

Metropolitan

Doa mahfil

A doa mahfil for the late Alamgir M A Kabir will be held on Friday at the Shahi Idgah Maidan, Road 6/A Sammasjid Road, Dhanmondi, after Asr prayers, reports BSS.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers have been requested to attend. Alamgir died in the city on January 10 at the age of 85.

Phones out of order

About 295 telephones at Motijheel have gone out of order when a roadside joint cabinet of telephone system was damaged Tuesday night by a truck, reports BSS.

Necessary measures have been taken to repair it and restore the affected telephones by Saturday.

Forestry crimes 148 jailed in Ctg last year

CHITTAGONG, Jan 17: About 148 people were jailed for various terms and fined Tk 5,000 each last year for illegally intruding into the reserve forest here, reports UNB.

Rangers and officials of the Chittagong Forest Department filed 165 cases and sent 264 people to court.



Bangladesh Chhatra League and Islami Chhatra Shibir staged rallies simultaneously in front of the Jatiya Press Club during hartal hours yesterday. — Star photo

\*RE-ISSUED WITH CORRECTIONS

Bangladesh Railway Request for Proposal

For

LEASING OF THE LATENT CAPACITY AND FACILITY OF THE OPTICAL FIBRE DIGITAL TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORK OF BANGLADESH RAILWAY BY PRIVATE OPERATORS

No. CSTE/T-G/Commercialization/96

Dated: 11.1.1996

1. Bangladesh Railway (BR) intends to lease out the latent capacity and facility of its Optical Fibre Digital Telecommunication Network (installed between 1987 and 1993) to interested party/parties both foreign and local, having expertise in telecommunications, particularly in digital and advanced technology, intending to provide facility based services or value added telecommunications services for which sealed bids are invited. Foreign firms or foreign firms associating with local firms are encouraged to participate. Opportunities with favourable conditions exist for this.

2. Bid documents are available on working days between 09.00 and 14.00 hours from 1.2.1996 up to 9.3.1996 on payment of US\$ 125 or Taka 5,000 only (non-refundable) per set from the following office and also from the office of the undersigned.

Divisional Signal and Telecommunication Engineer/Telecom, Bangladesh Railway, Telecommunication Building, 1st Floor, (In front of Railway Administration Building) Kamalapur, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Telephone: 880-2-409044 (Dhaka), 880-31-504210 (Chittagong) Fax 880-2-867796, Telex 66200 CRB BJ

Those wishing to receive the documents by international courier should include an additional US\$50 to cover these expenses.

3. Bangladesh Railway's Digital Telecommunication Network is installed along 1800 km of railway and extends over most parts of the country connecting 300 Railway Stations. It comprises a composite cable of 2 and 4 optical fibres and 20 copper wires, incorporates 10 exchanges (Software Language Exchange - users) and 30 Multiplexing and Drop Insert Installations. The present network has a capacity of 120 channels and is expandable up to 1920 channels. Capacity may be further increased by using transmission schemes based on Synchronous Digital Hierarchy (SDH). BR will retain 120 channels for its own use. The bidder(s) will have to expand the capacity/facility of BR's network for his use at his cost.

4. The bidding will be carried out in two phases of which the first will be Phase 1 submission and contain (i) Technical Capabilities and Experience of the Bidder(s) (ii) Financial Capability and Capacity of the Bidder(s) (iii) Preliminary Technical Proposal & (iv) Preliminary Financial Proposal. After evaluation, only qualified bidder(s) will be invited to attend a bidder(s) conference at Dhaka before submitting their final technical and financial bids. Phase 1 submissions must be submitted in triplicate (one original and two copies) before 12:00 hours on or before 21.3.1996 to the office of the undersigned. Any submission received after the above deadline will not be considered.

5. Clarifications, if any, may be requested in writing from the undersigned (at the address mentioned below) following the Phase 1 bidding, selected bidder(s) will have sixty (60) days to complete their final submissions. The terms of reference included in this document should be considered as only indicative for the second phase of the bid process. Phase 2 bid documents shall be issued by BR to selected bidder(s) after the bidder(s) conference and may include modifications initiated by BR or modifications requested by selected bidder(s) and acceptable to BR.

