

## AUG 21 GRENADE ATTACK CASES Statements of 2 more witnesses recorded

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday recorded statements of two more prosecution witnesses in connection with the August 21 grenade attack cases.

Speedy Trial Tribunal-1 Judge Mohammad Masdar Hossain recorded statements of Mohammad Shamim and Kabiruddin Shikder. Later, they were cross-examined by defence lawyers.

The court then fixed March 1 as the date for next hearing of the cases and summoned several witnesses to appear before it on the day.

In his statement, Shamim told the court that on August 21, 2004, he learned that his father Rafiqul Islam died in the grenade attacks on an Awami League (AL) rally on Bangabandhu Avenue. On hearing the news, he went to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) where Sharif Faruque Ahmed prepared an inquest report on eight victims, including his father.

Another witness Kabir told the court that he went to

DMCH after getting news of one of his relatives' death on August 22.

They put signatures on the eight-page inquest reports that were prepared by police in their presence.

Earlier on January 27 and February 12 and 18, the court completed recording statements of four people, including the complainant SI Sharif Faruque Ahmed.

Twenty-two people accused of launching the grenade attacks on the rally include detained former deputy minister Abdus Salam Pintu, Harkatul Jihad (Huji) chief Mufti Abdul Hannan, Huji members Abu Sayeed, Shahadatullah Jewel, Rafiqul Islam alias Rafiq, Abu Taher and Maulana Tajuddin.

Fourteen of the accused, including Pintu and Hannan, who are now in jail, were produced before the court during yesterday's hearing.

Eight others, including Pintu's younger brother Maulana Tajuddin, have been absconding since the cases were filed.



Participants pose for photograph with the guests at the concluding session of 'Star Campus-Drishly School of Debate 2009' at a Chittagong city hotel yesterday.

## STAR CAMPUS-DRISHTY SCHOOL OF DEBATE ENDS Youths urged to practise freethinking

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Speakers at a programme on Sunday called on the young generation to practise freethinking logically from the very beginning in order to solve any problems.

They said the practice of debate from school level would help them achieve their targets in this connection.

Addressing at the concluding ceremony of the 5th batch of three-month training and grooming session titled 'Star Campus-Drishly School of Debate 2009' at a local hotel with Drishly President Masud Bakul in the chair.

Resident Editor of vernacular daily the Prothom Alo poet Abul Momen was present at the programme as the chief guest, while Drishly Adviser Safia Gazi Rahman, Fulki Principal Shila Momen, Drishly General Secretary Saif Chowdhury and Cambridge Inter-Varsity Adjudicator Prashanta Bhusan Barua were present as the special guests.

Drishly, a cultural organisation of the port city, organised the training session in partnership with Star Campus, a weekly supplement of The Daily Star, that started on November 15 last year.

Abul Momen said people in the Indian subcontinent have a long history of arguments, adding: "But most of the

debates we usually do in our everyday life are pseudo-debates and our politicians also have been doing such debates in our parliament."

"We should not do debate for making enmity but we have to do it for our own development," he added.

A total of 50 students from eight English medium schools of the city participated in the training.

The schools include Mastermind International

School, William Carey Academy, Sunshine Grammar School, Cantonment English School, Cider International School, Chittagong Grammar School, Dewdrops Preparatory School and Radiant School and College.

Students of Drishly participated in the television debate last month.

Among the participants, 28 students were given certificates for their performances at the ceremony.



Indian Lok Sabha Speaker Somnath Chatterjee presents Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus with a Lok Sabha crest as a token of appreciation for his works at Hotel Sonargaon in the city on Sunday. He also invited Prof Yunus to appear in an interview at the Lok Sabha TV channel network.

## 810 bottles of phensidyl seized

UNB, Benapole

Police arrested a drug peddler and seized a car along with 810 bottles of phensidyl syrup at Bagachra Bazaar in Sharsha upazila early yesterday.

Acting on a tip-off, police waylaid the private car in the

bazar area and found 810 bottles of phensidyl.

They also arrested phensidyl smuggler Nazimuddin of Dighirpar village in Benapole from the car. A case was filed.

Another report from Gopalganj adds: Police arrested a couple along with 8.5kgs of hemp from a night coach at

Pashchimpar in Kotalipara upazila early Saturday.

On secret information, police conducted a raid on the BRTC night coach from Dhaka and arrested Ainal, 40, and his wife Nurunnahar along with the hemp.

The arrested couple hailed from Shikripur in the upazila.



Navy Chief Rear Admiral Zahir Uddin Ahmed calls on President Zillur Rahman at Bangabhaban in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 2)

## ICE COOL-PROTHOM ALO NAT'L DEBATE FESTIVAL BEGINS

### Call to promote use of logic

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Ice Cool-Prothom Alo 6th National Debate Festival began in the city yesterday with a call to promote the use of logical reasoning to help strengthen democracy.

Inaugurating the three-day festival at Shishu Academy, Foreign Minister Dipu Moni emphasised the need to help develop the analytical and logical skills of the new generation, thereby helping the country move forward.

Some 1200 debaters from 200 educational institutions across the country are taking part in the festival.

Speaking as the special guest, former adviser to the caretaker government Rasheda K Chowdhury said practising logical argumentation in families is a healthy culture which helps children to grow up with strong moral principles.

She called on the students to achieve the highest position in society and work to ensure the rights of underprivileged children.

Appreciating such a great initiative to promote debating activities, Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique said debate will help students to sharpen their logical skills and generate diversity of ideas.

Prothom Alo Joint Editor Abdul Qaiyum said, "Debating activities help develop our intellect, just as physical exercises help us keep fit."

"We only can change ourselves and society through the use of logic and truth," he added.

Later, the organisers took out a colourful procession that paraded different streets. All the debaters took part in the procession.

### Ekushey observed at AIUB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A series of programmes were held at the Faculty of Arts and Social Science of American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) on the occasion of the International Mother Language Day, says a press release.

The programmes include literary competition, poster painting and colourful multicultural show.

Renowned educationist and social activist Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed attended the programme as the chief guest. He also distributed prizes among the winners.

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