

## Workshop to create awareness among young debaters held

With a view to creating awareness among the young debaters of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), a daylong debate workshop was held at UNDP auditorium in the city on Thursday, says a press release.

United Nations (UN) and Department for International Development (DFID) jointly organised the workshop in association with Debate for Democracy.

A total of 250 debaters from 30 educational institutions including Dhaka University, Sher e Bangla Agriculture University, Northern University, Mymensingh Medical College, Ideal School and College, Shaheed Bir Uttam Lieutenant Anwar Girls' College took part in the workshop.

Communications Officer of UN Bangladesh Shakil Foyzullah coordinated the workshop while economist Dr Atiur Rahman and Dr Ainun Nishat spoke on the occasion.

The workshop was divided into four parts where the debaters received detailed conception on eight Millennium Development Goals and present situation of Bangladesh in achieving the MDGs.

ILO Country Director in Bangladesh Gopal K Bhattacharya distributed certificates among the participants at the closing session.

## Conflicts among political parties obstacle to Ctg development

### Speakers tell roundtable

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Speakers at a roundtable here yesterday said the main obstacle to development of Chittagong is the ugly conflict among the political parties.

The city has immense prospects but those could not be translated into success because of the petty political interest of the parties concerned and narrowness of the politicians, the speakers observed while expressing their views on "The role of Chittagong in the national economy; Problems and prospects" at the conference room of Engineers' Institute yesterday. The daily Sangbad organised the roundtable with its Editor Bazlur Rahman in the chair.

The speakers said if we can place any of our demands through a united platform no government could deny it.

Renowned social scientist Dr Anupam Sen presented the keynote paper at the roundtable while Executive Editor of Sangbad Manjurul Ahsan Bulbul was the

moderator.

Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury, economist Prof Dr Sikandar Khan, former Vice Chancellor of Chittagong University (CU) Dr Alamgir Mohammad Sirajuddin, Awami League (AL) north district president Mosharraf Hossain, former Labour and Human Resources Minister MA Mannan, former general secretary of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Dastagir Chowdhury, former CCC Mayor Mahmudul Islam Chowdhury, Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) city President Mrinal Chowdhury, General Secretary Shah Alam, Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) Chittagong unit Co-ordinator Raze kuzzaman Ratan and Workers' Party City Convener Abu Hanif discussed on the topics.

The speakers urged to form a committee comprising the specialists

for providing suggestions to help implement the Third Karnaphuli Bridge.

## Fishing boat capsizes in Gazaria river

UNB, Barisal

A fisherman was reported missing as the fishing boat capsized in the Gazaria River early hours of yesterday.

Chandu Bepari, 35, is feared drowned. His two associates -- Khorsheed Bepari and Yusuf Bepari -- have been rescued by the fellow fishermen, police said.

The boat capsized when a triple-decker launch SURAVI-7 dashed the small vessel at about 1:00am near Dahir Char of Mehendiganj upazila.