

# Daily Star-Viqarunnisa School English Debate Viqarunnisa, Mastermind become champions

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A total of 54 winners were awarded in different categories at the closing ceremony of the Third The Daily Star-Viqarunnisa Noon School and College English Debate Championship-2003 yesterday.

Ten schools and 16 debating clubs took part in the competition. Viqarunnisa Noon School and College became the champion in the school category while Mastermind School Debating Club became the champion in the club category.

The Daily Star and the Viqarunnisa Noon Debating Club jointly organised the week-long

competition at the college auditorium. The Daily Star has been sponsoring the event for the last three years.

Eminent educationist Professor Serajul Islam Chowdhury gave away crests and certificates to the winners as chief guest.

Moureen Mahbuba Moyeen, president of the Viqarunnisa Noon Debating Club, Professor Serajul Islam Chowdhury and Mahfuz Anam, editor of The Daily Star, spoke at the ceremony.

Chief Patron and Principal of Viqarunnisa Noon School and College Rowena Hossain and Shamim Jahan Ahsan, moderator of the debating club, also spoke.

# US embassy officials meet Kamal Yusuf

BSS, Dhaka

Second Secretary Joseph B Mellott and Third Secretary Stepten J Wilger of the American Embassy in Dhaka paid a courtesy call on

Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf at the latter's office here yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed the bilateral aspects relating to mutual interests, especially on cooperation to face earthquake and other natural disasters.

The minister told the secretaries of frequent river erosion, flood, tornado and water surge in Bangladesh.

# Russian envoy calls on home minister

UNB, Dhaka

Russian Ambassador Oleg Malginov called on Home Minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury at the latter's office yesterday.

They discussed about various bilateral issues and expressed the hope that the existing friendly and amiable relations between the two countries will strengthen further in the years to come.

Ambassador Oleg said his country was eager to extend further cooperation in the process of development of Bangladesh.



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Winners of the Third The Daily Star-Viqarunnisa Noon School and College English Debate Championship-2003 pose with the guests at its closing ceremony at the college auditorium in the city yesterday. Seated from left are Moureen Mahbuba Moyeen, president of the Viqarunnisa Noon Debating Club, Shamim Jahan Ahsan, club moderator, Rowena Hossain, principal of the college, eminent educationist Professor Serajul Islam Chowdhury, Tahmina Begum, coordinator, science faculty, and Sufia Khatoon, moderator of Viqarunnisa Noon Environment Club.