The Railway Administration reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids fully or partially without having to assign any justification.

6. Successful bidder(s) will be issued a license to do business in telecommunications in Bangladesh (in accordance with the relevant law and regulations).

7. Bidder(s) who purchase the "Request for Proposal" (No. CSTE/T-G/Commercialization/96 Dated 11.1.1996) are requested to confirm by fax, telex or letter their intention to bid at least 10 days before the closing date.

Chief Signal and Telecommunication Engineer/Telecom Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chittagong, Bangladesh Phone: 880-31-504210 Fax: 880-2-867796 Telex: 66200 CRB BJ

\* Corrections to the previous advertisement have been inserted in italics. This notice is self contained and complete and supersedes the earlier advertisement appearing on 13.1.1996 in the national dailies. D-77

Prokrichi meet

By Staff Correspondent

A meeting of the Prokrichi-BCS Central Action Committee was held on Tuesday at the Agricultural Institution, according to a press release.

With Dr M A Majed in the chair, the meeting demanded a pay rise and urged the government to cancel the extension of service of certain secretaries, additional secretaries and joint secretaries.

The meeting was attended by ANH Akhter Hossain, Md Abu Hena, Md Ibrahim Mia, Jabede Iqbal, Md Nurul Huda, MAK Ajad, Hasan Jamal and others.

They also called upon the government to refrain from appointing DCs and TNOs as returning and assistant returning officers to ensure free and fair general elections.

The Election Commission should appoint neutral persons for the above jobs, they observed.

The next meeting of the Prokrichi-BCS will be held on February 2, in place of Jan 19, the release added.

Delegations meet Biswas

A delegation of the Dhaka-based Muladi Thana Janakallayan Samity called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports BSS.

Executive president of the samity Kazi Fakhrul Alam led the team.

The members of the delegation apprised the President some of the problems.

Earlier, the teachers and members of the managing committee of Khanpur secondary school, Babuganj, met him.

Hengtong Corp executive in city

Chief executive of Hengtong Corporation of China Yin Yong Zhou is in the city in search of distributors for his company's products, says a press release.

The products under the brand name of 'Magic Line Products' includes weight reducing belt, waist and stomach pad etc.

Interested entrepreneurs are requested to contact Enayet Hospital, 36 Dhanmondi, Road 3 by Sunday.

UNESCO World EdnReport '95 published

UNESCO World Education Report 1995, a biennial reference work, containing analyses and statistics on global educational trends and policy issues, was published recently, says a press release from Paris.

The main theme of the report is the education of women and girls. This study is the first which offers comprehensive international statistics on this subject.

The report examines female access to formal education in both industrialised and developing countries, focusing on gender gaps in literacy, enrolment, years of schooling, educational retention and dropout and access to science and other fields of study. It concludes with a brief review of measures taken in various countries to teach peace, human rights and democracy.

