



A student of Viqarunnisa Noon School and College breaks down in tears after HSC results were out yesterday. Many like her did not get expected results this year.

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11-year low

HSC success rate keeps falling thanks to students' poor performance in English, physics and ICT, strict evaluation

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This year's HSC exam success rate is the lowest in 11 years and it dropped 2.29 percentage points from last year's 66.84 percent, owing to students' poorer performance in English, physics, and ICT.

Like in 2017, the Higher Secondary Certificate results, published yesterday, showed a drop in the number of GPA-5 achievers. The number of students who failed increased and schools with cent percent pass rate decreased.

As many as 25,562 students got GPA-5 (Grade Point Average) this year.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Like every year Popular Jute Exchange Limited achieved remarkable success in Raw Jute Export once again for the year 2014-2015. Anup Kumar Hore (Sunu), General Manager of Popular Jute Exchange received the 'Export Trophy (Gold)' from Honorable Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed, Govt. of People's Republic of Bangladesh. All the Directors, Employees & Workers of Popular Group of Industries and Companies are delighted and proud to achieve such a recognition.



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PM hopes next JS polls will be inclusive

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has expressed hope that the Election Commission will be able to hold an inclusive, fair and neutral national election by the year-end with support from all political parties, the administration and other stakeholders.

She expressed the optimism when German State Minister for Foreign Affairs Niels Annen met her at the Gono Bhaban.

PM's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim briefed reporters after the meeting.

The premier told the German state minister that the Awami League had a long history of struggle for restoration of democracy.

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BCL actions outrageous

Say univ teachers, demand justice for assaults on quota reformists; CU demonstrators attacked; quota review body gets 90 more days

STAR REPORT

When a group of teachers was staging a rally at Dhaka University yesterday against repression on students and teachers, Chhatra League men assaulted some quota reformists on the campus of Chittagong University.

The BCL men also showed audacity to several teachers who stood by the students.

With this, Chhatra League men have attacked the activists of quota reform movement at least 15 times since the demonstrations began in April.

The attacks left over 75 students of four universities injured. But neither the police nor the university authorities took action against any of the attackers.

Instead, some central quota reform leaders were allegedly picked up by BCL men and handed over to police. Later, the leaders were shown arrested in different cases.

Meanwhile, the tenure of the committee to "review, re-evaluate and reform" the quota system has been extended by 90 days.

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GOLD IN BB VAULT Discrepancies raise question

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Bank recorded some of the gold in its vault as low-grade ones although an investigation by the Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate (CIID) found that they were of superior quality.

The probe also revealed that the gold samples tested weigh more than that in the BB record books, raising questions about the central bank's seriousness in its vault management.

The investigation between late 2016 and early 2017 found that the government could lose Tk 1.9 crore for the discrepancy in weight and karat, an indicator of the purity of gold.

Based on a random sampling, the team checked 963.404kg of gold bars ornaments and gold cut

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UN reports more violence, persecution in Myanmar

AGENCIES

The Rohingya refugees reaching Bangladesh say violence, including torture, persists against them in Myanmar and the overall environment remains "menacing" for ethnic and religious minorities, UN human rights investigators said yesterday.

Members of the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar ended a five-day visit to the refugee camp of Kutupalong in Cox's Bazar where they interviewed new arrivals among the more than 700,000 Rohingya who have fled Rakhine state since an army crackdown last August.

"They referred to the overt threats they faced of violence and persecution, being cut off from their sources of livelihood, and the overall menacing environment that finally compelled them to leave for Bangladesh," the investigators said in a statement, adding that the arrival of new refugees reflects "the continuing gravity of the human rights violations in Myanmar."

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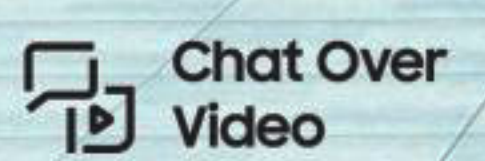
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