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## Repeal of anti-crime law demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Sammilito Ainjibi Samannaya Parishad brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding repeal of the newly enacted Law and Order Disruption Crimes (Speedy Trial) Act, condemning it as 'black and contrary to human and constitutional rights'.

Police intercepted the procession in front of the National Eidgah when the protesters were marching towards the National Press Club from the Supreme Court premises.

## Habibul Islam new envoy to Brunei

UNB, Dhaka

The government has appointed Habibul Islam Bhuiyan as High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam.

A former judge of the Supreme Court, Bhuiyan was also Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs in 1990.

Hailing from Kishoreganj he has two daughters and a son.

However, the procession reached the press club following a long altercation with the police.

At a rally there, the speakers said the law was meant to efface the opposition party.

Terming the law more stringent than martial law, they said that in the name of speedy trial, this law will be used to harass the opposition leader and activists as well as innocent people. It will turn the country into a police-state, they added.

Barrister Amir-ul-Islam, Barrister Shawkat Ali Khan, Ojaer Faruque, Abdul Baset Majumder, Abdul Matin Khasru, Rahmat Ali, and Sahara Khatun, among others, were present at the rally.

## Baniarchar blast Probe body chief to visit spot

UNB, Dhaka

Justice Abdul Bari Sarkar, chairman of the bomb blast inquiry commission, will visit the spot of explosion at a church at Baniarchar in Moksdepur thana of Gopalganj on April 18.

All concerned including individuals, groups, leaders of government and non-government organisations and witnesses have been requested to be present there at 10am on the day.



IUB Vice-Chancellor Prof Bazul Mobin Chowdhury with the IUB debaters. From left to right are Walid Bin Saifullah, Aniqah Jesmin Khan, Prof Bazul Mobin Chowdhury and Farah Naz.

## IUB champion in Independence Day debate

The debating team of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) became champion in the recently concluded Independence Day inter-university debate competition organised by the Gulshan Club, says a press release.

IUB reached the final after defeating the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) and North South University (NSU) in the quarter final and semifinal respectively. The medium of language in the debate competition was English.

The members of IUB debating team were Aniqah Jesmin Khan, Walid Bin Saifullah and Farah Naz.

## CPD dialogue April 18

BSS, Dhaka

An international dialogue on "Trade, Biological Resources and Intellectual Property Rights" will be held on April 18 in the city.

Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) and International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), Geneva, in collaboration with the Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA) and the Quaker United Nations Office in Geneva (QUONO) will jointly organise the dialogue in the CIRDAP auditorium at 3pm.

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan will attend the dialogue as chief guest while Eduardo Perez Motta, Chairman of TRIPs Council, WTO, and Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Mexico in WTO, will be present as special guest. Professor Rehman Sobhan, Chairman of CPD, will chair the dialogue.

The dialogue has been designed as the launch of a two-day Asian dialogue on the same subject begins on April 19 at BRAC centre in Rajendrapur, a CPD press release said.

## Mr & Miss Mamma contest on Apr 25

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A tribal beauty contest styled 'Mr. Mamma-2002' and 'Miss Mamma-2002' will be held at the Rajbari premises in the hill district of Bandarban on April 25 to mark the 'BAISABI' (Bajju-Sangrai-Bisu) festival.

This will be the second such contest organised by the Mamma Shilpi Goshthi, the traditional cultural group of Bandarban.

This year's contest also includes a cultural function to be participated by leading tribal artists and a slide show.

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## BMA demands release of Dr. Mamun

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) Friday demanded immediate release of Dr. Sheikh Abdullah Al Mamun, the son of Dr. S A Malek, political adviser of former prime minister Sheikh Hasina.

The BMA has called it a conspiracy that Dr. Sheikh Abdullah Al Mamun was arrested on charge of carrying contraband cough syrup "phensidyl" on Wednesday.

The BMA executive committee in a statement yesterday said being a student of higher medical course Dr. Mamun could never get involved with such an incident. "It's a conspiracy and politically motivated," the statement signed by the BMA Office Secretary Dr. Salahuddin Ahmed Selim said.



(From left to right) Shaheed Engr. Fazlur Rahman, Shaheed Hosne Akhter, Shaheed Mostafizur Rahman, Shaheed Hasinur Rahman and Shaheed Azizur Rahman.

## Anniversary of martyrdom of 5 of a family

The 31st death anniversary of Engineer Fazlur Rahman, his wife Hosne Akhter, and their three sons - Mostafizur Rahman, Hasinur Rahman, Azizur Rahman - will be observed tomorrow, says a press release.

They were brutally killed by the Pakistani occupation forces and their collaborators at the railway government quarters in Saidpur, Nilphamari, during the War of Liberation.

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**Referendum in Pakistan**

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2. Pakistan High Commission, Dhaka will make the following arrangements for the Referendum:

- A polling booth will be set up in the High Commission (House No. NE-C 2, Road 71, Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka).
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