



A contestant presenting her arguments at the quarter final of the Inter-Hall English Debate Competition at TSC seminar room yesterday. The competition was organised by Dhaka University Debating Society in association with The Daily Star.

DUDS-Daily Star Debate competition Semi-finals at TSC today

DU CORRESPONDENT

The best four debate teams confront each other as the semi-finals of the First Inter-Hall English Debate Competition - 2001 of Dhaka University gets underway at the TSC seminar room on the DU campus today.

Jagannath Hall is pitted against Bangladesh-Kuwait Moitree Hall at the first semi-final on the motion "South Asia is taking towards an expanding nuclear doom" at 5 pm.

In the second semi-final, Bangabandhu Hall will take on Rokeya Hall on the motion "Under the mask of democracy most of the countries are pursuing state-sponsored terrorism" at 6 pm.

The debate competition has been organised by the Dhaka University Debating Society in association with The Daily Star.

Meanwhile, four debate sessions of the quarter-final round of the competition will hold yesterday. Jagannath Hall beat Kabi Ja-

simuddin Hall in the first quarter-final on the topic "Freedom of the individual is a myth". Suman Dhar of the winning team was selected best speaker.

Bangladesh-Kuwait Moitree Hall won their round against Mohsin Hall on the topic "Law should promulgate to stop sound pollution in metropolitan". Mujibul Hassan of Mohsin Hall was declared best speaker.

Rokeya Hall defeated rival Fazlul Haq Hall over the topic "Friendship is all and malice to none - our foreign policy motto should be changed immediately" with Sabrina Shailla of Rokeya Hall being adjudged the best speaker.

Bangabandhu Hall reached the best four by defeating Shahidullah Hall over the topic "American culture is an oxymoron". Shaekkh Imtiaz of Bangabandhu Hall was selected best speaker.

The final round of the competition will be held at the TSC auditorium on May 19.



Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Khulna, Dhaka, Rajshahi and northern part of Chittagong divisions and the region of Sylhet in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today.

Weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country and little change in day temperature is expected over the country, Met Offices said.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 35.8 degree Celsius at Bogra and the lowest 22.5 degree Celsius at Rangamati.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:35 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:15 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	34.6	27.3	75	73
Chittagong	33.0	26.2	75	74
Rajshahi	35.5	25.0	75	64
Khulna	35.5	26.2	87	69
Barisal	34.5	25.2	78	69
Sylhet	33.2	26.6	79	79
Cox's Bazar	33.7	25.0	82	73

Media urged to shun tobacco ads at least for a day

UNB, Dhaka

Ahead of World Tobacco Day, a leading anti-drug organisation has urged the country's electronic and print media to refrain from publishing or airing tobacco ads at least for a day.

"We are requesting all electronic and print media for not publishing tobacco ads on the World Tobacco Day on May 31," Kamrul Islam Sony, Chairman of LIFE, a UN accredited anti-drug organisation, told a view exchange programme in the city yesterday.

Referring to the bad effects of tobacco use, Amanullah Khan, Chairman of Coalition Against Tobacco-CAT, a conglomerate of anti-tobacco organisations, said some 40 lakh people are dying each year in the world due to bad effects of tobacco.

LIFE and United Nations Information Center (UNIC) jointly organised the view exchange programme with a group of journalists at a city hotel.

Pupils protest use of children as camel jockeys in ME Memo submitted to UAE embassy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hundreds of school-children staged a demonstration in the city to protest the use of children as camel jockeys in Middle-Eastern countries.

United Arab Emirates (UAE) and other oil-rich Gulf nations allegedly use minor boys mostly smuggled out of Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka under a false pretext of providing them employment.

Earlier, a delegation comprising members of child rights and human rights organisations went to the Embassy of UAE and handed over a memorandum demanding an end to the practice and stop use of children as jockeys in camel race.

"Through the memorandum different child right organisations have appealed to the government of different Middle Eastern countries to put an end to the deadly entertainment," said one official of Bangladesh Environment Lawyers' Association (BELA).

Use of minor children, as camel jockey is a violation of child rights as well as human rights, he said.

He said BELA has initiated the programme following the death of a Bangladeshi minor boy, who fell from a camel during the race and succumbed to his injuries.

Nazmul, a seven-year-old boy was taken to UAE at the age of five where he served as a camel jockey for several months. During his service as jockey, Nazmul sustained serious injuries by falling from the back of the camel, which eventually affected his kidneys resulting to his death.

Briefing the newsmen follow-

ing the protest in front of the Jatiya Press Club BELA officials said the government of UAE had banned use of children under 11 or less than 45 kilograms as camel jockeys in 1993. "But unfortunately the rules have not been implemented properly," another official said.

BELA officials said the government of UAE has failed to stop the heinous practice in the name of culture and at the cost of innocent lives.

They also blamed the Bangla-

desh government for its failure to protect the country's children.

They demanded an explanation from the Bangladesh High Commission in UAE for its failure to protect Nazmul during his stay in UAE.

BELA leaders also demanded Bangladesh High Commission in UAE must take immediate measures to ensure the protection and repatriation of Bangladeshi children if employed there in a hazardous or risky environment.



School-children staged a demonstration in the city yesterday demanding an end to the use of children as camel jockeys in Middle Eastern countries. BELA in association with various child rights and human rights organisations organised the rally and submitted a memorandum to the UAE Embassy in the city.

DHAKA TODAY

BCL reception

Bangladesh Chhatra League will accord a reception to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Venue: Palltan Maidan. Time: 3:00 pm.

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debate competition

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Discussion

Bangla Academy organises a discussion meeting to mark the death anniversary of litterateur Shawkat Osman. Venue: Bangla Academy seminar room. Time: 11 am.

DRU meeting

A meeting of the executive committee of Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) will be held. Venue: DRU office. Time: 2 pm.

Film show

Office of the Cultural Councillor, Iranian Embassy, will screen 'Cycle Arohi' (cycle rider), an Iranian film dubbed into Bangla. The show is open to all. Venue: House No 54, Road-8/A, Dharmadi. Time: 4 pm.

Drama festival

On the third day of Second 5 districts Drama Festival 2001, Udichi and Theatre Unit of Magura district will present 'Jhar' and 'Hater Gayal Bashi' respectively. Venue: Shawkat Osman memorial auditorium, Central Public Library. Time: 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm.

Musical soiree

Indian High Commission presents an evening of Rabindranath Sangeet and Nazrul Geeti by Ifat Ara Dewan and Mohiuzzaman Chowdhury Maya. Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, 754 Salmasjid Road. Time: 7:00 pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

IDEB conference

Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh will hold a conference of its representatives. Venue: Technical Teachers Training College auditorium, Tejgaon. Time: 9:30 am.

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