

Arrest all war criminals before Victory Day

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Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote leaders yesterday demanded arrest of all war criminals before the Victory Day.

The Jote leaders formed a human chain and organised a rally in front of the National Press Club in the city demanding arrest of Golam Azam and Salauddin Quader Chowdhury as well as other war criminals.

Actor Faruk said the war criminals should be arrested before the Victory Day and BNP will not be able to free the war criminals hatching any conspiracy.



The man in black suit arguing with the traffic sergeant, identifying himself as an employee of the Prime Ministers Office, tried to take a U-turn at the Sonargaon intersection in the city yesterday at 3:00pm, violating the traffic rules. The sergeant stopped the man's car, registration No Dhaka 462/A, as it is prohibited to take the turn there. The man then threatened the sergeant of dire consequences. When this photographer took the picture, the man hurriedly left.

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Debaters stress moral edn to prevent stalking

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Contestants in a parliamentary debate yesterday stressed moral education to prevent stalking instead of enforcement of laws.

The debate was on "Laws alone will not prevent stalking, ethical education is necessary", participated by 32 universities of the country.

Dhaka University (DU) won the contest titled Cambrian University Campus Parliament over Rajshahi University (RU). Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid inaugurated the debate session.

DU participants said enforcing laws may reduce the magnitude of stalking for short-term, but ethical education is necessary for perma-



PHOTO: STAR
Nurul Islam Nahid speaks at the inaugural function of the debate competition.

nent prevention of the vice. RU students argued it is not clear who will be given ethical education and how it will be given to people. If laws can be enforced properly, stalking will be eradicated from the society.

Jahangirnagar University, in another debate the same day, won over East West University on the topic, "War crime tribunal is not a tool of political revenge, rather a demand of time".

Earlier, the education minister said, "The new generation will have to take the responsibility of the future. This kind of debate will help create leadership among the youth." Hasan Ahmed Choudhury Kiran, chairman of Debate for Democracy, moderated the programme.

'Law to be amended to make ADR mandatory in industry, labour cases'

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Law Minister Shafique Ahmed yesterday said the government will amend relevant laws to make alternative dispute resolution (ADR) system mandatory in disposing of industry and labour related cases.

If the owners and labours settle their disputes through ADR system outside courts, peace and discipline will be restored in the society, leading the production of industries to increase, he said.

Shafique was speaking as the chief

guest at a workshop on "Inclusion of ADR in Bangladesh Labour Act 2006", chaired by Dr Kamal Hossain.

Bangladesh Law Commission (BLC) and Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST) jointly organised the programme at Cirdap auditorium in the city.

The law minister said the government will consider if it receives necessary recommendations from labour and owner organisations to amend the laws to make ADR compulsory at the labour courts.

"We are working to introduce ADR

system in disposing of not only the labour and industrial cases, but also many other civil and criminal cases through mediators."

Shafique said the judges of labour courts will categorise the cases for disposal through ADR. Both the owners and labours will benefit from ADR, as their cases will be disposed of through mutual understanding and good relationship, he added.

Dr Kamal Hossain said none of the country including owners and labours are benefited if their cases remain pending in the courts for long.

Delays in settlement of cases hamper production of industries, he said. End of disputes between the owners and labours through ADR is inevitable to increase production, he added.

Justice Md Abdul Zaiz, chairman of Labour Appellate Tribunal; BLC Chairman Prof Shah Alam; Justice Zinat Ara, judge of the High Court; Israfil Alam MP; Abdullah Al Faruque, teacher of Chittagong University; Farida Yeasmin, deputy director of BLAST; and Shirin Akter, president of Karmojibi Nari; among others, addressed the workshop.

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