

Damage of image of Durga Govt inaction encourages miscreants, says LDF

UNB, Dhaka

The 11-party central steering committee yesterday said the BNP-Jamaat coalition government's appeasement policy towards communal elements and criminals encourages miscreants to damage image of Durga at different puja mandaps.

At a meeting with CPB president Manzurul Ahsan Khan in the chair, the Left Democratic Alliance (LDF) asked the government to arrest those involved in breaking Durga images and ensure a

peaceful and festive atmosphere for celebration of the 'Saradia Durga Puja'.

The alliance condemned the police baton charge on school-teachers and urged the government to meet the "reasonable demands" of the teachers.

It expressed indignation at the US ambassador's continued "interference in the country's internal affairs" and drew the government's attention about it.

The meeting was attended by 11-party coordinator Rashed Khan Menon, Ganatantri Party

President Azizul Islam Khan, BSD leader Shruvanshu Chakraborty, CPB General Secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim, Gono Forum General Secretary Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, Workers Party General Secretary Bimal Biswas, Gano Azadi League President Alhaj Abdus Samad, Hossain Ali of Communist Kendra and Abu Hamed Shahabuddin of Samyabadi Dal.



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Members of the British and Canadian delegates to ensuing Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference witness an art competition of the children organised by Bangladesh-China Friendship Centre to mark the 54th founding anniversary of the People's Republic of China at the Institute of Fine Arts of Dhaka University yesterday.

PM to lay foundation of Mohra Water Supply Project Oct 6

BSS, Chittagong

The prolonged water crisis of the people of port city is expected to be over to a great extent with the completion of Mohra Water Supply Project (MWSP) undertaken by the Chittagong Water and Sewerage Authority (CWASA).

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia is expected to lay the foundation of the about Tk 200 crore project, located on the outskirts of the city on October 6.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan and Commerce Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury are scheduled to attend the inaugural function.

The total estimated cost of the project is Tk 197.69 crore and will be financed by the government. The

completion of the project would raise CWASA supply capacity by another 9 crore litre of water per day which will be more than 50 per cent of its existing capacity, sources said.

The project is expected to be implemented by 2007.

During the long journey of the CWASA since 1963, the utility at present can supply only 17 crore litre water against the daily requirement of 50 crore litre.

Of the total supply, the CWASA is getting nine crore litre through Mohra Water Treatment Plant as being the only source of surface water while the rest is collected from underground sources by deep tubewells.

The MWSP is a priority project of the CWASA, which is in effect an expansion of the existing Mohra Water Treatment Plant (MWTP).



Four Rover Scouts of Government Bangla College Rover Group, Md Saiful Islam, Md Rabiul Islam, Mohammad Alamgir and Md Hamid Hossain have completed their 100 mile journey on foot with a view to winning 'President's Rover Scout Award', the highest award in roving. They began the journey from Narsingdi Circuit House at 6.30am on September 14 and completed it in Maulvibazar at 3.00pm on September 18. During the journey, they carried posters with slogans 'We want violence-free campus', 'We want dowry-free society', 'Drink arsenic-free water' and 'Plant trees: save environment'.

60 arrested in Chittagong

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Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) arrested 60 people on various charges and recovered 197 bottles of contraband phensidyl syrup from different parts of the city during the last 24 hours ending at 6 pm yesterday.

Three persons were arrested for possessing the Indian phensidyl, while 17 other arrestees were absconders and the rest were picked up on various charges under the CMP Act, a CMP press release said.

Doublemooring police arrested three persons and recovered 197 bottles of phensidyl from a private car and rooftop of a building in Chotopool area in the early hours of yesterday.

The arrested are Rezaul Karim alias Samrat, Mohammad Jasim and Abdus Salam, the press release added.