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Unemployed and student nurses took to the streets of the city yesterday protesting recruitment of nurses who passed from private institutions.

'Amendment to CPC to create new problems'

BSS, DHAKA

Speakers at a roundtable on 'good governance and the judicial system' stressed the need for reforming the existing laws to cope with the changing situation of the society. Before enacting new laws or making amendments, all concerned should be consulted to reach a consensus on basic premises, they said. The roundtable marking the two-year of completion of the present government was held at Judicial Administration Training Institute (JATI) auditorium with State Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Shajahan Omar in the chair. The main objective of the roundtable was to organise the

opinion on the civil procedure code (2nd amendment) Act-2003. The law was passed by parliament on July 19 but application was stayed due to objection raised by the lawyers. Some of the participants opined that, the present amendment to civil procedure code would create new problems instead of solving the old ones. Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Moudud Ahmed, Chief Whip Khandker Delwar Hossain, Suranjit Sengupta MP, Harun Al Rashid, MP, GM Quader MP, Vice-chairman of the Bangladesh Bar Council Barrister Amir-ul-Islam, Barrister Rafiq-ul-Haque, Open University Vice Chancellor Dr Ershadul Bari, Justice TH Khan and Dhaka Bar Association President Mohammed

Israfil addressed the roundtable. Advocate Khandker Mahbuddin Ahmed, MP, presented the keynote paper. Moudud said, "the highest challenge before us was how to establish the rule of law in the country". He called for reforming the existing laws to suit the needs of time. The law minister said the fundamental objectives of the amendment of civil procedure code are protecting the interest of the litigants, resisting the tendency to file cases for no apparent reason and ensuring justice in the shortage possible time. He said it is possible to make a law more effective by 'trial and error' method.

60 injured in Gopalganj clashes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

At least 60 people were injured in clashes at Nizra and Charpathalia villages under Gopalganj Sadar upazila yesterday. At Nizra village, two rival groups - one led by Noor Kabir Shaikh and the other by Yahia Khan -- clashed over establishing supremacy, leaving 25 injured, police and witnesses said. Both the groups used iron rods, machetes and sticks during the clash. Seven seriously injured people -- Dildar Shaikh, 39, Ashraf Shaikh, 45, Ukil Mollah, 26, Mokarram Shaikh, 35, Sahajahan Mollah, 45,

Rajesh Khan, 17, and Abdar Khan, 25, -- were admitted to Gopalganj Sadar Hospital. At Charpathalia village, two groups of villagers were locked in a bloody clash following a collision between two engine boats in the Madhumati river. Thirty-five people were injured in the clash and eight of them were admitted to Gopalganj Sadar Hospital and different clinics. They are Babu, 25, Kuti Mia, 23, Saidul Islam, 40, Moshtak, 32, Abul, 45, Mahamud, 30, Rafique, 22, and Liton, 25. Two separate cases were lodged with Gopalganj thana.

Munshiganj lawyers' team calls on president

UNB, Dhaka

A delegation of Munshiganj-Bikrampur Lawyers Welfare Association called on President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday. The delegation informed the president that apart from their profession its members worked for the development of their area. They apprised the president of their various demands including construction of Mukhtarpur Bridge, Padma Bridge at Mawa point, protection of Munshiganj from erosion and upgradation of Haraganga College to a full-fledged University. Secretary to President Anisul Haque Chowdhury and Association's President, Shahjahan Khan, Secretary General Mohsin Mia were present on the occasion.

Star-Viqarunnisa English debate contest opens

DU CORRESPONDENT

The Third English Debate Championship-2003 was inaugurated at the Viqarunnisa Noon School and College in the city yesterday. Organised by the Viqarunnisa Noon Debating Club and sponsored by The Daily Star, the debating contest will begin at the college auditorium today. The theme of this year's contest is 'World peace' and the slogan is 'When the power of love overcomes the love of power, we will have peace'. Debaters from 10 schools and 16 debating clubs will take part in the seven-day contest.

Professor Mohammad Junaid, director general of the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education, Dhaka, formally inaugurated The Daily Star-Viqarunnisa Noon Debating Club Third English Debate Championship-2003. He said English debate is very important for the students as it helps improve their English and prepare themselves to face global challenge. The competition would enhance students' analytical power, promote team spirit and encourage them to make greater effort to understand social issues, Prof. Junaid said. Speaking as special guest, Establishment Manager of The

Daily Star AFM Jamaluddin said debate helps students become good communicators, public relations officers and teachers who would build a better Bangladesh. The Daily Star will continue its contribution to the English debate competition in Viqarunnisa Noon School and College, he said. Principal of Viqarunnisa Noon School and College and Chief Patron of Viqarunnisa Noon Debating Club Rowena Hossain presided over the ceremony. Mowrin Mahbuba Moyeen, president of the Viqarunnisa Noon Debating Club, also spoke at the ceremony.

