

'Govt firm to establish rule of law'

BSS, Dhaka

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Barrister Moudud Ahmed has said the arrest of a ruling party lawmaker is a clear message for the wrongdoers that the government is firm to establish the rule of law in the country.

He said the difference between the Awami League and the BNP in curbing terrorism was reflected through the arrest of Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu, a BNP MP.

Addressing as chief guest a two-day delegates' conference of Institute of Diploma Engineers,

Bangladesh (IDEB), the minister said uneven enforcement of law breeds unrest in society.

Moudud said the members of the IDEB in the past suffered because of double standard in the enforcement of law. The government will not enact any law which may harm the interest of diploma engineers, he assured.

Held in the Supreme Court Lawyers Association auditorium on Thursday, the function was also addressed by Central Labour Affairs Secretary of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Samik Dal as special

guest. Barrister Moudud said the country is now facing three most pressing problems - curbing terrorism, uprooting corruption and meeting the challenges of economic growth.

He criticised the immediate-past Awami League government for not checking terrorism and said for that reason people staged a silent revolution in October 1 elections by giving an overwhelming mandate to the four-party alliance.



Children take part in a drawing competition on the Kachi-Kanchar Mela premises in the city yesterday. The Central Kachi-Kanchar Mela organised the contest to mark the birth anniversary of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin.

100 Nepalese students graduate from USTC

UNB, Dhaka

Some 100 Nepalese have so far graduated from the University of Science & Technology, Chittagong (USTC) and they are now working in different parts of Nepal.

This was informed at a meeting between founder-Vice-Chancellor of the USTC Prof Nurul Islam and members of USTC Alumni Association of Nepal (USTAN) held in Kathmandu on Monday.

A 14-member committee of the USTAN was formed with the

objectives of a common platform for various academic and social welfare activities.

Dr Mathura KC, cardiologist D Card and Dr Bhola Rijal, a leading gynaecologist in Nepal, were selected as advisers while Prof Islam, was requested to be the chief patron of the Association.

Lok Bahadur Shrestha, the then Nepalese Ambassador in Bangladesh, and reporters of many leading dailies were also present at the meeting.

Free movement of journalists within SAARC demanded

BSS, Dhaka

The national committee of South Asian Free Media Association (SAFMA) at a meeting on Thursday demanded free movement of journalists as well as media products within the seven member-states of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

The committee expressed its grave concern over the tense

situation prevailing along Indo-Pak borders and called for resolving all disputes through negotiations between the two countries.

The meeting, held at the National Press Club with SAFMA Bangladesh Chapter President Reazuddin Ahmed in the chair, endorsed a resolution in this regard to be placed in the forthcoming SAARC summit at Kathmandu.

Eminent journalists Ahmedul

Kabir, Enayetullah Khan, Amanullah Kabir, AM Mofazzal, Khondoker Monirul Alam, Ruhul Amin Gazi, Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury and Badrul Ahsan attended the meeting.

The second two-day conference of SAFMA begins at the Nepalese capital of Kathmandu on January 1.

A 10-member Bangladesh delegation is expected to attend the conference.

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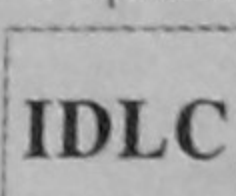
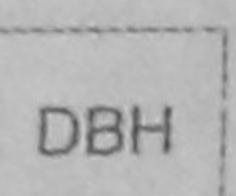
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