



Winners of the 'Mutual Trust Bank-The Daily Star Debate Contest 2010' pose for photograph with the guests at the concluding ceremony of the two-day long debate competition at Chittagong Shilpakala Academy in the port city yesterday.

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## MUTUAL TRUST BANK-DAILY STAR DEBATE ENDS

# Silver Bells School, Ctg College, DU become champions

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Silver Bells Girls' High School, Chittagong College and Dhaka University emerged as champions at different categories in the 'Mutual Trust Bank- The Daily Star Debate Contest 2010'.

The prize giving ceremony of the contest was held at Chittagong Shilpakala Academy yesterday evening at the concluding ceremony of the two-day long debate competition.

Former Vice Chancellor of Chittagong University Prof Abdul Mannan was present as the chief guest.

Silver Bells Girls' High School clinched the title in the 18th inter-school debate while Chittagong College in 10th inter-college debate and DU in 7th university debate competitions.

Drishy Chittagong, an educational and cultural organisation, arranged the contest and the festival.

Prof Mannan in his speech observed that lack of healthy debate and use of

muscle power are the main reasons behind the present unstable situation of the society.

He urged the young students to practise healthy debate in every stage of their lives while making decisions on any issue.

Terming practice of debate as "a long tradition of the sub-continent", Prof Mannan emphasised arranging such competitions regularly providing scopes for the students to engage themselves in extra curricular activities.

Silver Bells School defeated Ispahani Public School in the final round of the school-level debate on the topic "Indian films leave negative impact for us".

Zunaed Musrad of Ispahani School was adjudged the best debater.

In the college-level, Chittagong College defeated Hazi Md Mohsin College while Mostakim Chowdhury of the winning team became the best debater.

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology became

runner up in the inter-university debate while DU debater Nazmun Nabi was adjudged the best debater.

Six fun debates including baroari debate, English debate, regional debate, plan-chat debates, star debate and leader-actor debate were also held on the concluding day of the festival with the participation of leading debaters, teachers, political and cultural personalities.

BNP leader Abdullah Al Noman, Awami League leader MA Salam, Communist Party of Bangladesh leader Prof Ashok Saha, actors Jhuna Chowdhury, Rafikullah Selim and Shah Alam Dulal participated in the leader-actor debate.

Drishy president Masud Bakul presided over the ceremony moderated by its general secretary Saif Chowdhury.

Chairman of Chittagong University Marketing Department Prof Syed Ahsanul Alam Parvez, Sunshine Grammar School Principal Safia Gazi Rahman, among others, were present at the prize giving ceremony.

## AL protest in metropolitan cities today

UNB, Dhaka

Ruling Awami League announced a two-day protest programme demanding trial of the BNP and Jamaat activists for "killing, terrorism, bombing and arson, and obstructing trial of the war criminals."

The programmes include protest in the metropolitan cities and district headquarters today, while at thana and upazila headquarters tomorrow, said a party press release.

It said the Awami League Central Working Committee (ALCWC) has urged all independence and democracy loving people to make the programme a success through greater participation.

"The identified undemocratic forces, in the guise of politics and democracy, sprayed petrol on a taxicab the night before June 27 hartal and set fire to it. As a result, Faruk Hossain and Sumon sustained serious burn injuries," the release said.

Faruk later succumbed to his injuries on Wednesday night (June 30) at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) while Sumon is still fighting for his life.

The release also mentioned that the "pro-hartal hooligans also seriously injured PWD superintending engineer Abul Kashem in the morning of hartal day while he was going to his office."

# Remain alert against sabotage, anarchy

## Sahara asks law enforcers

BSS, Dhaka

Home Minister Advocate Sahara Khatun yesterday directed the law enforcement agencies to remain alert and arrest anyone trying to create anarchy and disorder in the country.

Talking to journalists while distributing relief goods among the cyclone-affected people at Uttarkhan Union High School ground, she said the people do not want to see the arrested Jamaat leaders free.

