

Thundershowers likely

Moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at most places over the country with moderately heavy to heavy falls at places during the next 24 hours till 6pm today. Day temperature may remain unchanged during the period, Met

Yesterday's highest temperature of 32.1 degree Celsius was

recorded at Syedpur and the lowest of 23.5 degree Celsius at Dhaka. The sun sets in the capital at 6.50 pm today and rises at 5:16 am

The highest and lowest 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	29.2	23.5	92	88	
Chittagong	28.7	24.9	83	81	
Rajshahi	32.0	24.9	95	97	
Khulna	28.0	25.4	98		
Barisal	29.0	24.6	96	92	
Sylhet	32.0	25.4	83	92	
Cox's Bazar	28.5	25.2	98	92	

AIDS: Young people

proven wrong by the figures which

show that the disease continues to expand even in areas with already very high HIV prevalence.

"It's frightening. It is by far the biggest epidemic that humanity has known in absolute terms," Piot said.

"In the 45 worst-hit countries, if the response to AIDS is not intensified there will be 68 million deaths hecause of AIDS between now and 2020." he added.

Sub-Shaharan Africa is projected to suffer 55 million of the additional deaths

HIV/AIDS continues to spread in Asia, especially China and India, while the Russian Federation and Eastern Europe have the fastest growing epidemic in the world, and in high-income countries people are less vigilant partly perhaps because of the perceived life-saving effects of anti-retroviral therapy, UNAIDS

Since the epidemic began, more than 60 million people have been infected with the virus but most of the 40 million still alive today will die if they have no access to treatment.

However, less than four per cent of the six million people in the devel-

and Justice Kazi AT Manowar Uddin

unanimously rejected the petitions at

for the ETV sought some time from

the Appellate Division to file a review

petition. Accordingly, the bench heard

Barrister Syed Ishtiaque Ahmed said

that a review petition would be filed as

a last-ditch attempt to complete all

procedures to ensure justice and so.

the court had better allow some time

to a big and popular media like the

for Citicorp and Waterford, made the

same appeal, the bench said, "We

also watch the ETV. We would be

deprived if it closes down. But we

have to deliver the justice in the light of

law. We have given the verdict having

taken into account all the legal

Dr. Kamal also said there are

many foreign stakeholders in the

FTV So before it closes down the

ETV needs to settle the investment

issues with the foreign investors, and

later told newsmen that the govern-

ment would not file any more review

Barrister Abdur Razzak opposed the

five-week stay order on the execution

Attorney General AF Hasan Arif

On behalf of the writ petitioners,

The High Court on March 27

When Dr. Kamal Hossain, counsel

ETV to file the petition.

aspects of this case.

that's why it needs time.

of High Court verdict.

On behalf of the ETV chairman

the lawyers' submission at 11:00am.

Soon after the verdict, the lawyers

9:15am after two days of hearing.

ETV's appeal

drug therapy were receiving it at the

end of 2001. In rich countries, where an estimated 500,000 people were receiving anti-retroviral treatment. 25,000 people died of AIDS last

In Africa, where only 30,000 of the 28.5 million infected people were getting the treatment, AIDS killed 2.2 million.

"Despite the lowering of prices by nearly 90 per cent of the antiretroviral, the vast majority of those in need have no access," Piot said,

urging further reductions in prices. He said 10 billion dollars was needed every year for about 10 years to seriously fight the scourge of HIV/AIDS in the most badly hit

Young people are at greatest risk of infection as the epidemic continues to spread to nearly every part of the world, the report warned Nearly 12 million young people

are HIV positive and about 6,000 become infected daily. About half of all new adult infections are among people aged 15 to 24.

And 14 million children have lost one or both parents to AIDS, the

declared illegal the licensing agree-

ment between the government and

channel, the ETV went into air both as

the Bangla New Year's Day in 1999.

The channel soon became popular

with the people thanks to its objective

news coverage and innovative

Hossain of the Pharmacy

Department and Prof. Abdur Rob of

the Geography Department of Dhaka

University and President of a faction

of Bangladesh Federal Union of

Journalists (BFUJ) Gias Kamal

Chowdhury jointly filed the writ peti-

bids were invited for setting up a

private television channel in the

country in 1998. The FTV was one of

the parties that participated in the bid.

