traders and shop owners demonstrating at Zindabazar point in Sylhet city yesterday, protesting the murder of Karim Box Mamun. The young businessman, inset, died at MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital on Wednesday after being hacked in broad daylight allegedly by a leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League's Sylhet district unit following an altercation over parking a motorbike in front of the city's Elegant Shopping Mall on Tuesday.

PHOTOS: SHEIKH NASIR

Sust student arrested as militant suspect

He is fourth to be held in 2 months

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Police arrested a student of the Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust), while he was sitting for an exam yesterday morning, for his alleged involvement in militancy.

Sadman Abedin, 23, a fourth year student of computer science and engineering (CSE), is the fourth student of Sust to be arrested in the last two months.

Prof Rashed Taluckder, adviser of students' welfare at the university, said a team of the Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime Unit arrested him around 10:30am.

Originally from Feni, Sadman's family lives in Khulshi of Chittagong. Contacted over the phone, his mother Roksana Akter declined to talk, citing physical illness.

Dr Reza Selim, chairman of the CSE department, said, "Sadman was a regular student and there was no record of academic drop."

Earlier, two fourth year students of industrial production engineering, Abdul Aziz and Iffat Ahmed Chowdhury Nahid, and one master's student of marketing, Jewel Ahmed, were arrested. Police later said Abdul Aziz was a coordinator of militant outfit Ansarullah Bangla Team at Sust and Jewel Ahmed an active member of Hijb-ut-Tahrir.

The detail of Iffat was not revealed, but all three are in custody now.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

USAID Agro-Inputs Project (AIP) in Bangladesh, implemented by CNFA, invites request for proposal from reputed communications agency/firm to "Organize Upazila-Level Meetings (81) to Broadcast Public Service Announcements (PSA)" in order to ensure a wide viewership of the PSAs, and to encourage discussion on quality inputs at the upazila level.

Experienced and interested firms can find details regarding the task from <http://www.aipbd.org/opportunities/rfps/>

The deadline for hard copy proposal submission is 16:30, September 4, 2016.

Bidders must not make inquires to USAID.