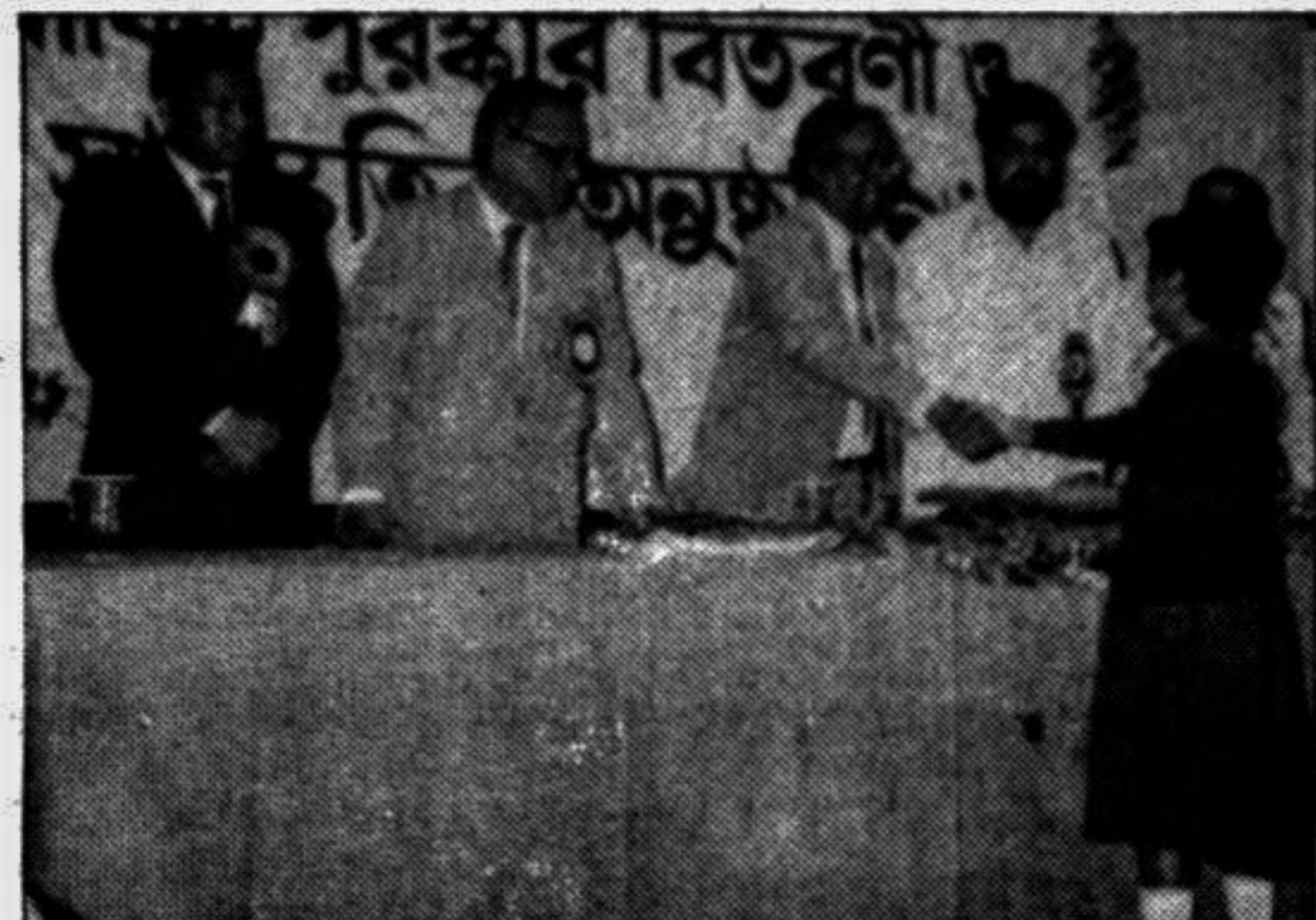
The work also provides comprehensive World Education indicators on key aspects of education in more than 180 countries and by region. It also lists all UNESCO reports, publications and periodicals on education for the period 1993-95, added the release.

JCD rally held

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), the student wing of ruling BNP organised an anti-hartal rally on the Dhaka University campus yesterday, says a press release.

The rally held in front of the DUCSU building was addressed by student leaders Moniruzzaman Monir, A B M Mosharrar Hossain, Nasir Uddin Ahmed Ashim and Selimuzzaman Selim.

Moniruzzaman Monir in his speech urged the opposition to participate in the forthcoming parliamentary polls.



Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Open University (BOU) Professor M Shamsur Ali distributing prizes at the annual awarding ceremony of the Holy Child Public School and College recently.

The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

Thursday 18th January (All programmes are in local time. We recommend programmes printed in bold. There may be changes in the programmes).