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Film show

Bishwasahitya Kendra will screen a film titled 'Casablanca' directed by Michael Curtiz. Venue: Bishwasahitya Kendra auditorium, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue. Time: 6.00pm

Movie show

Academy Film Society will screen two movies titled 'American Wedding' and 'Simone'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 3.30pm and 6.30pm.

French movie

Alliance Francaise will screen a film titled 'Sur mes levres' directed by Jacques Audiard (2001). Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 10.30am and 6.00pm.

Recitation festival

The inaugural ceremony of the 6th National Recitation Festival will be held. Venue: Shawkot Osman Memorial auditorium, Central Public Library. Time: 10.00am.

Poetry evening

On the occasion of its fifth founding anniversary, Kabi Sangsad Bangladesh organises an evening of poetry. Venue: Meherba Plaza, Topkhana Road. Time: 4.00pm.

Art exhibition

Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts organises an exhibition of the work of three artists from three countries- Bangladesh, Mexico and Uganda. Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.00pm. The exhibition will remain open till October 31 from 12 noon to 8.00pm daily.

Annual art exhibition

The annual art exhibition-03 of Zias Art Gallery will be held with poet Shamsur Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Shankar, Dhanmondi. Time: 4.00pm. The exhibition will remain open till October 31 from 10.00am to 8.00pm daily.

Art competition

East West University organises an art competition for children in three groups. The theme of the competition is 'My Country'. Venue: Osmani Memorial Hall. Time: 9.00am.

Photography exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of the second solo photography exhibition of Bangladeshi Heritage photography series-2 will be held

with UNESCO representative Wolfgang Vollmann as chief guest. Venue: Zainul Art Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts. Time: The exhibition will remain open till October 30 from 2.00pm to 7.00pm daily.

Design exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of a three-day exhibition on design education, organised by Bangladesh Institute of Design (BID) will be held. Venue: BID campus, Iqbal Road, Mohammadpur. Time: 3.00pm. The exhibition will remain open from 10.00am to 8.00pm daily.

Prize giving ceremony

The prize giving ceremony of Anannya Eid Fashion Competition 2003 will be held. Bibi Russel and Kabir Sarwar will give away the prizes. Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 3.30pm.

Symposium

The United Nations of Bangladesh organises a symposium to mark the United Nations Day with Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Barrister Muhammad Jamiruddin Sircar as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 5.00pm.

Discussion

Mukta Rajnoitk Andolon will hold a discussion titled 'The parliamentary culture in Bangladesh and our expectation'. Venue: Hotel Ashrafia, Shaheed Bagh. Time: 4.00pm.

Seminar

Young Muslim Federation organises a seminar on 'River-link project of India and the existence of Bangladesh'. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 3.00pm.

Conference

Bangladesh Centre for Development, Journalism and Communication organises a conference on 'Massmedia and women'. Venue: Planning and Development Academy auditorium, Nilkhet. Time: 4.00pm.

Multimedia fair

The inaugural ceremony of a multimedia fair titled 'Pentathlon', organised by Arena Multimedia, will be held. Venue: Shan Tower, Chamelbagh, Shantinagar. Time: The fair will remain open till October 26 from 10.00am to 8.00pm daily.

5 get Literary Award-2003

UNB, Dhaka

Five distinguished poets have been given literary award on the occasion of the birth centenary of poet Benajir Ahmed. Recipients of the Literary Award-2003 are journalist and poet Syeda Rashida Bari, poet Mohsena Khatun, educationalist AK Lutful Karim, poet Bina Solaiman and poet Salma Bakht, says a press release. Purnima Bashor, a literature and cultural organisation, held a discussion meeting on the occasion of the poet's birth centenary at Public Library auditorium on Tuesday and distributed the awards.