But after scrutiny, the tender evalua-

tion committee on July 9, 1998 sent a

list to the Ministry of Information

disqualifying the ETV. But 'mysteri-

ously' another list was sent to the

ministry later on that day putting the

They further alleged that the

licensing agreement was executed

with the ETV Chairman, AS Mahmud,

despite the fact that he did not partici-

pate in the bidding but subsequently

transferred the license to the ETV

ETV on the top of the list of the bid-

The petitioners said international

tion on September 19, 2000.

a terrestrial and a satellite channel on

The country's first private TV

the ETV upon a writ petition.

Garment cut piece trader shot dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A garment cut piece trader was shot dead by an armed gang at Tikkapara in the city's Mohammadpur area last night.

Mohammad Faigul, 34, also a rent-a-car businessman, came under attack in front of his father-inlaw's house at about 8:45 pm.

The incident took place when Faigul reached in front of house no. 15/B/24 by driving his Toyota Corolla (Dhaka metro-Gha 2213). Getting down from the car his wife Laila, two sons and other relatives went inside the house and he was about to shut the car's door.

At that time a gang of about 12 assailants sprayed bullets on him. Faiqul received at least 10 bullets in different parts of his body.

Fatally injured Faiqul was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where the attending doctors declared him dead at about 9:35pm.

The reason behind the killing could not be known till 10-30 p.m.

Middlemen

The airline charges US\$440 dollars for a ticket on the Dhaka - Riyadh and the Dhaka -Dammam route. The previous fare was \$420. On the other hand the fare of the Dhaka -Jeddah route has increased to \$475 from \$455.

The Biman Bangladesh Airlines is charging only \$310 for the Dhaka -Rivadh and the Dhaka - Dammam route while a ticket for the Dhaka Jeddah route costs \$320.

The workers are forced to buy tickets from Saudia due to alleged pressures from the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Dhaka.

The embassy imposed an unofficial provision stating that at least 60 per cent of migration workers to the Arab nation must use the Saudi Arabian airlines. Otherwise, reluctance would be shown in issuing visas to the workers.

Around 1.2 lakh Bangladeshis workers go to Saudi Arabia every year. Most of them work in the construction and cleaning sectors. They spend more than Tk 1.30 lakh for a job with only Tk 5,000 to Tk 6,000 in salaries a month.

8 KU officials

FROM PAGE 12 Alamgir Hadi, Section Officer (Admn) Arif Newaz, Section Officer (Controller of Examinations) Shaikh Shahadat Hossain Shadhin. Transport Officer Md Shah Nawroz. Accounts Officer (Finance) Shyamal Kanti Samaddar, Assistant Accounts Officer (Finance) Sheikh Muiibar Rahman and Section Officer S M Golam Haider.

It has been stated in the FIR that 50.000 metric tonnes of rice were given during 2000-2001 financial year for ten different projects as part of development programme of Khulna University. But the alleged officials of the university misappropriated it without using for any of ten

The cases were recorded under sections 409/109 CrPC and Section 5(2) of Anti Corruption Act, 1947.

Canada

FROM PAGE 1 "We are also in talks with China, South Korea and some other Asian countries, which have singed the Bangkok Agreement, for greater market access. We have already sent our wish lists to them and expect something positive by the end of this year", he said.

He also disclosed that talks have been on with countries like Pakistan, Iran, Qatar, Oman and other gulf countries regarding export of Bangladeshi products.

Commerce ministry officials, however, could not say what the possible gains in export volume to Canada and Norway could be due to the free access.

"We have just come to know about the decisions and we are yet to do any such analysis," said a commerce ministry official.

When contacted, Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association President Kutubuddin Ahmed yesterday said Bandladesh now exports apparels worth about US\$ 300 million to Canadia.

According to him, the volume of RMG export to Canada would increase phenomenally because of the free access.

The commerce minister yesterday also said regional trade issue still remains a top priority for the government.

In this regard, he mentioned that negotiations have been going on with the northeastern states of India, popularly know as the seven sisters, for enhancing trade.

"We have requested the states to open up customs points and allow Bangladeshi bank branches," Khosru said, adding that trade fairs would be organised at Guwahati

and Mizoram soon. Replying to another query, Khosru said there is no link between transit/ transshipment and trade negotiation.



