



Monira gets World's Children's Prize

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Monira Rahman, executive director of Acid Survivors Foundation (ASF), has received the World's Children's Prize 2011 for her fearless struggle for the surviving acid victims.

Monira was presented the award by 50 children from 15 countries and Swedish Queen Silvia at a ceremony at Gripsholm Castle in Mariefred, Sweden yesterday.

Also awarded the prize this year are Cecilia Flores-Oebanda of the Philippines and Murhabazi Namegabe of Congo, who worked to stop child trafficking and sex slavery.

The prize money, which stands at \$100,000 this year, is used to help some of the world's most vulnerable children to ensure better life for them.

The World's Children's Prize founded in 2000 in Sweden is a unique educational programme for children, promoting a more humane world.

Aung San Suu Kyi has been announced as the new patron of the World's Children's Prize. Other patrons include Nelson Mandela, Queen Silvia, and Graca Machel.

1st Physics Olympiad today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The first-ever national Physics Olympiad of the country will be held at Oxford International School (OIS) in the city today.

Over 300 students from around 40 schools and colleges across the country participate in the Olympiad jointly organised by OIS and The Daily Star.

The Olympiad aims at bringing out the students' hidden talents in physics, said OIS Principal GM Nizam Uddin to a press conference at the school yesterday.

The competition will also provide them a platform from where they can develop the science education of the country, he added.

Nizam said western countries have achieved remarkable developments for their practice of and expertise in science.

In Bangladesh, similar strides for practice of science should start from the grass-roots level such as in schools, he stressed.

Earlier, Mahamodul Haque, a teacher of the school, made a power-point presentation on the Oxford-The Daily Star National Physics Olympiad 2011.

Haque said participants, divided into high school and college groups, will have to answer a number of tricky and interesting questions on physics.

Top 10 scorers will be awarded gold medals, six silver medals, and two bronze medals.

The 10 gold medallists will be specially coached by Bangladesh Physical Society (BPS) President Prof Ali Asgar before they take part in the 42nd International Physics Olympiad to be held in Thailand this July.

This is the first time Bangladesh will participate in International Physics Olympiad since its beginning in Warsaw, Poland in 1967.

State Minister for Science and ICT, Yeafesh Osman, is expected to address the opening ceremony of the Olympiad as the chief guest today.

M Shamsher Ali, president of Bangladesh Academy of Sciences; Prof M Kaykobad of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet); Dr Muhammad Zafar Iqbal of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology; Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star; would attend the ceremony.



GM Nizam Uddin, principal of Oxford International School (OIS), briefing journalists about the country's first national Physics Olympiad at the school in the city yesterday. The Olympiad, jointly organised by OIS and The Daily Star, will be held today.

Railway eviction drive in Ctg soon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Bangladesh Railway (BR) will conduct an eviction drive to recover its illegally occupied land by some influential people in the port city.

The railway issued notices to conduct eviction drive in Jhautala Railway Station area on April 21, said BR sources.

It is known that some influential people backed by ruling party men made 25 tin-shade shops near Jhautala Railway Station.

The railway General Manager (East zone) Yusuf Ali Mridha, said the authority will conduct eviction drive very soon and legal action will be taken against the illegal occupiers.

EDUCATION FOR ALL

Armed conflict main global obstacle

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Armed conflict across the world is the major obstacle to establishing education for all, said Education For All, a global monitoring report of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco), launched yesterday.

Bangladesh holds the tenth position in the report's list of 21 developing countries, which spend more on military budgets than on primary education.

The report also reasoned Chittagong Hill Tracts region lagging behind in education indicators due to armed conflict and being a heavily militarised area.

Primary and Mass Education Minister Afsarul Ameen launched the report at a function organised by Unesco at Islamic Development Bank in the city.

The report, published since 2002, assesses the achievement of different countries

regarding ensuring education for all. This year's topic was "The Hidden Crisis: Armed conflict and education".

Presenting a keynote paper based on the report, Habibur Rahman, director (Education) of Save the Children, USA, said half of the number of Bangladeshi children enrolled in class one reach class five.

Though enrolment increased in past ten years, about 6.3 million adolescents are out of schools in Bangladesh, said Habib, quoting the report.

A key message of the report says approach to education with a business mindset undermines any prospect of achieving education for all and Millennium Development Goals and many governments need to increase education financing.

Unesco representative in Dhaka Derek Elias chaired the function, moderated by Rasheda K Choudhury, executive director of Campaign for Popular Education.

Oxford - The Daily Star National Physics Olympiad Bangladesh 2011

1st Oxford-The Daily Star National Physics Olympiad-2011

Date: Friday, 29 April'2011, Time: 8.30am to 7.00pm. Last Date of Registration: Thursday, 28 April'2011
Venue: Oxford International School, House 34, Road 16 (27 Old), Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka 1209

The Competition will be held in two groups: Group A (Class 9-10) & Group B (Class 11-12 & under-20)

Top five performing students from Group-B will compete in the 'International Physics Olympiad-2011' to be held in July-11 in Thailand.

Every participating student will get a valuable certificate while the best performing students from group A & B will be awarded with Gold, Silver, Bronze Medals and Honourable Mentions!

Interested students should download the registration form from the website given below, fill it in and submit it by hand or by e-mail.

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Correction

We published photo of Archbishop Joseph Marino, Vatican's Ambassador to Bangladesh, on Page-3 yesterday but in the caption we mistakenly identified him as Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, president of the Pontifical Council for Inter-religious Dialogue (Vatican's Department). We regret the error.

3 muggers held

BSS, Rangpur

Three inter-district muggers were held and three others fled after clashes with police and local people on the Rangpur-Dhaka highway at Mithapukur upazila in the small hours of yesterday, police said.

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