



Winners of the Indonesian scholarship programme pose with Indonesian Ambassador Warmas Hasan Saputra at the Indonesian embassy in Dhaka on Wednesday.

## 46 more infected with dengue

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Forty-six more people became infected with dengue virus yesterday, raising the number to 987, according to Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) sources.

The patients were admitted to different hospitals and clinics in the city.

Doctor Naseem-Us-Seraj of DCC said they identified 24 DCC wards, out of 90, as dengue-prone areas.

Kathalbagan, Kalabagan, Azimpur, and some areas of Dhanmondi and Mohammadpur are identified as the most dengue-prone areas, he observed.

## SKOP suspends participation of Sramik Dal in its activities

Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad (SKOP) suspended the participation of Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal in all its activities, said a press release yesterday.

The SKOP leaders took the decision on suspension at a meeting at its office on Wednesday as Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal pulled out of the 24-hour strike and blockade programme of the SKOP held on July 31.

Presided over by Md Nurul Islam, the meeting discussed the issue of Sramik Dal's withdrawal from the programme and sought explanation from the organisation.

Such a move by the Sramik Dal has undermined the united labour movement, the leaders observed.

SKOP leaders Shafiqur Rahman Majumdar, Abdul Matin Master, Abdul Kader Hawlader, Dr Wajedul Islam Khan, Mujibur Rahman Bhuiyan, Roy Ramesh Chandra, Abul Kashem Chowdhury, Abdul Mukit Khan and Shah Mohammad Abu Zafar were present at the meeting.

## Indonesia offers scholarships to 16 students

The government of Indonesia has offered postgraduate and undergraduate scholarships for 2006-2007 to Bangladeshi students for the first time, says a press release.

Six students were awarded post-graduate scholarships in the fields of humanities, science, agricultural science, social science, engineering and education. This is a three-year education programme meant for the students from Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) member countries through the Developing Countries Partnership Scholarship (DCPS).

For this programme, the Indonesian government will provide tuition fees, living allowance, monthly stipend for research and books and return air tickets for the students.

Ten students were selected for the one-year undergraduate scholarship programme in the fields of traditional music and dance, art, culture and Indonesian language.

For this programme, the Indonesian government will provide tuition fees, living allowance, dress allowance, accommodation and other related facilities.

The scholarship programmes are scheduled to begin in September. Reputed state universities and Indonesian College of Art (STSI) will organise and conduct the programmes.

The cultural and educational programmes will help strengthen the bilateral relations between Indonesia and Bangladesh, said the press release of the Indonesian embassy in Dhaka.