



A delegation of Washington-based National Democratic Institute, led by Tom Daschle, calls on Awami League President Sheikh Hasina at the party office at Dhanmondi in the city on Friday.

3rd Language Festival held at St Joseph School

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With a view to encouraging students to learn languages properly, the Josephite Language and Reading Club organised the 3rd Language Festival 2006 at Saint Joseph Higher Secondary School in the city yesterday.

The theme of the festival was 'Learning Language for Life'.

The festival, a campaign to enhance language skills and understanding of cultures, drew hundreds of students from different schools and colleges in the city.

They took part in extempore speech competition and quiz contests during the daylong festival, which was rounded off with a cultural programme.

The participants said the festival has given an opportunity to exchange views with students of different schools as well as provided facilities to learn languages, especially English, through creative activities.

In the first session, language experts from Dhaka University and Jahangirnagar University spoke of interesting ways of learning English, aggression on Bangla language and the need to read books and learn English for life.

"If the language is for life, it means we use it for living. So, we have to use it properly. Through proper use of language we can save our time, talent and wealth," said Brother John Rozario, principal of Saint Joseph School.

Mahfuz Anam, editor of The Daily Star, attended the second session as the chief guest and distributed prizes among the winners of different competitions.

Speaking on the occasion, he said one who has proficiency in language can express his thought effectively. So, it is very important to improve one's proficiency in language -- both Bangla and English, he added.

Non-govt teachers announce fresh agitation Sept 16

National Front of Teachers and Employees (NFTE), a platform of teachers and staff of non-government high schools and colleges, would announce fresh agitation programmes from their grand rally in Rajshahi on September 16, unless their demands are met by September

14, says a press release. Their demands include issuing gazette for 10 per cent increased basic salary and provision of respectable amount of house-rent from national exchequer. The decision came yesterday after an urgent meeting of NFTE

at the office of Bangladesh Shikshak Samity Federation. Speakers at the meeting said that the government had not issued the pledged gazette for 10 per cent increase in their basic salary although one month has passed. They also said that the government does not even pay heed

to the main demands of the teachers and employees. Coordinator of NFTE Principal Kazi Faruk presided over the meeting while Muhammad Azizul Islam, Principal Md Shahjahan, Prof Asadul Huq and other leaders of the organisation spoke.

Faridpur BNP leader killed in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unknown assailants gunned down a BNP leader of Faridpur in the city on Friday.

He was identified as Golam Mohiuddin Matobber, 45, a jute trader and organising secretary of Salthathana BNP.

Locals at Bonogram in Sutrapur rushed him to Milford Hospital with severe head injury at around 1:30pm.

Later, he was shifted to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) where he succumbed to his wounds at around 7:15pm.

According to autopsy report, Mohiuddin was shot twice in his head. The victim's family termed it a planned murder.

"As part of a conspiracy, my father was called in to Dhaka and killed," Kawser Matobber, son of the deceased, told the reporters at the hospital morgue.

He, however, did not specifically say who might have killed his father.

Kawser said his father came out of their house at Goalpara village saying that he was going to Faridpur town for business and

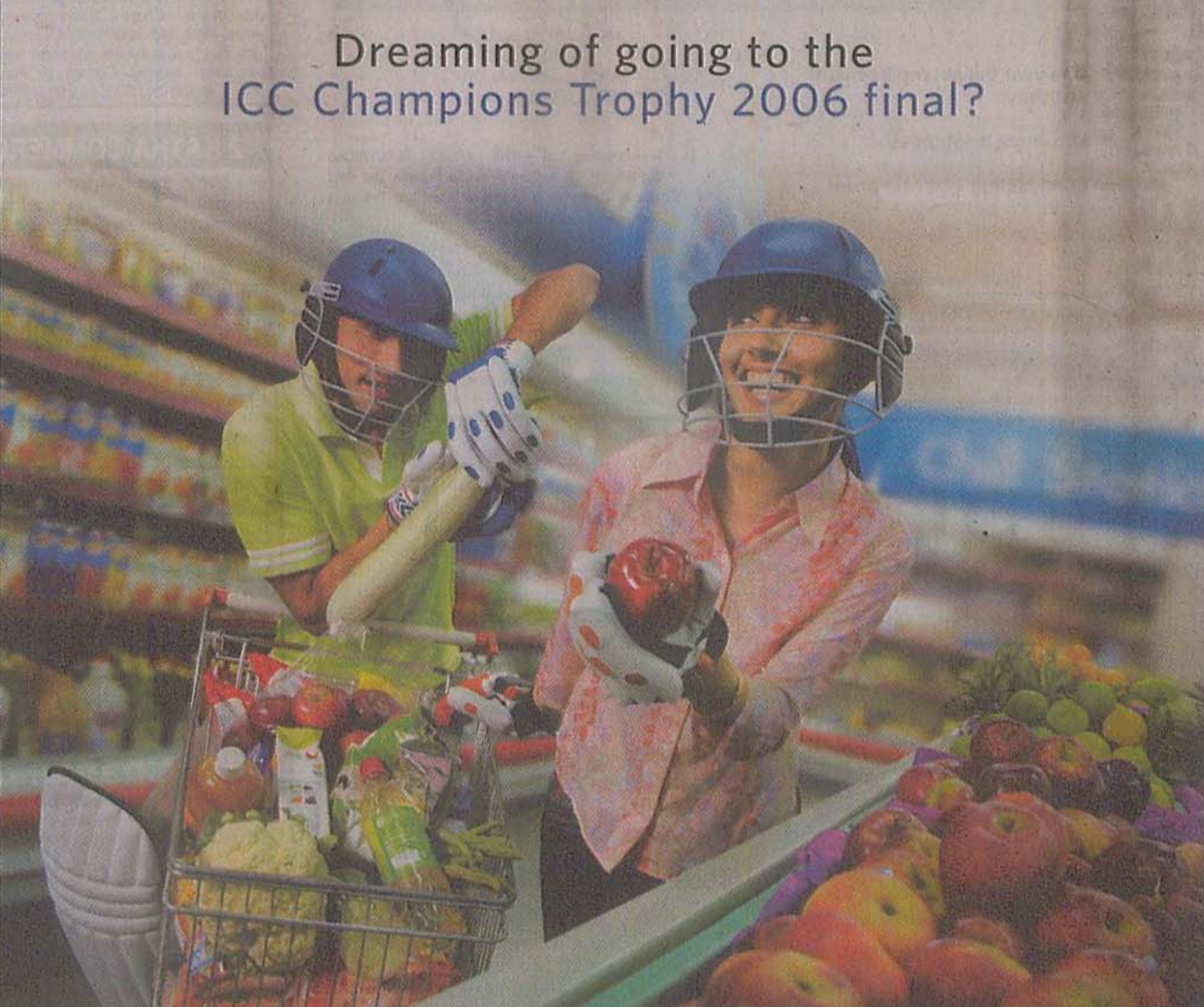
political purposes.

He was supposed to return home on Thursday, he added.

Kawser said on Friday morning his father informed them over phone that he was in Dhaka and it would take time to go back home.

"But in the afternoon I received a phone call from a man who informed me that my father was injured and hospitalised," he added.

A case was filed with the police station concerned in this connection. Police however could not arrest anyone as of 6:30pm yesterday.



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