

100 more BRTC buses to be launched in phases

UNB, Dhaka

One hundred more BRTC buses on long and short routes will be launched in phases from this month.

The state-run Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) has already procured the buses from Pragati Industries Ltd.

The first inter-district BRTC bus on Chandpur-Khagrachhari route would be launched on August 10, said BRTC chairman Advocate Taimur Alam Khondaker.

He said preparation has been completed to inaugurate the bus service from Chandpur and Khagrachhari district on that day and Comilla-Sunamganj bus service on August 11.

BRTC took the initiative in line with the government policy to make public transport cheaper throughout the country, Taimur told UNB.

BRTC, he added, is trying to resume the inter-district bus services, which were earlier suspended in phases.

The state-run transport operator has to suspend many inter-district bus services amidst protest by local bus owners and their employees.

The chairman said the total number of BRTC buses would reach 1,000 within this year.

RCC to set up compost plant

BSS, Rajshahi

Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) has taken up a project to set up a 'compost plant' for proper management of household waste in the city.

The RCC in collaboration with Ladies Organisation for Social Welfare Service (LOFS) has undertaken the project aimed at producing organic fertilisers.

Rajshahi Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu, MP, attended the inauguration of the project as chief guest at the plant site at Naodapara.

LOFS Chairman Morshed Ahmed Koraishi, Executive Director Shahnaz Parvin and Prof Abul Kalam Azad of geography and environmental science department of Rajshahi University were present.

Speaking on the occasion, the mayor asked the officials concerned to implement the project sincerely in the greater interest of the nation.

He laid emphasis on massive motivational campaign among the farmers to use compost fertilisers in their croplands.



PHOTO: STAR

The Youth and Social Development organised a drawing competition for the children at the Shishu Academy yesterday to mark the World Population Day 2003.

4 Indians held in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Bangladesh Rifles in Rajshahi caught four Indian nationals along with 11 bags of smuggled sugar from two houses at Yusufpur village in Charghat Upazila early yesterday.

Tipped off, a BDR team of 10

Battalion raided the house of Abdul Jabbar at the village and recovered 11 bags of Indian sugar. They also picked up the four Indians from the house.

The Indian nationals have been identified as Hafizul Islam, Israil Mollah, Rajesh Sheikh and Moslem Uddin of Raninagar Police Station of Murshidabad district.