

ANTI-GRAFT DEBATE CONTEST

No compromise on corruption

Says ACC chief

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Chairman Lt Gen (ret'd) Hasan Mashud Chowdhury yesterday called on the young generation to play a significant role in eliminating corruption from the country.

There would be no compromise on corruption, he said, adding that it is high time to fight corruption in order to build a prosperous Bangladesh.

The ACC chief was speaking at the inaugural ceremony of a two-day anti-corruption debate competition at East West University auditorium in the capital.

ACC and Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) jointly organised the event in association with Dhaka University Debating Club, Brac University Debating Club, East-West University Debating Club, Northern University Bangladesh Debating Club and Stamford Debate Forum.

"Corruption must be criticised all the time and there would be no compromise on it. Otherwise, we will not be able to wipe out corruption from society," said Hasan Mashud.

He also said the role of young generation is more important than any other section of society as they are largely believed to be



A student presents his arguments in an anti-corruption debate competition at East West University auditorium in the city yesterday. ACC and TIB jointly organised the contest.

far away from any sort of corruption.

"Corruption is our shame, corruption is our insult," he said, adding that it must be eliminated using logic rather than emotion.

He also called for taking initiatives to hold anti-corruption debate across the country.

TIB Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman, East West University Vice Chancellor Mohammed Sharif, Prof Syed Manzoorul Islam, Brac University

Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr Salehuddin Ahmed and Stamford University Bangladesh Vice Chancellor Prof M Majibur Rahman also spoke on the occasion.

Some 300 students from different public and private universities and colleges are taking part in the debate contest.

The Daily Star, Bangla Vision, Radio Foorty and Metronet Ltd. are the media partners of the programme.

CHT Commission co-chair Lord Avebury arrives today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong Hill Tract Commission (CHTC) Co-chairman Lord Avebury arrives in the city today to hold introductory discussions with key stakeholders and settle the Commission's programme.

The CHTC, composed of experts from inside and outside the country, was formulated to promote respect for human rights, democracy, participatory development and land rights in the CHT area.

The CHT Commission will also examine implementation of the CHT Peace Treaty of 1997.

The Commission members will also visit CHT and meet tribal leaders and the local administration.

Lord Avebury is expected to meet high-ups of the caretaker government, including chief adviser, army chief, civil society representatives and political party leaders.

Other members of the Commission are Sultana Kamal, co-chair of CHTC, Victoria Tauli Corpuz, CHTC member from the Philippines, Sara Hossain, member, Shapan Adnan, member, M Zafar Iqbal, member, Tom Eskildsen, Jumma Net Japan representative, and Chris Erni, IWGIA representative.

Prior to his visit to Bangladesh, Lord Avebury, also chairman of International Bangladesh Foundation and vice chairman of All Party Parliamentary Human Rights Group, visited the historic Brick Lane Mosque in the heartland of the Bangladeshi community in London on Friday.



Visiting European Union Parliament Member Nirj Deva calls on Army chief General Moeen U Ahmed at the Army Headquarters in the city yesterday.

Youth held on charge of money laundering

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ramna police on Monday night arrested a youth from the city's Maghbazar area and seized Tk 35 lakh from his possession on suspicion of his involvement in money laundering.

The arrestee was identified as Ershadul Islam, 26, son of Nurul Islam, of Chowmohani under Anwara upazila in Chittagong.

He was arrested at around 9:00pm from Maghbazar and seized the amount from his possession.

Sub-Inspector (SI) Mehedi Masud

of Ramna Police Station said, "Ershadul was arrested at a police check post with the amount while he was going to Maghbazar by a CNG-run auto-rickshaw."

A case was filed against him under the emergency power rules and he was produced before the court seeking a 10-day remand, the SI said, adding that during the preliminary interrogation, Ershadul admitted his involvement in money laundering.

He further said a money laundering case will also be filed against him with the approval from Bangladesh Bank.

Hiroshima Day today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Liberation War Museum along with young learners will observe Hiroshima Day in the city today.

On August 6 in 1945, crores of people were killed in an atom bomb attack in Hiroshima city of Japan.

Children will make a white crane with paper which is done across the world to mark the death of Sasaki Sadako, who also died along with crores of Hiroshima residents, due to atomic reaction following the bomb attack.

Students of Shyampur High School, School of Human Development and members of various cultural organisations will take part in a workshop on 'Non-violence, tolerance and harmony' organised by the museum.



Nagorik Swadhinata Odhikar Bastabayan Committee and Mukti Joddha Sangsad stage a demonstration at Shahbagh in the city yesterday demanding trial of the war criminals.

Rahul Gandhi leaves for Delhi

UNB, Dhaka

Indian Congress leader and Parliament member Rahul Gandhi left Dhaka for Delhi by a Jet Airways flight yesterday morning after a five-day visit to the country.

Nobel peace laureate and Grameen Bank founder Prof Muhammad Yunus saw off the young Congress leader at Zia International Airport (ZIA).

Officials of Indian High Commission and Brac were also present.

Rahul, son of slain Indian prime minister Rajiv Gandhi and Congress President Sonia Gandhi, arrived in Dhaka on August 1, to see the activities of Grameen Bank and Brac.

During his stay here, he took first-hand knowledge of the activities of Brac in various sectors and of micro-finance projects of Grameen Bank.

He visited Gazipur on Saturday to see Brac activities that include micro-finance, women's empowerment, community health, education, legal and human rights protection, and rural programmes.

The 38-year-old Congress MP also visited some projects of Grameen Bank at Singair in Manikganj on Sunday and Grameen Bank head office in Mirpur and held a meeting with Grameen Bank officials on Monday.

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