

Follow path of truth in facing challenges

FM tells AUW Access Academy graduates

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Foreign Minister Dr Dipu Moni yesterday urged the students to always follow the path of truth in facing the challenges in life. "Truth is always hard but it won't betray us," she said.

She was addressing as the chief guest the graduation ceremony of the second batch

students of Access Academy of the Asian University for Women (AUW) at Chittagong Club. State Minister for Environment and Forests Hasan Mahmud was the special guest at the ceremony.

A total of 137 students from 12 Asian countries -- Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Bhutan, Cambodia, China,

India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Palestine, Sri Lanka and Vietnam -- graduated from the AUW Access Academy.

The Access Academy is a one year-long pre-university preparatory programme that provides a critical foundation in English language studies, mathematics and quantitative reasoning and computer skills in

preparation for entering the undergraduate programme of AUW.

The foreign minister lauded the AUW authorities for providing the Access Academy students with different extra-curricular activities like self-defence, yoga and community services to help them prepare for the university education.

Terming students from diverse cultures, religions and background in the university a 'beauty of unity', Dipu Moni told both the teachers and the students to overcome all the pains and difficulties in this regard. She hoped that after completing the undergraduate programme at the AUW, the students would play a vital role in women empowerment in the Asian region.

She assured AUW of all-out cooperation from the government for its development. Hasan Mahmud in his speech urged the students to take life as a 'battlefield' and cherish dream in the mind for greater achievement.

He also asked them to be helpful to the people in problem and distress.

AUW Acting Vice Chancellor (VC) Kamal Ahmed and Academic Director Kathy Schneider also spoke at the ceremony.



Foreign Minister Dr Dipu Moni gives away certificate to a successful graduate at the graduation ceremony of the second batch students of Access Academy of the Asian University for Women at Chittagong Club yesterday.

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TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS

'No scope to retreat'

BSS, Pabna

State Minister for Home Advocate Shamsul Haque Tuku said the government has no scope to retreat from the war crimes trial.

"The process for the trial of the war criminals is a tough job but the government will complete it within the shortest possible time," he said while he was addressing the monthly law and order meeting at the office of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) here.

Lawmaker Golam Faruk

Khandakar Prince and former lawmaker Amzad Hossain spoke at the meeting with Deputy Commissioner Dr AFM Manjur Kadir in the chair.

Tuku told the meeting that the number one and number three leaders of Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh are the residents of Pabna, so that the people of Pabna should be united and remain alert regarding their trial.

He said nothing is secure including the mosques and madrasas from the war criminals.

MENOKA MURDER

Punishment to culprit demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eden College unit leaders of the Shamajtantrik Chhatra Front, a left-leaning student body, yesterday demanded exemplary punishment of detained Tariquzzaman Kabir, the self-confessed murderer of their fellow student Muhsina Rabbani Menoka.

In a joint statement, the unit President Taposhi Rabeya Akhi and General Secretary

Rukhsana Afroz Asha put the demand condemning such a killing.

They also voiced concern over the growing violence against women across the country. The leaders referred to 73 suicides that took place between January and April and 310 rapes only in May this year around the country, claiming exemplary punishment of culprits to put an end to the oppression of women.



Prof Dr M Shamsheer Ali visits a project at the Annual Science Fair of the Bangladesh International School (BIS) held on the school premises in the city yesterday.

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BIS science fair ends

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A three-day Annual Science Fair of the Bangladesh International School (BIS) ended on the school premises in the city yesterday, said a press release.

Out of the 46 science projects exhibited at the science fair, two projects titled 'Effect of human activities on the ecosystem' and 'Arsenic and Arsenicosis' won the first and second prizes.

Prof Dr M Shamsheer Ali, president of Bangladesh Academy of Sciences was the chief guest while Vice-Chancellor of South East University inaugurated the programme on Thursday.

WAR CRIMES TRIAL

FFs' children urged to create public opinion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

State Minister for Liberation War Affairs Capt (retd) AB Tajul Islam yesterday urged the children of freedom fighters to create public opinion to accelerate trial of war criminals, said a press release.

The state minister made the call when the leaders of the Amra Muktijoddhar Santan, an organisation of the children of freedom fighters, visited him at his Gulshan residence yesterday.

The Jammata-Shibir force is hatching conspiracy to foil the war crimes trial. It is trying to misguide the people by using religion. So the children of the freedom fighters should play a key role in creating public opinion to accelerate the war crimes trial, he said.

The organisation leaders also thanked the state minister for holding the election of the Muktijoddha Sangsad after a long time.

Organisation President Humayun Kabir, General Secretary Syed Ashraf Islam Nayan were present.

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