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Bangladesh Shikkhak Karmachari Oikya Parishad forms a human chain at Muktangan in the city yesterday to press home its 17-point demand and protest the move to introduce single-track education system.

'Ensure security during Durga Puja'

CU CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong Mahanagar Puja Udjapan Parishad here yesterday urged the government to ensure security during the Durga Puja, the biggest religious festival of Hindu community.

The Parishad leaders made this appeal at a press conference at the Chittagong Press Club.

They also urged the government to implement their 17-point demand including an end to repression on woman, four-day government holiday on Durga Puja, dissolution of Hindu Welfare Trust and announcement of Dhakeshwari Mandir as the national temple and Sitakunda as the national sacred place. The Chandranath temple is located at Sitakunda.

They demanded creation of Hindu Foundation and an end to discrimination against the Hindu community.

They also requested the government for exemption of utility bills at all Puja mandaps (altars).

Parishad leaders said all necessary steps were taken to observe puja peacefully at 202 mandaps in the city and assured the Muslim community that the

sanctity of the holy Ramadan won't be undermined during the puja.

Parishad General Secretary Advocate Chandan Talukder read out a written statement.

Parishad leaders Shadhan Dhar, Bimol Kanti Dey, Bholanath Bishwas, Mridul Dey, Sujit Bhattacharya, Gonesh Dey and Ashish Bhattacharya were present.

Family of slain UN peacekeeper gets compensation

Family of a Bangladeshi UN peacekeeper, killed in Congo this year, received compensation worth Tk 32.49 lakh (\$50,000) from the United Nations yesterday in the city, says a press release.

The Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral M Hasan Ali Khan handed over the cheque to the family members of late Muhammad Nurul Islam, a leading seaman of the Bangladesh Navy, at a simple ceremony at the Naval Headquarters.

INDECENT BEHAVIOUR BY TEACHER JU students continue agitation

JU CORRESPONDENT

Braving inclement weather hundreds of general students of Jahangirnagar University (JU) yesterday staged a demonstration on the campus demanding immediate removal of a teacher of the Department of Business and Administration (DBA) for his alleged indecent behaviour with the girl students.

The students irrespective of party affiliation brought out processions from all dormitories chanting slogans against the teacher. They gathered in front of the Amar Ekushey, a sculpture, in processions from different halls, faculties. The activists of Jahangirnagar Sangskritik Jote and

Progotishil Chhatra Jote also expressed solidarity with the students. The procession paraded the campus.

Later, the students under the banner of 'Students Against Harassment' held a rally on the Social Science Faculty premises. The speakers at the rally said tougher programmes will be announced if their demand is not met by tomorrow (Tuesday).

Shomogeet, Gayen and Dhvani also organised different programmes, including song and recitation in support of the movement.

The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of the ruling BNP, also brought out a procession on the campus to press the demand.



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Winners of the Nido-Shaptahik 2000 Golpo Lekho Golpo Jeto Competition 2005 pose with the guests at the prize giving ceremony at Shaheed Zia Auditorium at the National Museum in the city on Friday.

STORY WRITING CONTEST

Nido-Shaptahik 2000 prize giving ceremony held

The prize giving ceremony of Nido-Shaptahik 2000 Golpo Lekho Golpo Jeto Competition 2005 was held at Shaheed Zia Auditorium at the National Museum in the city on Friday, says a press release.

Labib Muntasir and Nuzhat Tahil won the first position from group 'Ka' and 'Kha' respectively.

The top ten winners from both the groups received books, crest, DVD player, binocular, camera, digital dictionary and diskman along with the certificates. One hundred more participants were given books and certificates as special prizes.

With this ceremony, the competition stepped into its fifth year. Around 6,000 stories were submitted this year.

Carlo Cifielo, managing director, Nestle Bangladesh Limited, Golam Mortoza, executive editor of Shaptahik 2000, and Nuzhat Yusuf, brand manager of Nido, spoke at the ceremony.

Judges of the competition-- Subrata Borua, Moinul Ahsan Saber and Imdatul Haque Milon-- also spoke.

World Habitat Day today

UNB, Dhaka

The World Habitat Day will be observed in the country today as elsewhere around the globe, with the slogan -- 'Millennium Development Goals and the City'.

The day aims to reduce the number of people deprived of pure drinking water by half by 2015 and ensure significant improvement in the socio-economic conditions of 10 crore slum dwellers by 2020.

President Dr Iajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia have issued separate messages on the occasion.