BTV

3:00pm Opening announcement 3:10 Recitation from the Geeta 3:15 Selected Programme From TV Archive 4:00 News in Bangla 4:15 Khatra Jagot 4:45 Cartoon: She-ra Princess of Power 5:00 News in Bangla 5:25 National TV School Debate 6:00 News in Bangla 6:30 Esho Gan Shikhi 7:00 News in English 7:05 Jiboner Alo 7:25 Nazrul Sangit: Rowshan Ara Masud, Mustafa Zaman Adhisi, Rabeka Sultana 8:00 News in Bangla 8:40 Drama of the week 10:00 News in English 10:20 Jannabummi 10:35 Film Show: The Equalizer 11:30 News in Bangla 11:35 Tomorrow's programme 11:40 Close Down

BBC

6:00am BBC World News 6:10 Newsnight 7:00 BBC World Newsroom inc. WBR, Asia Today, 24 Hours 10:00 BBC World Headlines 10:05 BBC Special 11:00 BBC Newsday 2:00 BBC World Headlines 2:05 Timewatch 3:00 BBC World News 3:25 Time Out: Top Gear 4:00 BBC Newsdesk 6:00pm BBC World Headlines 6:05 Horizon 7:00 BBC World News 7:15 World Business

CHANNEL V

6:00 am Frame By Frame 7:00 Rewind VJ Sophiya 8:00 Jump



Beverly Hills on Star Plus, Tonight at 12:00

Report 7:30 BBC Newshour Asia Pacific 8:25 Time Out: The Andrew Neil Show 9:00 BBC World Headlines 9:05 OED Special 10:00 BBC World News 10:25 Time Out: Film '95 11:00 BBC World News 11:15 World Business Report 11:25 Time Out: This Multimedia Business 12:00am The World Today 2:00 BBC World Headlines 2:05 Assignment 3:00 BBC World News 3:25 Time Out: Tomorrow's World 4:00 BBC World Report inc. World Business Report, 24 Hours 5:00 BBC World News inc. 24 Hours 5:25 World Business Report

STAR PLUS

6:30 am Transformers 7:00 G I Joe 7:30 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 8:00 Jem 8:30 Berenstein Bear 9:00 Aerobics Oz Style 9:30 Nanny and the Professor 10:00 The Beverly Hillsbillies 10:30 Ciao Italia 11:00 El Features: "Now And Then" 11:30 Gabrielle "You Want More Sex Than I Do" 12:30 Santa Barbara 1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful 2:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show "How Missing Children Are Found" 3:00 Remington Steele 4:00 Ciao Italia 4:30 El Features: "Now And Then" 5:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 5:30 Small Wonder 6:00 The Adventures Of The Black Stallion 6:30 Batman 7:00 Home and Away 7:30 Entertainment Tonight 8:00 MASH 8:30 Super Bloopers and New Practical Jokes 9:30 The X Files 10:30 The Bold & The Beautiful 11:00

STAR MOVIES

7:30am Directors Double Bill: Dennis Hopper Colors (Arabic Subtitles) 8:30 Cosmic: Tinfield Thunderbolt (Arabic Subtitles) 11:30 Comedy: Carry On Jack (Hindi Subtitles) 1:30 Family: The Young Ones (Hindi Subtitles) 3:30 Classic: No Highway

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ZEE TV

5:30 am Infotainment (TMM) 6:30 Devotional Songs 7:00 Jagran 7:30 A To Z - Master JEE 8:00 Naya A To Z 8:30 A To Z - Networking 9:00 Jan Gan Man 9:30 HFF: Ghar Basa Ke Dekho (Manoj Kumar, Rajshree) 12:00 TVS Sa Re Ga Ma 1:00 A To Z - Networking 1:30 Asian Sky Shop 2:30 Tara 3:00 Shakti 3:30 Zee 16 4:00 It's My Show 4:30 Tol Mol Ke Bol 5:00 A To Z - Master JEE 5:30 Himangi Ka Veer 6:00 Zee Thirai 6:30 Parinaita 7:00 Kogojee Bow 7:30 Jan Gan Man 8:00 FLU 8:30 Filmi Chakkar 9:00 Lux Kya Scene

PRIME SPORTS

6:00 am Live The 1996 Australian Open Day Session Day 4 From Melbourne Australia Centre Court 12:00noon Mosconi Cup 1:00 Football Mundial 1:30 Asia Sport Show 2:00 Live The 1996 Australian Open Day Session Day 4 From Melbourne Australia Centre Court 6:00 6th Asian Cup Winners Cup Final 7:30 World Cup Hall Of Fame 8:30 Brian & Vijay's Australian Open Highlights of Day 4 12:00am Mosconi Cup 1:00 95/96 Volvo World Cup Showjumping Seville 2:00-The 1996 Australian Open Day 4 Highlights 3:00 6th Asian Cup Winners Cup Final 4:30 World Cup Hall Of Fame 5:00 The 1996 Australian Open Day 4 Highlights

