



Noted singer Fatema Tuz Zohra, extreme left, with her daughter Proma and granddaughter Amina Ruhi at a reception accorded to 14 successful mothers at Sonargaon Hotel in the city yesterday.

## 14 SUCCESSFUL MOTHERS HONOURED Inculcate patriotism, ethics in new generation

Geetara urges mothers

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka accorded a reception to fourteen successful mothers at its Ballroom in the city yesterday on the occasion of the International Mother's Day.

Women and Children Affairs Adviser Geetara Safiya Chowdhury attended the function as the chief guest.

The adviser in her speech expressed her gratitude to every mother for their contributions to build up the future of the nation.

She urged all mothers to pledge their word to inculcate patriotism and ethics in the new generation for the country's progress.

Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel organised the function in association with Anchor while ICE Today and Channel i were media partners.

The successful mothers are litterateur Rabeya Khatun, Executive Director of Manusher Jonno Foundation Shaheen Anam, women leader Maleka Begum, actress Ferdousi Majumder, chess

player Rani Hamid, former advisers to the caretaker government Rokia Afzal Rahaman and Yasmeen Murshed, Barrister Tania Amir, designer Maheen Khan, singer Fatema Tuz Zohra and Prof Dr Rowshan Ara Begum.

Rashida Chowdhury, mother of singer Samina Chowdhury, Jinat Ara, mother of singer Mehreen and Ila Majumder, mother of singer Bappa Majumder also attended the programme with their children as successful mothers.

Maleka Begum in her reaction urged women to stand against all odds and become courageous enough to resist domestic violence.

Yasmeen Murshed laid emphasis on open interaction with the younger generation for a happy relationship between parents and children.

In her speech, actress Tropa Majumder hailed her mother for the success she achieved and urged all mothers to be conscious about proper childcare as today's mothers can't afford to spend much time with their children because of their profession.



Winners of Ruposhi Bangla Photo Contest 2007 pose for photograph with the guests at the prize giving ceremony organised by Bangladesh Photo Journalists' Association at its auditorium in the city yesterday.

## Four killed in road accidents

### STAR REPORT

At least four people were killed in separate road accidents in Comilla and Magura yesterday.

UNB from Comilla adds: Three people, including a minor boy, were killed in separate road accidents at Baropara in Daudkandi upazila early yesterday.

Police said Dhaka-bound passenger bus rammed into a Daudkandi-bound microbus at about 4:30am, leaving microbus passenger Jakir Hossain dead on the spot and his nephew Hasan, 17, critically injured. Hasan succumbed to his injuries on the way to Dhaka.

Later, the bodies were sent to the morgue for autopsy.

In another incident in the same area an unidentified minor boy, aged around 4, was killed on the spot when a bus knocked him

down at about 4:00am.

On information police recovered the body and sent it to morgue for autopsy.

Our Correspondent from Magura reports: A primary school teacher of Bhangura village in Magura Sadar upazila was killed in a road accident yesterday.

The dead was identified as Maniruzzaman alias Monu.

Police quoting locals said a passenger bus from Narail hit Monu's motorbike from behind at Poyaree village area on Magura-Narail road, leaving him dead on the spot. Monu and his younger brother Khairul Alam were going to their home by the motorbike.

Locals rushed Khairul to Magura Sadar Hospital in a critical condition. Khairul's condition was stated to be critical, hospital sources said.



UN World Food Programme (WFP) Bangladesh and its partners organise a walk at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the city yesterday.

## Walk with a call to end child hunger

### UNB, Dhaka

Several hundred people walked together in the city yesterday with a call for an end to child hunger.

The "Walk the World" organised by the UN World Food Programme (WFP) Bangladesh and its partners was held in Dhaka as elsewhere in the world. The Walk with colourful banners and festoons started from IDB Bhaban at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar and ended near the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

WFP Representative Douglas Broderick led the walk and number of eminent personalities joined the walk in Dhaka. Senior officials of UN agencies, social leaders, and representatives from corporate sectors, NGOs, and cultural groups participated in the walk.

WFP over the years has organised the global advocacy event, campaigning for raising awareness and funds to feed the hungry children.

WFP together with its partners, families and friends, teamed up with an array of celebrities, dignitaries, employees, family and friends to literally walk the world over a 24-hour period in each of the

planet's 24 time zones.

This annual event was launched by WFP as a way to help achieve the first United Nations Millennium Development Goals: Reducing by half the number of hungry people in the world by 2015.

WFP Bangladesh in collaboration with the government through its School Feeding programme provides a 75 gram packet of biscuits fortified with vitamins and minerals to 600,000 poor children in 6 targeted food insecure areas. The snack provides 300 calories and 75% of the vitamins and minerals a school child needs every day.

After the walk WFP Representative said "We want to make it sure that we continue to emphasise and highlight the issue of child hunger around the world including in our country Bangladesh".

"Every five seconds a child dies because she or he is hungry. In Bangladesh, about 50 percent children under the age of five are underweight and stunted which results in a reduced mental capacity and physical development", said Douglas Broderick.