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Winners pose for photograph with Prof Md Abdur Rashid, dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, Dhaka University, Principal of PenField School Syed Parvez Ahsan and Saidur Rahman, country manager, Edexcel International, at the prize giving ceremony and annual dinner 2009 of PenField School at Emanuel's Convention Centre in the city recently. On the occasion, Saidur Rahman announced that the Edexcel (UK) Board has awarded the school Registered Private Institution (RPI) status.

AMAR DESH Appellate Divn upholds HC order

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday upheld a High Court order that directed the government not to disturb the Amar Desh acting editor Mahmudur Rahman and two others till January 3 in a defamation case against them.

Chamber judge of the Appellate Division Justice SK Sinha passed the order upon a leave to appeal petition filed by the government against the High Court order.

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Meanwhile, an Awami League leader will file a defamation case today against these three accused for publishing the news.

Advocate Abdul Malek alias Moshir Rahman, president of Bangabandhu Foundation, yesterday told The Daily Star that he will file the case with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka.

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COMMUNITY POLICING 'Budget under consideration'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home Minister Sahara Khatun yesterday said the government would consider allocating a budget for expenditure on community policing, which local community policing committees concerned now maintain.

She said this at a view exchange meeting on 'Community policing' at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the city.

Speaking as the chief guest, Sahara said the government could not bear the expenses of the community policing due to financial constraints, but it would think of the matter in future.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (community policing) Kaniz Fatema of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) said a total of 12,051 community policing members discharge duty across the city and there are 615 ward and moholla (small area) committees for community policing.

Mentioning the strength of police force compared to the population, Sahara said: "We need community policing to

maintain law and order as the existing poor number of police alone is not enough to maintain."

Citing an example, she said the government averted untoward incidents in the readymade garment factories on the eve of two last Eids with "proactive policing" system, which was followed by community policing committees in the garment sector.

DMP Commissioner AKM Shahidul Haque said community police members settle disputes among rival people through arbitration that help people to a great extent to keep themselves away from entanglement of cases.

Speakers at the meeting said community policing system would be introduced in all districts in a bid to wipe out criminals from remote areas also.

State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Jahangir Kabir Nanak also spoke at the meeting organised by Tejgaon zone of DMP and Community Policing Tejgaon.

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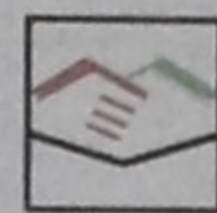
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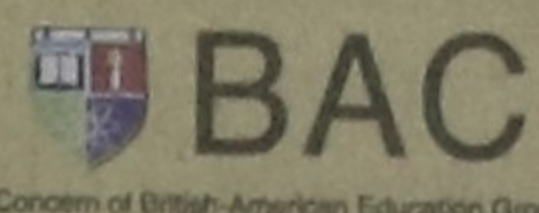
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