"They (Jamaat leaders) have shown disregard to law. They have been arrested for disobeying the court orders," the home minister said.

Local leaders of Awami League, Chhatra League, Jubo League and senior police officers were present on the occasion.

Sahara urged BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia to return to healthy politics, shunning the politics of sabotage and anarchy.

The anarchy and disorder created by BNP in the name of hartal cannot be accepted, she said

and called on the opposition leader to show respect to law and work for the country and people.

Hartal hampers development and those who call hartal do not want the country's development, she said.

She asserted that none would be allowed to create anarchy and disorder over the arrest of three top leaders of Jamaat-e-Islami.

She said the law enforcers have been asked to remain alert against possible sabotage by the Jamaat-Shibir.

Sahara said the people are vocal in demand for trial of the war criminals and the government is very much respectful to the popular demand.

Trial of the war criminals would be held within the tenure of the present government, she added.

The home minister distributed rice and cash among the cyclone victims. Each of the affected family got 20kgs of rice and Tk 2,000 in cash under the TR Project.



Nirapad Development Foundation stages a demonstration in front of the National Press Club in the city yesterday demanding enforcement of noise pollution control rules. (Story on Page 2)

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Mother of Majbar Hossain bursts into tears after hearing the death of her son in police custody at Mirpur in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

## Birth Registration Day today

UNB, Dhaka

The National Birth Registration Day will be observed countrywide today to ensure every child's right to be registered and have a name.

The government has chalked out elaborate programmes to observe the day through creating awareness among the mass people.

This year's theme of the Day is: "Birth certificate is a right: It's the responsibility of all to ensure the right."

The government in 2007 officially declared July 3 as the National Birth Registration Day.

President Zillur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday issued separate messages on the occasion.

Zillur in his message said Bangladesh is a populous country. It is essential to have accurate figures on population and rate of population growth in designing different development plans and its implementation.

He urged all to participate in the birth registration process for their own interest. "I hope the observance of the day will encourage and inspire people in registering births."

The president wished a grand success of the day.

In her message, Hasina said the birth certificate is needed in 16 sectors of civic life. "I urge all citizens to collect birth certificates."

