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Awami League President Sheikh Hasina inaugurates the golden jubilee celebrations of her alma mater, Azimpur Girls' School and College, by cutting a cake on the school premises in the city yesterday.

'Enact laws to protect consumers' rights'

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Speakers at a roundtable yesterday urged the caretaker government (CG) to formulate laws protecting the rights of the consumers.

They said the existing laws are not enough to serve the interests of the consumers.

The roundtable was organised by The Consumers' Trust (TCT), a non-government organisation, at the National Press Club in the city.

The speakers said no government in the past had formulated any effective laws ensuring the rights of the consumers as the political government and the businessmen have a syndicate to victimise the common people.

More over the policy makers do not use local products and as such they do not bother about the quality of the products made in the country, they added.

The speakers called upon all

people to work together to protect the consumers' rights.

They also urged the media to play an effective role in raising public awareness in this regard.

Md Imam Hossain, coordinator of the Trust, presented some recommendations for protecting the consumers' rights.

These included a special court to protect consumers' rights, control of misleading advertisements and compensation for the

consumers.

Trust Chairperson Barrister Monzur Hossain presided over the roundtable which was addressed by Advocate Abu Zahed Mohammad, Dr Parvez Salman Chowdhury, Dr Asif Nazrul, Abdul Latif Mondol and Zahiduzzaman Farukh.

After the discussion, prizes were distributed among the winners of the essay competition organised by the TCT.

US to hold drug enforcement training

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The US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will hold a 'Basic Drug Enforcement' training course in Bangladesh in the spring this year with the existing State Department narcotics assistance funds.

Under the Law Enforcement and Narcotics Control (LOA), the

programme will be offered through the Department of Narcotics Control (DNC), with some seats reserved for the BDR and Customs officers from the Chittagong Port. This effort should be followed by continued professional support from the regional DEA office in New Delhi.

The Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement

Affairs stated this in International Narcotics Control and Strategic Report-2007 released in Washington on Thursday.

It said the United States would continue to provide law enforcement and forensic training for Bangladesh government officials and work with the government to construct a comprehensive strategic plan to develop, professional-

ise and institutionalise Bangladesh's counter-narcotics efforts.

The Bangladesh and the US governments signed a Letter of Agreement (LOA) in September 2002 under which the US would provide equipment and technical assistance to the DNC and its central chemical laboratory.