

Prize giving ceremony of story writing competition

The Lever Brothers Bangladesh Ltd. organised a 'Fair and Lovely Love Story' competition recently, says a press release.

A total of 20 contestants won the prizes. The prizes were given away at a ceremony at the National Press Club on November 20.

Talib Rahman bagged the first prize while Walil Azim and Humayun Malik became second and third respectively.

BCL agrees to hold talks with CU committee to end stalemate

CU CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), Chittagong University (CU) unit, has agreed to hold talks with the seven-member committee headed by CU Vice-Chancellor Prof Fazleel Hossain on November 24 to end the stalemate facing the institution.

The decision came on November 20 after the committee gave an assurance of consent to the BCL's seven-point charter of demands placed as the precondition for any discussion with the university administration.

Among the demands are withdrawal of false cases against the BCL leaders by the Shibir, arrest of and punishment to the Shibir cadres involved in the November 3 incident, a compensation of Tk 10 lakh for collateral damage in the attack and rehabilitation and co-existence of activists of all student organisations in residential halls.

14 firearms recovered

BSS, Dhaka

Police recovered 14 firearms and 13 other weapons and 37 bullets on the 128th day of the country-wide combing operation, a police headquarters press release said.

A total of 1,371 people including four listed terrorists, were also arrested from across the country during the drive in the last 24 hours ending at 6 am yesterday.



The winners of 'Fair and Lovely Love Story' competition with the guests at the prize giving ceremony held at the National Press Club on November 20.

Shipu Murder Case Bail petition of Sagar rejected

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The Third Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka yesterday rejected the bail petition of Kazi Arif Ahmed Sagar, a suspect in the Shipu Murder Case.

Judge Mollah Mostafa Kamal passed the order following a petition for bail filed by the defence lawyers.

The defence lawyers stated that the accused was not present at the place of occurrence when the incident took place. He was implicated in the case as part of a conspiracy to harass him, the lawyers said.

The prosecution side opposed the petition for bail.

After hearing both the sides, the court rejected the petition for bail.

The court also adjourned the hearing till January 12 following a time petition by the prosecution lawyers.

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Majumder, Naimuzzaman Zobayer and Shafiqul Alam -- have been absconding since the incident.

Iftekher Ahmed Shipu, 38, a mobile phone trader at UAE market in the city's Banani area, was shot dead on May 24 last year.

Training on prevention of AIDS

UNB, Dhaka

A week-long Life Skill Training on Prevention of HIV/AIDS for Bangladeshi Scouts concluded yesterday.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosarraf Hossain handed over certificates among 50 scouts and officials during a dissemination seminar on "National Sentinel Surveillance for HIV 2000-2001" at ICDDR,B auditorium.

Organised by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the seminar was also addressed by State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Prof M Rezaul Karim, Secretary M Fazlur Rahman, representatives from WHO, UNICEF, ICDDR,B, FHI and Director General of Health Services

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Govt has no plan to set up new medical colleges

BSS, Dhaka

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosarraf Hossain told the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday that the government had no plan to establish new medical colleges in the country.

Following the statement of the minister, Farazee withdrew the resolution which was approved in the House by voice vote.

The minister was making a statement in the House in response to a private member's resolution moved by Rustam Ali Farazee (Pirojpur-3) on the establishment of a medical college at Mathbaria in Pirojpur district.

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Nurul Amin Talukder (Netrakona-3), M Shahidul Islam (Jhenaidah-3), Golam M Siraj (Bogra-5) and Maulana Abbas Subhan (Pabna-5) -- brought five amendments to the resolution of Farazee.

The said the government is determined to ensure people's healthcare by raising the standard of services in existing hospitals, thana health complexes and union level health centres.

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Qulhwani of retired Inspector General of Police Kazi Anwarul Huq will be held after Asr prayers today at his residence at House-4, Road-12 (New), Dhanmondi, family sources said.

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