



## JUBILATION & HEARTBREAK

**Clockwise from top left, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid hands over result book to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina; students of Sylhet Cadet College pose for a group photo; a dejected student covers his face after getting worse-than-expected results; elated students of Cant. Public School & College, Rangpur; and a student of Rajuk Uttara Model College is thrown in the air in celebration by classmates.**

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## HSC RESULTS Madrasa board boasts highest success

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

While the overall pass rate in this year's Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) and equivalent examinations has declined, the results of Madrasa Education Board have seen a boost.

The board has topped the list of 10 education boards with a pass rate of 78.67 percent, an improvement on last year's 77.02 percent.

Although the number of examinees under the board increased this year, the number of GPA-5 scorers declined by 571 compared to the previous year.

A total of 97,793 students -- 54,770 boys and 43,023 girls -- took the Alim examinations this year. Of them, 1,244 obtained the highest grade point average (GPA) of 5.

Like in HSC exams, the pass rate of female students was better than their male counterparts. The pass rate of female students stands at 79.09 percent, against that of 78.34 percent of the male students.

However, male students (864) are ahead of females (380) in terms of GPA-5 this year.

Of the total 2,699 madrasas, 288 achieved 100 percent success rate, while 13 have zero pass rate.

### TECHNICAL EDUCATION BOARD

The pass rate of Technical Education Board dropped to 75.50 percent from last year's 81.33 percent. In has also seen decrease in the number of examinees and GPA-5 achievers.

Out of 1.18 lakh examinees, 89,089 -- 60,923 males and 28,166 females -- have become successful. Of them, 2,456 achieved GPA-5. Last year, the number was 2,669.

In terms of GPA-5, male students lagged far behind the female students. Some 1,523 girls got the highest grade while 933 boys secured GPA-5.

## Law minister hands over latest Bangladesh Code edition to CJ

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday handed over the latest edition of Bangladesh Code to Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain.

The law ministry has published the latest edition in December last year in total 42 volumes containing 1,085 laws, regulations, president's orders, and ordinances formulated and issued since 1799 to June 30, 2014, ministry sources said.

Anisul Huq handed over all the 42 volumes of new Bangladesh Code to the chief justice at his Supreme Court office yesterday.

The government has to publish Bangladesh Code updating all the practicing laws and regulations continuously as per Section 5 of Bangladesh Laws Revision and Declaration Act 1973.

The Bangladesh Code was published for the first time in 1980 in 11 volumes containing the laws formulated since 1799 to 1937 after its independence.

The government started updating Bangladesh Code in 2013 with the financial assistance from the United Nations Development Programme, a law ministry press release said.

## E-passports likely from December

DIP signs Tk 4,569cr deal with German company

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh is set to become the 119th country to introduce electronic passport (e-passport) system for its citizens. A contract was signed with Germany's Veridos GmbH yesterday for implementing the project.

The contract was signed by Director General of Department of Immigration and Passports (DIP) Maj Gen Md Masud Rezwan and Veridos CEO Hans Wolfgang Kunz at Bangabandhu International Conference Center, Dhaka.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman

Khan was present as the chief guest while Minister of State at the German Federal Foreign Office Niels Annen as special guest at the ceremony.

According to DIP officials, the e-passport distributions are expected to begin from December, and will gradually replace machine-readable passports (MRPs).

The size of the e-passport would remain the same as its predecessor. Its validity would be 10 years, and its 64 pages would contain history of the country's 64 districts.

The major difference is, the two pages with the passport holder's

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## Bangladesh, EU to work closely for safe return of Rohingyas

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh and European Union have agreed that international pressure on Myanmar authorities is needed to create conducive environment in the northern Rakhine state to ensure safe return of Rohingya refugees.

They agreed to continue to work closely with the international community to create required conditions for the return of hundreds of thousands of Rohingyas who fled Myanmar to Bangladesh amid a brutal military crackdown since August last year.

Both sides reached the agreement at the 3rd Bangladesh-EU Diplomatic Consultations held at state guest house Meghna yesterday, where a wide range of issues of common interest including political developments, migration and trade were also discussed.