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Hai 9:30 Dastan 10:00 Mono Ya Na Mono 10:30 The News 10:50 Business Roundup 11:00 Red Card 12:00 Tara 12:30 Parangara 1:00 Hum Paanch 1:30 Saleem (Arabic) 2:00 DateLine (Arabic) 2:30 Infotainment (TMM)

PTV

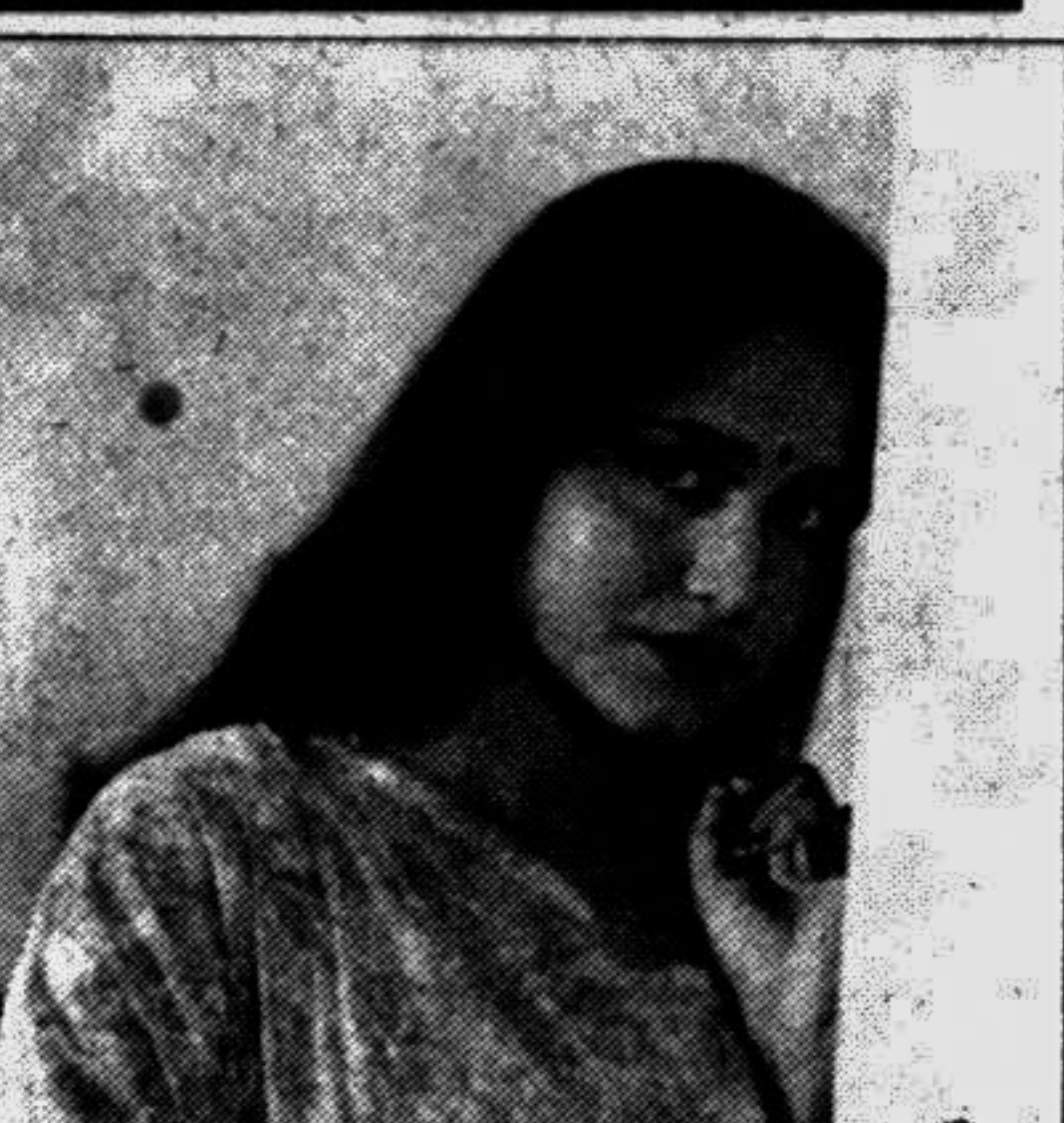
8:00am Tilawat Aur Tarjuma/ Hamd/Naad 8:20 Cartoon 8:30 Khabrain 8:45 Cut Piece 9:20 Aahang & Roshni 9:45 Phool Chandii 10:05 Sana Chandii 10:30 Buttons & Rustys 10:55 Mili Nagma 11:00 Khabrain 11:10 Aabshaar (Music Programme) 11:55 Tele Play 12:45pm Qawwali 12:55 Quran-e-Hakeem & Bismillah 1:15 Muqaddar 2:00 Putlhar 2:45 Perspective & Health Forum 3:40 Taleemi Maloomat 4:35 Aurat Aur Qanoon 5:05 Home Economics 5:25 Hamaray Saath 5:55 Suya "Ep-9" (Drama Serial) 6:25 Ajuu Courses 7:05 Muqabil Hai Aaiena 7:20 Aink Wala Jinn 7:45 News In English 8:05 Jawan Sanget 8:45 Eendhan 9:00 Break For Headline News 10:00 Khabrain & Commercial News 10:35 Mast