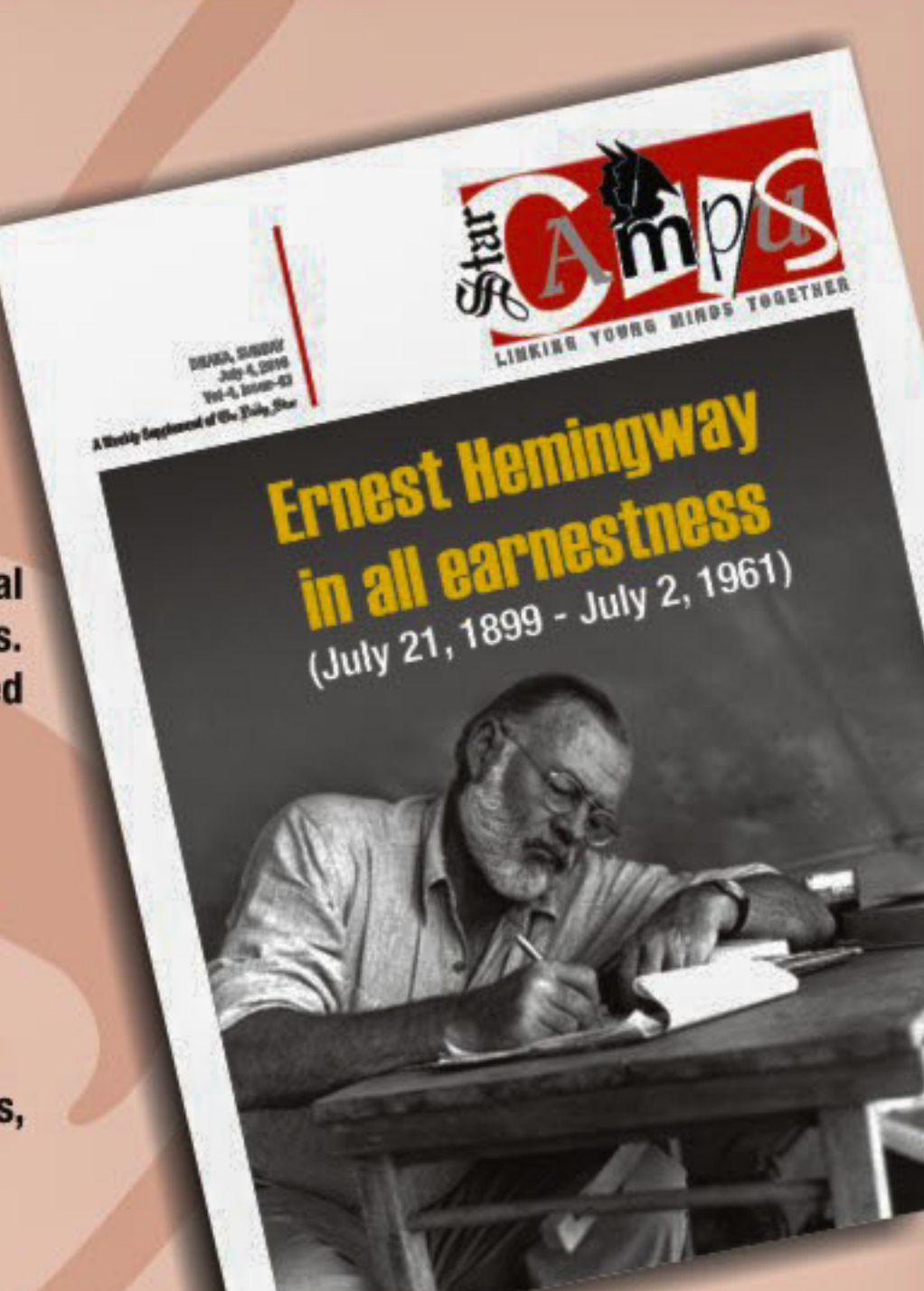
She said information relating to birth certificate for Ukhia of Cox's Bazar and Jessore Sadar upazila are available on internet. The government will soon start distributing birth certificates through internet in nine districts.

"This activity will be expanded to all districts in phases. As a result, the registration process will be hassle-free and easy."

The prime minister wished success of all programmes taken up for the day.

## The Daily Star Coming out tomorrow - Star Campus Linking Young Minds Together

The Daily Star offers campus based weekly magazine 'Star Campus' - the ultimate magazine for the young generation - a common platform for the college and university students and academicians - to share their ideas, thoughts, dreams, opinions and views. Star Campus is an endeavour to bring into the center stage the visionary aspects of our college and university students, alongside their lifestyle, cultural trends and their multidimensional talents. Star Campus is a magazine broadly based on campus life! It contains articles, academic news, achievements, travelogues, interviews, book reviews, quiz, milestones, academic tips, profiles of educational institutes, cultural and extra-curricular activities in campus, jokes, cartoons, photographs and much more. This is a magazine Of the Students, By the Students and For the Students. Star Campus helps link young minds together.



As the festival of Eid approaches, The Daily Star is putting together the Star Fashion- Eid Album 2010, right ahead of the country's largest shopping season.

If you wish to participate, send outfits and accessories you would like to feature in the album.

Last date for submission  
July 07, 2010

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Criteria for Participation:

1. Dresses, saris and accessories should express the mood of the festival.
2. Materials used should be locally produced.
3. All submissions must be accompanied with a short description of the product, including price.
4. Designs should be original and fabrics should suit the weather and environment.
5. The attires and accessories sent for the album are returnable.
6. Entry fee per entry is Tk 300 (minimum 3 entries for each participating house).

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