Gunnar Wiegand, managing director for Asia and the Pacific, European External Action Service, and Md. Shahidul Haque, Bangladesh's foreign secretary, led their respective delegations at the talks.

Bangladesh lauded the EU's strong support, including at the UN and other international forums, and significant humanitarian assistance in that context.

The EU appreciated that despite severe space and resource constraints, Bangladesh is bearing a significant burden by hosting more than a million persecuted Rohingyas.

Later, speaking at a joint press briefing, Gunnar Wiegand said that they will continue to support Rohingyas to ease the burden on Bangladesh and expect that other countries will also come forward.

The Foreign Ministry press release said that the EU noted the "arrangement" with Myanmar signed on November 23, 2017 and subsequent bilateral arrangements made with Myanmar for return of the forcibly displaced Rohingyas as important first steps.

EU Ambassador in Dhaka Renje Teerink, Bangladeshi Ambassador in Brussels Mohammed Shahdat Hossain, and senior officials from both sides were present at the meeting and press conference.

## SB INSPECTOR MAMUN MURDER

### 4 more arrested, 3 confess

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives have arrested four alleged members of a blackmailing gang, which killed Mamun Imran Khan, inspector of special branch of police, and subsequently burnt his body.

Three of them confessed to the crime yesterday, while the other was placed on a three-day remand by a court.

The extortionist gang killed Mamun after finding out his professional identity, after they started blackmailing him and his friend Rahmat Ullah in a Banani flat on July 8, said Abdul Baten, an additional commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

Rahmat was not involved in the killing but aided the gang members in hiding the body in Gazipur, Baten

said while briefing at DMP media centre yesterday.

Arrested on July 10, Rahmat gave confessional statement before a Dhaka Court on Wednesday.

The four others -- Mizan Sheikh, Meherunnessa Swarna alias Afrin, Suraiya Akter Keya and Fariya Binte Mim -- were arrested by detectives also on Wednesday in the capital's Badda and Hazaribagh areas.

Of them, Mizan, Afrin and Mim confessed to the crime in confessional statements after they were produced before separate courts. A Dhaka court granted a three-day remand to police for quizzing Keya, after the law enforcers sought a 10-day remand against her.

Police said at least four more suspects are on the run.

Afrin, a former co-artist of Rahmat

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## Enforcement of law not enough, awareness is key

Environmentalists on containing plastic pollution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Environmentalists yesterday at a seminar said that enforcement of law alone is not enough, and awareness is key to containing the plastic pollution in Bangladesh.

Environment and Social Development Organization (ESDO) and Department of Environment (DoE) jointly held the seminar titled "Plastic Pollution in Bangladesh and its Impact on Environment and Health" at Ban Bhaban in Dhaka.

Speakers said the rate of plastic production and consumption is increasing day by day and at the same time unregulated, harmful and hazardous manufacturing facilities are big threats to environment and human health.

Plastic and microplastic are risks to public health as they enter our food chain, they said.

Abdullah Al Mohsin Chowdhury, secretary to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, said that when plastic was invented it was considered a blessing but now the world is realising what a disaster it is.

He said, "Plastic has destroyed our jute sector. It is our mentality which is mainly responsible for plastic pollution. We can spend Tk 10,000 to buy products but cannot purchase a bag worth Tk 10 to carry those. We

must change this mentality. Enforcement of law and awareness campaigns should go hand in hand to contain plastic pollution."

"The presence of plastic in our inland freshwater system magnifies the effects of plastic pollution dramatically," he added.

Raisa Sultana, teacher at Dhaka University, and Xavier Sun, research associate of Wild at Heart Legal Defense Association, Taiwan, presented keynote papers at the discussion while a number of environmentalists participated in the discussion.

Dr S. M. Munjurul Hannan Khan, additional secretary to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, said, "We have to save the earth and our next generation from the dangers of plastic pollution. We have to speak out loudly to reduce plastic use. We are all victims of plastic pollution."

Dr Shahriar Hossain, secretary general of ESDO, said, "We have to act now. We know there are many hurdles. But if we are sincere, it is very much possible to overcome the crisis."

Md. Mokhesur Rahman, additional inspector general (Admin & Ops) of Police, said, "We need coordinated efforts to save

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