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia presides over a high-level review meeting of different ministries and divisions at her office yesterday.

Hasina gets bail

showed up at the court at around

2:15pm amid party activists' slogans against the graft case. Hasina was granted bail on the

graft charge of having appointed a lobbvist in the United States for the garment industry that allegedly cost the national exchequer Tk 2.1 crore during her tenure as prime

During the hearing on the bail petition, the court provided a chair to tired-looking Hasina to sit on through. Several thousand party-men,

supporters and onlookers greeted Hasina on arrival at the court premises at 2:10pm. Minutes after Hasina came out

of the courtroom, she alleged that she had been implicated in a 'false case. She said she appeared before the court, respecting the law. Addressing a gathering on a

handheld microphone at the crowded court premises, the former prime minister claimed to have saved the country two billion dollars by spending only Tk 2 crore on the consultancy. "I don't know if serving the state's interest is a crime," asked Hasina "Had we not appointed a consul-

tancy to negotiate with the United States, our garment industry would have lost GSP (generalised system of preference) facilities in the US market and lost foreign investments The defence counsels submitted

two petitions, one seeking bail and the other seeking exemption from her appearance in person before The court granted both, meaning

Hasina must appear before the trial court, when the charge will be framed. The court scheduled July

Six killed

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Police seized the truck, but its driver and helper managed to flee. A case was filed with Jamuna Bridge West Police Station in this regard.

UNB from Magura adds: An overloaded bus fell into a roadside ditch at Mogirdhal on Magura-Jessore Road vesterday morning. leaving a baby dead and 40 passengers injured.

The unidentified baby died on the spot. Twenty of the injured were admitted to Magura sadar hospital.

Survivors said the Magura bound bus fell into the roadside ditch at about 10am as the driver lost control over the steering.

Police seized the bus but the driver managed to flee.

charges against her did not hold

tance of the chargesheet.

The defence stated that the up. The defence argued that Hasina had only ordered appointment of the lobbyist and signed the appointment letter. The sections under which she was charged were all bailable, the defence pointed out. Moreover, two other accused in

the case were already granted bails by the same court, the defence counsels said. Like them, Hasina should be granted bail as coaccused, they argued. If granted bail, she will not be absconding given her stature as former prime minister and present opposition leader, the defence continued.

The prosecution did not oppose the bail petition considering that two other co-accused had already been granted bails.

Barristers Rokonuddin Mahmud, Shawkat Ali Khan and Tania Amir, and advocates Ozair Faruq, Rahmat Ali, MP, Shudangshu Shekhar Haldar, Sahara Khatun, Kamrul Islam, Abdullah Abu and Abdur Rahman Howlader defended the accused

Public Prosecutor Abdullah Mahmud Hasan, additional public prosecutors Golam Mostafa Khan and Khorshed Alam defended the

Also, two co-accused -- former state minister for foreign affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury and ex-principal secretary to the then prime minister, Dr SA Samad -- appeared before

The chargesheet mentioned that the then prime minister Sheikh state minister for foreign affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury and former principal secretary Dr SA Samad unnecessarily employed a lobbyist in the US causing a loss of Tk 2.1 crore to the country.

Hasina's address

Responding to the allegation of graft, Hasina told the gathering at the court premises that the then BNP government in 1991 to 96 had assured the United States of allowing unionism in Bang-

2 Gano Mukti

They shot Barek, regional leader of GMF and his associate Harun and beat up others. Barek and Harun died on the spot. Police said the killing was a

sequel to a previous enmity between BCP leader Akdil Hossain and GMF leader Abdul Barek

ladesh's export processing zones by 2000. And the countries like Taiwan

and China would have withdrawn their investment from Bangladesh if unionism had started, Hasina "We employed a consultancy to

negotiate with the US. I told the then US president Clinton not to stop the GSP facilities to our garment factories. Instead of unionism, we conceived labour welfare association.' Hasina also dwelt on the much-

debated issue of MIG-29 purchase during her rule, offsetting criticism. "As our soldiers contribute to UN peacekeeping missions, we can't let them lag behind by not providing training and orientation on all modern defence gadgets. She claimed that her govern-

ment had saved the country US\$165 million by procuring eight MIG-29s at only \$124 million instead of \$289 million "On the other hand, the BNP (the

previous BNP government) cost the national exchequer \$20 million by procuring airbuses at \$150 million instead of \$130 million." The AL chief alleged that present BNP-Jamaat coalition government indulaed in violence and corruption.