SONY ET

8:30am Yeadon Ki Barat 9:00 The Three Stooges 9:30 Dennis The Menace 10:00 I Dream of Jeannie 10:30 Double 'D' Slip 11:00 Mere Message Meri Geet 11:30 Cine Matinee-Hindi Feature Film 2:30pm Rangela Re (Hit Songs) 3:00 Kismet 3:30 Zameen Aasmaan 4:00 Aaina 4:30 Fansile 5:00 'D' Maria 5:30 The Three Stooges 6:00 Dennis The Menace 6:30 I Dream Of Jeannie 7:00 Ek Rang Lamhe Hazar 7:30 Mera Message Mera Geet 8:00 Double 'D' Slip 8:30 Aahaat 9:00 Sannata 9:30 Fourtune Hunter 10:30 Cine Prime-Hindi Feature Film Show 1:30am Mere Message Meri Geet 2:00 Ek Rang Lamhe Hazar 2:30 Closed

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8:10 Light Instrumental Music 8:20 Bindon 8:30 Sur Sanget



Dastan on Zee TV, Tonight at 9:30

Mast Sanyo 11:15 Urdu Feature Film: Khaz Khas Khabrain Close-Down

ZEE CINEMA

9:30 am Mangal Pandey 12:30 pm Prem Geet 3:45 Kholona 10:45 Numbri Aadri 1:30am Kalyani Sita (Kannada)

THEATRE

Guide House: 'Phire Dekho' by Betikram in the evening. Mohia Samity: 'Taranga Bhanga' by Natya Chakra in the evening.

Advertisement for 'Aangan' Indian food and cuisine, featuring a logo and text about their restaurant.

Advertisement for 'Eating Out' featuring 'Aangan' and 'Attention' for restaurant owners.

Advertisement for 'Oasis Restaurant' located in Gulshan, Dhaka.

Advertisement for 'Yangtze Chinese Cuisine' located at 149 Airport Road, Tejjagon.

Advertisement for 'Steamboat Restaurant' offering authentic Thai, Chinese and Continental foods.

Advertisement for 'Sajan An Exclusive Restaurant' serving Indian dishes.

Advertisement for 'Leung Hung' restaurant offering Thai, Chinese and Oriental cuisine.

Advertisement for 'Fayalobi Restaurant' for International Cuisine.

Advertisement for 'The Most Exclusive Restaurant In The Country' serving North and South Indian food.

Advertisement for 'Shehna' Indian Cuisine restaurant.

Advertisement for 'Kushum' restaurant introducing Bengali cuisine.

Advertisement for 'The White Castle Restaurant' in Banani, Dhaka.