

## Horlicks-Shaptahik 2000 quiz competition results

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The results of 'Horlicks-Shaptahik 2000 Quiz' competitions were announced yesterday.

A total of 4,689 coupons were received for 'Smart Mother 2002' competition and 4,047 coupons for 'Genius Bangladesh 2002' competition. The winners were selected through lottery draw held at the office of the Shaptahik 2000.

Runa of Keraniganj won the first prize, a refrigerator, in the 'Smart Mother 2002' competition while Nushin of Kurigram bagged the first prize, a sports bicycle, in 'Genius Bangladesh 2002' competition.

Kanon Bala of Chittagong and Shelly Islam of Mymensingh won the second and third prizes respectively in the 'Smart Mother 2002' competition. They will get a juicer and a sewing machine respectively.

In the 'Genius Bangladesh 2002' competition, Abdul Wahab and Tahia of Dhaka clinched the second and third positions respectively. They will get a digital

diary and a calculator respectively.

Besides, the fourth and fifth prize winners of 'Smart Mother 2002' competition will get a toaster each and the sixth and seventh position holders will get an electric iron each.

In the 'Genius Bangladesh 2002' competition, the fourth and fifth prize winners will get 'Kishore Upanyas Samagra' by Muhammad Zafar Iqbal (two volumes) and the sixth and seventh prize winners will get 'Science Fiction Collections' by Muhammad Zafar Iqbal.

This was the first part of the competitions. The second part of the competitions has been announced in the current issue of Shaptahik 2000. And the prizes included 21-inch colour television and Dhaka-Kolkata-Dhaka air ticket.

Among others, Executive Editor the weekly Mohsiul Adnan, chief reporter Golam Mortoza, and country manager of Glaxo-SmithKlein Consumer Health Asheh Bose were present at the lottery draw.



The lottery draw for 'Horlicks-Shaptahik 2000 Quiz' competitions was held at the office of the Shaptahik 2000 in the city yesterday.

## 'Put an end to govt-sponsored violence, corruption'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion in the city yesterday underscored the need for putting an end to government-sponsored violence, corruption and repression on the citizens.

They said the anti-people activities of the coalition government have surpassed all previous records turning the country into a 'death-valley'.

The discussion titled 'Law and Order, Terrorism and Corruption: Citizens Pledge' was organised by Citizens' Voice, a city-based organisation, at the auditorium of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh.

Prof Muntasir Mamoon of Dhaka University presented the keynote paper at the discussion with Abul Momen, columnist, in the chair.

In his paper, Prof Muntasir quoted different human rights

organisations and newspaper reports in describing the law and order situation, repression on women and children, harassment of opposition political leaders and activists and attacks on the members of the minority community.

He said the BNP government withdrew 3,500 cases in 11 months and acquitted 38,190 ruling party activists of charges adding that the home ministry has been lobbying for withdrawal of 640 more cases.

Prof Hasan Azizul Haq, Dr Anupam Sen, Dr Syed Monjurul Islam, Dr Mizanur Rahman, M Muniruzzaman, Dr Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury and Zerina Begum, mother of Simi who committed suicide recently also took part in the discussion.

Bivuranjan Sarker, general secretary of Citizens' Voice, conducted the discussion.

He said a total of 684 people

were murdered and 1,066 women raped from January to September this year while 4, 295 women were victim of repression from Sept 2001 to July 2002.

Pointing out to alarming rise of child abduction and murder, Prof Muntasir said a total 586 girl child were repressed only in July last.

He said the government has let loose the police and cadres of BNP, JCD and Shibir on peace-loving people. It is also implicating opposition leaders and activists in false cases while patronising its cadres in committing all sorts of crimes, he added.

## Life of Bangabandhu Draft of research submitted to Bangla Academy

UNB, Dhaka

The Bangladesh Foundation for Development Research (BFDR) has submitted the draft of a research work titled "Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman: Life and Politics" to Bangla Academy.

As per an agreement with the Academy, the Foundation also submitted nine floppy disks containing the research works along with the 1328-page draft, said a press release.

Following the agreement, the Foundation took up the work to prepare a book on the life and politics of Bangabandhu in 1998.

Eminent historians, political scientists and intellectuals had prepared the draft.

Although the Academy agreed to provide Tk 20 lakh for the research works, but it so far has given Tk 10 lakh to the Foundation in two phases, the release added.

## SDC aid for flood victims

BSS, Dhaka

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) has recently provided Tk 62.5 lakh for the emergency monsoon floods relief project of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent societies (IFRC).

## PKSF micro-credit services for extreme poor soon

BSS, Dhaka

Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) will launch a credit programme worth five million US dollar soon to ensure micro-credit services for the extreme poor people who are often neglected by micro-finance institutions (MFI) across the country.

The World Bank is funding the project titled "Financial Services for the Poorest (FSP)". The PKSF said various studies on poverty have identified that extreme poor in Bangladesh are not covered by the existing MFI.

The World Bank (Dhaka Office)

and PKSF jointly organised a two-day launching workshop on the FSP at BRAC Centre for Development Management (BCDM) at Rajendrapur yesterday.

The objective of the FSP project is to explore and identify models of sustainable interventions for reducing the number of the poor through use of micro-credit and other financial services.

The project will also develop effective approaches and methods for replication in wider areas of Bangladesh. The project has three components -- micro-credit, capacity building of PKSF and partner organisations (PO) and the monitoring and evaluation of the borrowers.

Under the FSP project, the PKSF will also create a 'Disaster Fund' for the Poorest (DFP). The fund will be used to compensate borrowers for losses, caused by natural disasters and other events beyond their control.

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## JU syndicate polls on Nov 18

BSS, Savar

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The Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) DU unit accorded a reception to three BCL central leaders who were released from jail recently on the Dhaka University campus yesterday.



The officials and employees of the Livestock Directorate staged a demonstration in the city yesterday protesting the appointment of new director general which triggered a controversy.

## Reception to BCL leaders on DU campus

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The Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday gave a warm reception to its President Liaqat Shikdar, Vice President Rafiqul Islam Kotwal and General Secretary Nazrul Islam Babu who were released from jail recently.

The three leaders came on the campus at 1:00 pm amid applause and full throated slogans. Petals were also showered on them.

The Dhaka University (DU) unit of the BCL organised the reception on Aparajeyo Bangla premises.

Presided over by Delwar Hossain, president of BCL DU unit, the reception was also attended by presidents and general secretaries of all dormitories of the DU along with leaders and workers from other educational institutions of the city.

Speaking on the occasion, the leaders said the BCL is committed to protest any kinds of oppression by the government.

They also criticised the government's failure to maintain congenial academic atmosphere at DU and BUET.

Liaqat Shikdar in his speech described the torture on him during his seven months in jail.

He lauded the success of the past Awami League government in education sector.

Nazrul Islam Babu and Rafiqul Islam Kotwal also spoke on the occasion.

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