whereas her government (1996-

2001) developed Bangladesh as a

model for poverty reduction and disaster management. Since installation of the BNP-Jamaat alliance into power, hundreds of AL leaders and workers were implicated in 'false' cases and had to appear before courts routinely. "Today, I would like to

release of two party activists allegedly picked up by police from the court area yesterday.

express my solidarity with them."

Golden handshake FROM PAGE 1

the Public Administration Reforms Commission were implemented on an experimental basis in two or three ministries or divisions

The above letter in the meantime was also withdrawn on the basis of a decision taken recently at a meeting of the Secretary Committee. Such system will not be implemented on an experimental basis," the release said.

Investigation is going on regarding the issuance of the controversial letter even after the earlier recommendations of the Secretary Committee were later cancelled.

"The government hopes that all confusions regarding this will be

Ashuliya schemes

ministry to discuss the issue of earth filling of low lying areas, which are earmarked as flood zone. Different ministries including that for Environment, Flood Control and Water Resources and Land and the city mayor would be represented at the meeting to take a decision in this regard.

The minister further said he would propose various changes in the urbanisation process. A registration system for all real estate developers would be introduced. Any of them willing to develop an area must comply with various requirements. None would be allowed to advertise in the electronic or print media for any real

Puzzling question He could not confirm how the list was

prepared, but said, "I have come to know that one local businessman carried the list to Delhi in 1999." When asked about the identity of the businessman, he told The Daily

Star, "I cannot disclose the name as I do not have any documents." The issue was raised at the briefing after the commerce secretary said the country could at best

have some prospects of exporting only 12 items to the Indian market after Delhi's offer of duty free access to 40 Bangladeshi products. Delhi has chosen 40 products

from the list prepared by Dhaka and agreed to offer duty free access to those, during the bilateral trade talks held in April at Dhaka. The commerce secretary said in

December last year, Dhaka sent a list to Delhi for changes in the product lines under five categories, but Delhi did not accept it.

KCC engineer stabbed by extortionists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A sub-assistant engineer of Khulna City Corporation (KCC) was stabbed by a gang of extortionists near Khalil Chamber at KDAAvenue under Sonadanga thana at about 8pm on Monday.

He was admitted to a clinic in the city in critical condition.

Earlier in the morning, the gang demanded Tk 50,000 from the engineer. But he refused to give in to

approval, which can be given only by Rajuk after strict scrutiny.

He pointed out that once the Detailed Area Planning (DAP) of the city is completed, plunder of ecologically important areas could be stopped. Consultants are now working to complete the DAP in 24

zones of the city. Abbas however hinted that due to pressing accommodation problems, some low-lying areas around the city might be developed only under strict scrutiny by experts. But would be ensured that such development work does not block passage of water. He mentioned that several real estate megaprojects in the city are destroying natural canals, water bodies and low-lying lands which are vital for retention of millions of cubic meters

of water during the flood season. "Even if permission is given for development of a low-lying point, Rajuk would impose a condition that 60 per cent of the total project area must be kept without any construction," the minister said

Danish envoy says his remarks not correctly reported by press

BSS, Dhaka

Danish Ambassador Niels Severin Munk yesterday said his remarks on the recent resignation of president A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury were not correctly reported by the press.

He explained to the Foreign Affairs Ministry that his remarks were not correctly and fully reflected in the local press and were put out of context, according to a press release issued by the External Publicity Wing. The envoy, being called to the foreign office, met Additional

Foreign Secretary Anwar-ul-Alam Chowdhury and clarified his position on the comments attributed to him by a section of the press. He had reportedly remarked at a press conference at the Danish

Embassy yesterday that the president's resignation was not a good example for democracy. The envoy stated that the press conference was basically meant for briefing the media on Denmark's

priorities during its presidency of

European Union for six months

Magurchhara

cess," said a source, "It put Petrobangla executives in an awkward situation. Later, the Petrobangla high

officials in a meeting resolved that the corporation should submit the damage claim since there is no bar on doing so after the ministry's letter.
"The state minister was criticised by many of the cabinet members for

is public remarks in favour of the Unocal and against the Petrobangla. His silence over the Magurchhara blowout claim also came under criticism. And no one liked his verbal instruction not to send the claim to the Unocal," a competent source said.