Pran-Prothom Alo National Pickle Competition

Prize giving ceremony held

The prize giving ceremony of Pran-Prothom Alo National Pickle Competition-2003 was held at the Engineers' Institute in the city on October 22, says a press release. Chairman and Managing Director of Adcom Ltd Geeti Ara Safia Chowdhury handed over the prizes as chief guest. Chief Executive of Pran Group Maj Gen Amjad Khan Chowdhury (Retd), Chairman Lt Col Mahatab Uddin (Retd), and Editor of the Prothom Alo Matiur Rahman were present on the occasion. Model Sadia Islam Mou, film star Diti, singer Kanak Chapa, TV actress Sarmili Ahmed, recipe-writer Sitara Ferdous and Vice-Principal of Home Economics College Shahin Ahmed were the judges. In Hot and Spicy Group, Lutfunnahar of 10/4 Baily Square, Dhaka became champion, Rita Shaha of 9 Kabi Jasim Uddin Road, Dhaka runners-up while third position went to Dipti Biswas of Natore. In Sweet Group, Rousan Ara of 73, East Rajabazar, Dhaka became first, Rina Chakraborty of 47/1, R K Mission Road, Dhaka second and third position went to Meharunnesa of Thana Para, Kushtia. In Sour Group, Farzana Ahmed Shetu of Professor Para, Rajshahi became champion, Nilufa Akhter of Thakur Para, Comilla runners-up while the third position went to Nurunnahar of 5, Sheikh Saheb Bazar, Dhaka. In other group, Jui Ahmed of Gaibandha became champion, Vikarunnesa of 144, Shanti Nagar, Dhaka runners-up and the third position went to Jannatul Ferdous Shetu Moni of New DOHS, Mahakhali, Dhaka. The first prize of the competition was deep fridge while other prizes included micro woven, pressure cooker, toaster and soup-set. 44 prizes were given to the winners.



Winners of the Pran-Prothom Alo pickle competition pose with chief guest Gitiara Safia Chowdhury, Chief Executive of Pran Group Amjad Khan Chowdhury and Editor of Prothom Alo Matiur Rahman at the prize giving ceremony in the city on Wednesday.



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The Daily Star-Viqarunnisa Noon Debating Club English Debate Championship-2003 was inaugurated at the Viqarunnisa Noon School and College yesterday. From left are Shameem Jahan Ahsan, moderator of the debating club, Principal Rowena Hossain, Professor Mohammad Zunaed, director general of the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education, Dhaka, and AFM Jamaluddin, establishment manager of The Daily Star.

Qulkhwani

Qulkhwani of Md Abdul Hamid, a retired circle officer, will be held at 17 East Raza Bazaar (Indira Road) after Asr prayers today, says a press release. Abdul Hamid, who hailed from village Naina under Tongbari upazila, Munshiganj, died on Tuesday at the age of 88. He is survived by four sons, four daughters and a number of grandchildren.

Newspapermen urge govt to meet 7-point demand

BSS, Dhaka

Leaders of Sangbadik Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad (SSKOP), a combined platform of journalists, press workers and general employees, urged the government and owners of the newspapers and news agencies to meet their seven-point demand, including formation of the sixth wage board. The SSKOP would go for tougher programme if the demands were not met immediately, the leaders said. At an extended meeting of the Parishad at the National Press Club on Wednesday, they called on the newspapermen to make December 21 grand rally and the procession towards the Prime Minister's Office a success. The meeting also protested the announcement for auction of Observer House and its machinery under Al-Helal Printing and Publishing Company by the Shilpa Bank without paying the outstanding dues of journalists and employees of the Bangladesh Observer and weekly Chitrali. The leaders sought intervention of the government in resolving the Observer-Chitrali crisis. SSKOP leaders Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Akhter Ahmed Khan, Elahi Newaz Khan, Abdul Jalil Bhuiyan, Abdus Shahid, Omar Faruque, Motiur Rahman Talukder, Abul Hashem, M A Mannan, and Mokarram Hossain spoke at the meeting. President of Bangladesh Federal Union of Newspaper Press Workers Fazle Imam presided.

WEATHER TODAY

Light rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one of two places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet divisions till 6pm today. Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period, Met Office said. Highest temperature 34.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sitakunda and the lowest 23.4 degree Celsius at Syedpur. The sun sets in the capital at 5:25 pm today and rises at 6:01 am today. 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	31.8	26.0	80	65
Chittagong	33.5	24.5	72	73
Rajshahi	27.8	24.8	78	91
Khulna	32.5	25.5	77	88
Barisal	33.0	25.0	80	84
Sylhet	31.8	25.2	85	88
Cox's Bazar	33.6	24.7	--	80