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Students who achieved GPA-5 in the HSC examination this year pose with Awami League President Sheikh Hasina at a reception at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city yesterday. Bangladesh Chhatra League accorded the reception to the meritorious students.

Make society free from corruption

Hasina urges students

UNB, Dhaka

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the society is now engulfed in corruption and terrorism.

She made the remark while addressing a grand reception, accorded to students who have achieved GPA-5 in the HSC examination, at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city.

Hasina urged the students to go ahead with a firm pledge so that the society could be free from corruption, terrorism and other maladies.

"If the students like you come forward, society will be freed from such anarchic situation," she said.

Bangladesh Chhatra League, the student wing of the AL, organised the reception, chaired by its President Liakot Sikder.

The opposition leader also asked the students to stand by the poor people and serve them.

Congratulating the students and guardians as well as teachers for the outstanding results, she told the students: "Now you have to build on this success."

Hasina also advised them to love the country, countrymen and humanity and abhor terrorism and corruption.

Alleging that the glorious history of the liberation war has been distorted, she asked the students to know about the true history and disseminate it.

"You must read more. It is the only way to reduce poverty," she said.

Sabrina Akter and Sakabi Ibne Sajjad also spoke at the function on behalf of students.

Former DU vice-chancellor AK Azad

Chowdhury, former vice-chancellor of Khulna University Nazrul Islam, DUTA President AAMS Arefin Siddique, IT specialist Mostafa Jabbar, Bangabandhu Chikitsak Parishad Secretary General Dr Iqbal Arsalan, Professor Imtiaz Ahmed, cricketer Mohammad Ashraf and Chhatra League General Secretary Nazrul Islam Babu also spoke.

Hasina also distributed medals and crests among the meritorious students.

She announced that she would take the responsibility of a GPA-5 achiever, Shamim Hossain, to support him financially in pursuing his higher studies.

The programme ended with a cultural function.

Science book fair begins

UNB, Dhaka

A five-day science book fair began at the National Museum in the city on Thursday.

The fair has been organised on the occasion of Science Book Year-2005 under the joint initiative of the cultural affairs ministry and the Jatiya Grantha Kendra.

Students of schools and colleges are offered a 30 percent discount on science-related books at the fair.

Science films are also being shown at Sufia Kamal auditorium of the museum from 11:00am to 4:00pm everyday during the fair.

Three killed, 17 injured in road accidents

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Two police constables and a person were killed and 17 others injured in separate road accidents in Brahmanbaria, Manikganj and Rajshahi districts in the last two days.

Abdur Razzak, a member of armed police battalion, was killed and two other policemen were injured when a truck carrying them overturned on Dhaka-Sylhet highway near Baraghar in Islampur, Brahmanbaria early yesterday.

Police and witnesses said the truck were carrying sugar ration for the police from Natore to Sylhet. But the speeding truck fell into a roadside ditch as the driver fell asleep. Police constable Razzak died on the spot.

His body was sent to Brahmanbaria Hospital for autopsy. Razzak hailed from Tangail.

Injured Sub-Inspector Abdus Selim and Constable Mohammad Salek were admitted to Brahmanbaria Hospital.

In Manikganj, one person was killed and 15 others were injured in a when a bus rammied into a shop after it collided head-on with a speeding truck near Pukuria bus stand on Dhaka-Aricha highway yesterday morning.

Witnesses said the Barisal-bound passenger bus was hit by a speeding truck coming from the opposite direction.

Of the injured, three are stated to be in a critical condition.

The identity of the dead could not be known immediately. Three seriously injured people were sent to Dhaka while others were admitted to Manikganj Sadar Hospital.

Another police constable was killed when a night coach hit him in Rajshahi city on Thursday night.

The victim was identified as Bahar Uddin. He hailed from Bhangura in Pabna.

The accident took place as the driver of the Dhaka-bound bus from Chapainawabganj lost control over the steering. Bahar was on patrol when the bus hit him.

Soon after the accident, the driver managed to escape but the police seized the bus and arrested its supervisor Abdul Gaffar.

Drivers asked to avoid cantt roads on Nov 21

UNB, Dhaka

Drivers have been requested to avoid cantonment roads in the city on November 21 in order to keep the roads free from traffic jam as a number of programmes have been arranged at the cantonment on the occasion of Armed Forces Day.

Drivers of the vehicles, except those carrying cantonment residents and the invited guests, have been requested to avoid the roads inside the cantonment area (from Shaheed Jahangir Gate to Staff road of the main road) from 7:00am to 10:30am and from 4:00pm to 9:45pm on the day.

The Armed Forces Division regrets the inconvenience caused due to the restriction in vehicular movement through the Cantonment area, said a ISPR release.



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Members of Nagorik Sanghati form a human chain at Shahbagh in the city yesterday protesting the killing of two judges in Jhalakathi.