But the state minister for energy had asked Petrobangla chairman to hold off the letter for further review by 'foreign' Production Sharing Contract (PSC) experts.

In the past, Unocal and Occidental always got a soft treatment from political leaderships when it came to the Magurchhara issue.

Although the blowout occurred on the night of June 15, 1997, Petrobangla could not demand the compensation as the immediate past Awami League (AL) government had shelved the official probe report on the blowout and made it a 'classified' document.

In addition, the AL government had adopted a policy to let Occidental work in Bangladesh without taking them to book. And then the company's terminated PSC under which it worked was extended

and finally, it was allowed it to sell off its Bangladeshi concern to Unocal and quit Bangladesh in 1999.

In late 2000, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Energy demanded to see the report of the Magurchhara probe committee. This led to a tug-of-war between the then energy secretary Toufiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury and the standing committee chairman, former AL lawmaker Imran Ahmed, as the secretary refused to submit the

Petrobangla could not take any action to claim compensation as the then energy secretary argued that Occidental had agreed to pay compensation through a supplementary agreement when its PSC was extended in 1998.

probe committee report.

This claim is apart from the Tk 612 crore environmental damage claim by the environment ministry, which was never pursued seriously.

Occidental had begun the drilling at Magurchhara on June 2, 1997, the first of its drilling since signing of a PSC on January 11, 1995. This PSC was naturally terminated in January 11, 1998 for failing to fulfill the minimum work commitment. However, the government 'extended' the contract eight months later adding some new clauses.

When Unocal took over Occidental's concerns, it automatically inherited the latter's liabilities.

Golden Kahn

Kahn's fumble in the beginning of the second half Sunday allowed Ronaldo to charge into the penalty area and score the first goal. After the game, Kahn slumped into the goal he had protected so well throughout the tournament. his shoulders cradled by the net. Ronaldo wept with joy as Brazil won the World Cup for the fifth time.

Ballots were cast by journalists at the third-place game between South Korea and Turkey at Daegu, South Korea, and the final at Yokohama, Japan. The award is sponsored by sportswear manufacturer Adidas.

ADIDAS GOLDEN BALL AWARD Golden Ball: Oliver Kahn (Germany) Silver Ball: Ronaldo (Brazil) Bronze Ball: Hong Myung Bo (South Korea)

(Position/name/country/votes/percentage) Oliver Kahn (GER) 126 Ronaldo (BRA) Hong Myung Bo (ROK) 108 93 54 26 15 12 Rivaldo (BRA) Ronaldinho (BRA) 4% Hasan Sas (TUR) El Hadii Diouf (SEN) 3% Roberto Carlos (BRA) 1% Michael Ballack (GER) 10. Fernando Hierro (SPA)

PREVIOUS WINNERS 1982 - Paolo Rossi (ITA), 1986 - Diego Maradona (ARG), 1990

Salvatore Schillaci (ITA), 1994 - Romario (BRA), 1998 - Ronaldo (BRA) Adidas presented a new trophy for this competition. The new trophy RONALDO (BRA). The names of all future winners will be added to the trophy over the years. The design of the new Adidas Golden Ball trophy is

carries the names of each of the five former winners: Paolo ROSSI (ITA) Diego MARADONA (ARG), Toto SCHILLACI (ITA), ROMARIO (BRA) and based on the historical Adidas Chile football from 1960. The trophy will remain the property of Adidas and FIFA and will be on permanent display in FIFA House, Zurich, Switzerland,

Mid-air collision kills 71 School debate

earlier that the pilot of the Tupolev responded late to their repeated calls to descend from an altitude of 36,000 feet to a flight-path 700 feet lower.

