



Winners of a drawing competition for children pose with the guests -- (standing from left) Hidetoshi Ukita, minister of Japanese embassy, Selima Rahman, state minister for cultural affairs, and Dr Mozammel Haq, president of Japanese Universities Alumni Association, -- at a discussion marking the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Day at a National Museum auditorium in the city yesterday.

DISCUSSION ON HIROSHIMA-NAGASAKI DAY 'Strengthen anti-nuclear movement worldwide'

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Speakers at a discussion yesterday called for strengthening the anti-nuclear movements across the world to eliminate the threat of nuclear weapons.

No country will be free from danger unless the spread of nuclear weapons is stemmed, they said.

The Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh organised the

discussion at the National Museum auditorium to mark the 'Hiroshima-Nagasaki Day'.

The next generation must be aware of the destructive power of nuclear weapons, which pose a serious threat to civilisation, said State Minister for Cultural Affairs Selima Rahman as the chief guest.

She also said Bangladesh always plays an active role in the anti-nuclear movements in order to establish a world free from the threat of nuclear weapons.

Hidetoshi Ukita, minister of Japanese embassy in Dhaka, said the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during the World War II will haunt the mankind for many more years.

Referring to the nuclear devastation of the two cities, he said, "Hiroshima and Nagasaki have become the symbol of resistance against nuclear warfare for the peace-loving people around the world."

Speaking on the 'Historical background of atomic explosion in Hiroshima and Nagasaki' as the key speaker, Mahfuz Anam, editor of The Daily Star, said a strong campaign has to be launched in every country against nuclear weapons.

Whether a country is a nuclear power or not, it cannot be out of the danger that nuclear weapons represent, he said, adding that nuclear bombs not only affect people physically, but also have a biological effect.

"The atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki reminds us why the spread of nuclear weapons must be checked and why we have to launch a vigorous campaign against such weapons," Anam added.

He also pointed out that the way nuclear weapons are spreading across the world, this technology might eventually fall into the hands of terrorists.

Alumni Association President Dr Mozammel Haq and General Secretary Dr Mahfuzur Rahman Khan also spoke.

Later, prizes were handed over to the winners of a drawing competition for the children.



Rotten sweetmeats found in The Chittagong Restaurant during a mobile court operation against adulterated food and unhygienic condition are dumped into a drain in the Foy's Lake area in the port city yesterday.

City JCD leader shot at Mirpur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminals shot and wounded a leader of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of ruling BNP, near his residence at Mirpur in the city yesterday.

Humayun Kabir Rowshan, 27, former general secretary of Government Bangla College unit of JCD, has been undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) after receiving three bullets in the head, cheek and right hip.

He is a master's student of accounting department of the college.

Witnesses said a gang of five Shahadat, Sujon, Muktar, Ratan and Mintoo opened fire on Rowshan soon after he came out of his house at Block-

Gin Section-1 at about 10:30am.

The criminals shot five times, three of which hit him.

Rowshan's maternal uncle Shahidul Islam said he was going to appear before a Dhaka court as hearing of a case he filed a few years back against some local criminals was scheduled.

Anwar Hossain Biplob, elder brother of Rowshan, said criminals attempted to kill him as he used to protest criminal and anti-social activities in the locality.

Local sources, however, said Rowshan was attacked as a sequel to an internal conflict of JCD.

Police could neither arrest anyone nor any case was filed as of 7:00pm.



Indian External Affairs Minister Natwar Singh called on Awami League President Sheikh Hasina at her Sudha Sadan residence in the city yesterday.