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UNB, Dhaka

Annual Azan, Qirat and easy competition of Bangladesh police was held at Rajarbag Police Lines Central Jame Mosque yesterday.

Qirat, Azan

contest held

In Azan competition, among 17 competitors, RRF Khulna's constable Mohammad Akramuzzaman became first, constable Mohammad Karimul Haque of Feni and DMP constable Mohammad Rafiqul Islam became second and third respectively, said a police headquarters release.

In Qirat competition, among 16 competitors, DMP havildar Mohammad Ruhul Amin got the first prize, constable of police academy Mohammad Arifur Rahman and KMP constable Mohammad Mosleh Uddin got the second and third prizes respectively.

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In essay competition, Mohammad Sayedul Islam of 5th APBN constable at Uttra got first prize, Mohammad Iqbal Hossain, PTC constable of Noakhali, and KMP nayek Mohammad Jahangir Alam got second and third prizes respectively.

The top prize winners in Azan and Qirat competition recited verses from the holy Quran and rendered Azan on the occasion.

Inspector General (IG) of Police Nur Mohammad distributed prizes among the winners as chief guest.

Janata Bank gives Tk 15 lakh to DU staff

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Janata Bank Ltd yesterday donated Tk 15 lakh to Jakir Hossain, a fourth class employee of Fazlul Haque Muslim Hall of the Dhaka University, for his treatment under its corporate social responsibility programme, says a press release

Prof Abul Barakat, chairman of the bank, handed over the cheque.

DU vice-chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique and Janata Bank managing director SM Aminur Rahman were present at the function.

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Nazrul's death anniversary observed

Family members of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam are placing wreaths on the poet's mazar in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

University yesterday.

The 34th death anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam was observed across the country yesterday in a befitting manner. Popularly called rebel poet, Nazrul died on

Bhadro 12 of Bangla calendar (August 29, 1976) at the age of 77. Various socio-cultural and political

organisations organised elaborate programmes to honour and recall the memories of the "Bidrohi Kobi", who enriched Bangla literature with his fiery, passionate poems. The day's programmes began with placing

wreaths by the family and relatives of the poet at his mazar in the morning. They also offered prayers at the mazar. Later, students, teachers and employees

of Dhaka University led by Vice-chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, placed wreaths and offered Fateha at the mazar. A memorial meeting was also held at the

mazar with Arefin Siddique in the chair. Nazrul Pramila Parishad organised a discussion at the corner of the mazar where they demanded building a women's complex at the poet's father-in-law's village in

Manikganj. Bangla Academy, Shilpakala Academy, Nazrul Institute, Nazrul Pramila Parishad, Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote, Kabi Nazrul

University and individuals placed wreaths at the grave of the poet.

The daylong programmes also included milad mahfil, memorial meeting, cultural programme and discussion on his life and works.

Nazrul had inspired people to raise their voice against tyranny and injustice during the British rule. He made the British feel so insecure that they imprisoned him several

His poems and songs were passionate enough to instil patriotism and craving for independence in the hearts of the freedomfighters during the liberation war in 1971.

UNB adds: President Zillur Rahman yesterday said the thoughts and ideals of Kazi Nazrul Islam, the national poet of Bangladesh, always arouse patriotism among the country's young generation.

On the 34th death anniversary of the national poet, the president in a message conveyed his deep respect for the poet. "The Poet (Nazrul) is an eternal source of our inspiration," he said.

President Zillur said the poet had always cried out for freedom being active and dynamic against all sorts of injustice, oppression and exploitations.

He said poet Nazrul's creations "greatly inspired the people during the country's liberation war.'

Bangladesh yet to decide on relations with Israel: FM by the high-profile British "Many of the post 1971 think tank Policy Exchange.

BSS, Dhaka

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni lishing relations with Israel despite Bangladesh's policy of peace and friendship with all.

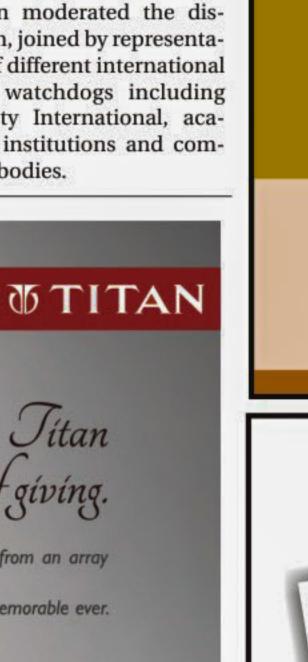
"(Anyway) Bangladesh has all out support for the peace loving Palestinians and this support will continue," a foreign ministry statement quoted her as saying at a discussion on London organized

yesterday said Dhaka was yet Bangladesh would continue to to take any decision on estab- play its expected role for offering them the nationality is establishing peace in the open," she said. Middle East.

Replying to a question on stranded Pakistanis, the foreign minister said, only those who did not want Bangladesh's citizenship, were staying in Bangladesh with their "stranded Pakistani or Bihari identities."

generation stranded Pakistanis Moni also said that took Bangladeshi nationality and the door of Bangladesh in

> Policy Exchange's director on foreign affairs Dean Godson moderated the discussion, joined by representatives of different international rights watchdogs including Amnesty International, academic institutions and commerce bodies.





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