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Announcement

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All-party Action Council, Dhaka City Unit brought out a procession in the city yesterday in protest of preventing the BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia from visiting flood-hit areas of Kolaroa in Satkhira district on Thursday. – Star photo

Swiss FM due Oct 13

Joseph Deiss, Foreign Minister of Switzerland, arrives on October 13 on a two-day official visit, says a press release. Deiss will be the first Swiss minister to visit Bangladesh.

Nat'l Computer programming Contest 2000 today

Tk 5 lakh prize money awaits participants

By DU Correspondent

The first-ever National Computer Programming Contest 2000 will be held at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) today from 9am to 2pm.

A total of 60 teams from different universities and educational institutions of the country will participate the contest, organised by the Ministry of Science and Technology.

As per the rules, there will be computer network system and each team will be given five hours to solve some eight problems. The teams will write down their solutions while a panel of judge will verify these. A team will be evaluated as per the number of solutions of the problems and taking time.

Addressing a press conference on the BUET campus yesterday member secretary of steering committee of the contest and executive director of Bangladesh Computer Council Prof. M Abdus Sobhan said the contest will now be a regular event.

The contest carries a total prize money of Tk.5 lakh. Each competitor of the champion team will get Tk 50 thousand while each contestant of the runner up team will get Tk 30 thousand each. The third and fourth team will be awarded with 20 thousand for each contestant and Tk One thousand respectively. Each participant will also be given a certificate.

The budget of the contest has been fixed at Tk 8 lakh.

Explaining the importance of the contest, Prof. Jamilur Reza Chowdhury said that the contest has been arranged with a view to encourage the country's younger generation to the IT sector and compare our expertise with experts from others countries. The contest is also aimed at creating more young computer experts," he added.

Vice Chancellor of BUET Prof. Nooruddin Ahmed, Prof. Chowdhury Mofizur Rahman and secretary to the Ministry of Science and Technology also addressed the press conference.

The closing and prize giving ceremony of the contest will be held at the BUET auditorium in the evening. Lt and Gen Mohammad Noor Uddin Khan (Rtd), Minister of Science and Technology Ministry will be the chief guest of the function while VC of BUET will be present as special guest.

Khaleda's Kolaroa drama was planned says Tofail

Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed said in Bhola yesterday that BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia liked to do politics capitalising the agony of the sufferers and that is why she had staged a drama on Thursday at Kolaroa in Satkhira, reports BSS.

Instead of standing by the side of the flood victims, she (Begum Zia) paid her surprise visit to Satkhira in a bid to hamper relief activities there," he said while speaking on two separate occasions during his visit to river eroded areas of Tulatoli of Sadar Upazila and Ramrampur of Tajumuddin Upazila in Bhola.

He added: Begum Zia had an intention to hit the news headlines and for that reasons she went there in the morning though her programme was scheduled for afternoon.

He said it is not easy to check river erosion within limited resources, but the government did not hesitate to take effective and pragmatic steps to protect the vulnerable areas as well as rehabilitate the victims.

By this time a total of 3,000 families have been rehabilitated through 30 Asrayan projects in Bhola," he said.

He also asked the Water Development Board officials to work hard to protect the endangered areas of the two upazilas.

"CNN can help by broadcasting news about Bangladesh"

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed has said that in the age of information technology people have inalienable right to information and CNN (Cable News Network) can assist Bangladesh by broadcasting news and events of the country, according to a message received here, reports BSS.

Prof Sayeed was addressing senior executives of CNN at its headquarters at Atlanta in New York.

The state minister said Bangladesh government believes in free flow of information and freedom of the press. Prof Sayeed said CNN could play an important role in reporting events from Bangladesh. He lauded CNN for its recent broadcast of an interview of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Prof Sayeed endorsed some CNN proposals including world reports, international professional programme, as well as imparting training and conducting workshop for Bangladesh Television.