At the same time, the cargo aircraft had received an automatic alert from its anti-collision system ordering it to dive, and the two aircraft collided at an altitude of 35,300 feet. Skyguide said it believed its

followed normal avoidance proce-The head of Bashkirian Airlines, which owns the Tupolev, said the crew had carried out all instructions received from air traffic controllers on

controller had acted correctly and

the ground. Ğerman Transport Minister Kurt Bodewig said the job of tracking the Tu-154 had been handed over to Zurich flight controllers five minutes before the accident. He said the Swiss controllers ordered the plane to descend about a minute before the

Bahrain Aviation and left from Bergamo in northern Italy for Brussels shortly after 11:30 pm (2130 GMT) on Monday, police said. One pilot was British, the other Canadian. Both DHL and Bashkirian airlines insisted that the aircraft were relatively new and in good condition and

In the southern German State of

their pilots highly experienced.

The cargo plane was operated by

Baden-Wuerttemberg, wreckage and bodies were spread over a 30kilometer, thinly populated area of what is largely farmland. Witnesses near Lake Constance

reported hearing a loud explosion

and seeing a ball of fire and flaming pieces of wreckage crashing towards the ground. "The sky became bright all of a sudden. It looked as if the sky was on ' said Klaus Barinka, a 42-yearold ferryboat captain working at Lake

Konstanz.

Officials at an emergency centre at the scene said at least 26 bodies had been found as well as several body parts and that a flight data recorder and the two black boxes from the Russian plane had been recovered in woodland by the lake. No casualties were reported

Investigators and about 1,200 rescue workers and firefighters were at work at the scene, which smelled strongly of aviation fuel, while police surveyed an area north of the town of Ueberlingen with helicopters and doos. "We found wreckage from the planes in 57 places and pieces of

among local residents.

bodies in four main areas," said Ueberlingen's regional police chief adding that some of the dead were found strapped into their seats. Bodewig also said Germany was leading investigations on the ground, but that Swiss. Russian and US

Constance, which borders Switzerland and Austria Russian President Vladimir Putin

sent his condolences to the families

of the victims, including members of

the Bashkortostan regional adminis-

tration and ministries as well as local

universities. Russian relatives of the 52 children and the crew of the jet were due Tuesday to fly to the site of the crash. German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder called Putin and said he had been "stunned" by the tragedy. He promised to provide the authori-

recovery and investigation efforts. Deutsche Post, chief shareholder in DHL, offered aid to the families of the two pilots killed

ties in Baden-Wuerttemberg with

federal government assistance in

The fleet of Bashkirian Airlines, one of the companies that spun off from the Russian national carrier Aeroflot, is made up of 154 aircraft and is the flag carrier for the Bashkortostan High-altitude mid-air collisions are

rare. despite Europe's increasingly crowded skies. Most large aircraft flying at such high

cruising altitudes carry transponders such as the Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance System (TCAS), which ensure that pilots keep a safe distance from other planes in their vicinity.

more important than genuine learning, and encouraged large scale copying in the examination. Passing an examination by hook or by crook has become the motto of the general body of students. Certificates, which may as well be considered as banyan leaves, are the target of the students and not knowledge. Hence, one won't be surprised coming across a student who has got an 'A' in geography but does not know the location of the river

Amazon. The mark-craze has developed an unhealthy competition among the school students so much so that a parent feels happy when she finds that her son has got 80 in English whereas her neighbour's son reading in the same class has got only 79 in the same subject. She inwardly decides that her son is better in English than her neighbour's son.

This exemplifies our attitude toward education. This is why we frequently observe that people loaded with degrees and certificates can neither give direction to the nation nor perform in practical life.

As we cannot think, we cannot speak and all this is due to bad child-student who is doing well in school is doing so because of family care and the child's own individual efforts, the school failing to put any significant impact on the child's growing mind. This is the greatest failure of our education system that students don't get the proper environment in schools to grow uniformly in all respects.

Mahfuz Anam in his turn as

the chief guest delivered a very

schooling. It is also found that a

sensible speech. He lavishly praised the debaters for their wonderful speeches, but at the same time hinted that they probably depended too much on their memohope the children got message. Anam has brilliant command in English, and as he was addressing the students while suggesting ways to improve debating skills he showed his past form and every-

one of the participating girls that what he is today is because of his interest in debates The writer is Professor, Department of English

body present realised why he was

once the all-Pakistan debating

champion. I heard him say this to