

Metropolitan

3 held with illegal arms

Three persons with illegal arms were arrested from Palashpur area of Shanir Akhra under Demra thana Sunday night. Demra police told BSS yesterday. Police said they seized two revolvers from the possession of the trio-Babul, Abul Kashem and Baset - during a raid in the area.

PM opens DEPZ expansion project today

The expanded project of the Dhaka Export Processing Zone (DEPZ) will be inaugurated at Ganakbari, Savar today. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is likely to inaugurate the project, says a press release.

Six thana health complexes awarded 'Pry health care key to health for all by 2000'

Health and Family Planning Minister Salahuddin Yusuf said the government is determined to ensure integrated primary health care services throughout the country, reports UNB. The minister was addressing on award-presentation ceremony held on the occasion of World Health Day at a city hotel yesterday.

"Primary health care holds the key to ensuring health for all by the end of the current decade," the minister said. The function was jointly organised by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the World Health Organisation (WHO) to present awards to the six best thana health complexes and more than a dozen volunteers from around the country. Health complexes at Patiya thana in Chittagong, Sonagazi in Feni, Sreepur in Gazipur, Kalihati in Tangail, Sahjadrup

in Sirajganj, and Daulatkhan in Bhola received awards for providing the best primary health care.

The minister said the Primary Health Care Programme, assisted by WHO, now covers 86 thanas in 12 districts and 8,400 village health posts have been created under the programme. The minister laid stress on the importance of popular participation in all kinds of development works, and said 60,000 volunteers have already enlisted for training under the village-based primary health programme.

Welcoming voluntary efforts by people at the grassroots level, the minister said, "Health care will be delivered to the grassroots with such voluntary participation of the people through 24 village centres in every union." This is the first time awards have been given for exemplary work by health officials and volunteers. Some 20 best volunteers, 19 of them women, were awarded.

State Minister for Health Prof M Amanullah was also present the ceremony.

Consultation meet on trafficking in women begins tomorrow

The Centre for Women and Children Studies (CWCS), in collaboration with The Coalition Against Trafficking in Women-Asia (CATW-Asia), is going to organise a consultation meeting on 'Trafficking and Prostitution in the Context of Violence Against Women' in the city April 9-11, says a press release.

The main objectives of the three-day meeting are to analyse the main trends and patterns of trafficking in women and children in the Asian region, share information about NGO initiatives, interventions and advocacy on the issue of trafficking and prostitution, and to develop strategies for future action to combat such violence.

Aurora Javate de Dios, the Executive Director, CATW-Asia, will deliberate on the international laws and how these instruments address violence against women.

Objective test of BCS exams May 2

The preliminary objective test of the 18th BCS examinations will be held at Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna and London centres on May 2 at 3:30 pm, reports UNB.

The admit cards of the candidates have been mailed while details of the examination schedule, centre and seat arrangements will be published in daily newspapers in due time, said an official handout yesterday.

Candidates who fail to receive admit cards by April 25, have been requested to directly contact the Dhaka head office of the Commission Secretariat between April 26 and 30 along with their applications mentioning full name, date of birth, name of the examination centre, permanent address in English, and two attested copies of passport-size photographs, to collect duplicate admit cards.

Death anniversary

The fourth death anniversary of Humayun Zahir, former chief legal adviser of Janata Insurance Co Ltd, will be observed today.

In this connection, a *mitad mahfil* and *Guraan khawant* will be held at the head office of the company at Motijheel, says a press release.

What's on today . . .

Regional network meeting: The inaugural session of the regional network meeting of BOIs in Asia and the Pacific region jointly organised by ESCAP and BOI will be held. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 10:30 am.

Memorial meeting: A memorial meeting on Shamsuddin Abul Kalam will be held. Venue: Seminar room of the Bangla Academy. Time: 11 am. The meeting has been organised by Bangla Academy.

Rotary Club of Ramna: A meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Family lounge of Dhaka club. Time: 5 pm.

Prize-giving ceremony: The prize-giving ceremony of the 'Disaster Management Essay Contest, 1996' organised by the Disaster Management Bureau (DMB) will be held. Venue: Auditorium of DMB. Time: 10 am.

Musical evening: Abbhudoy Music Associates will hold a musical evening on songs of Liberation War. Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy auditorium. Time: 6.30 pm.

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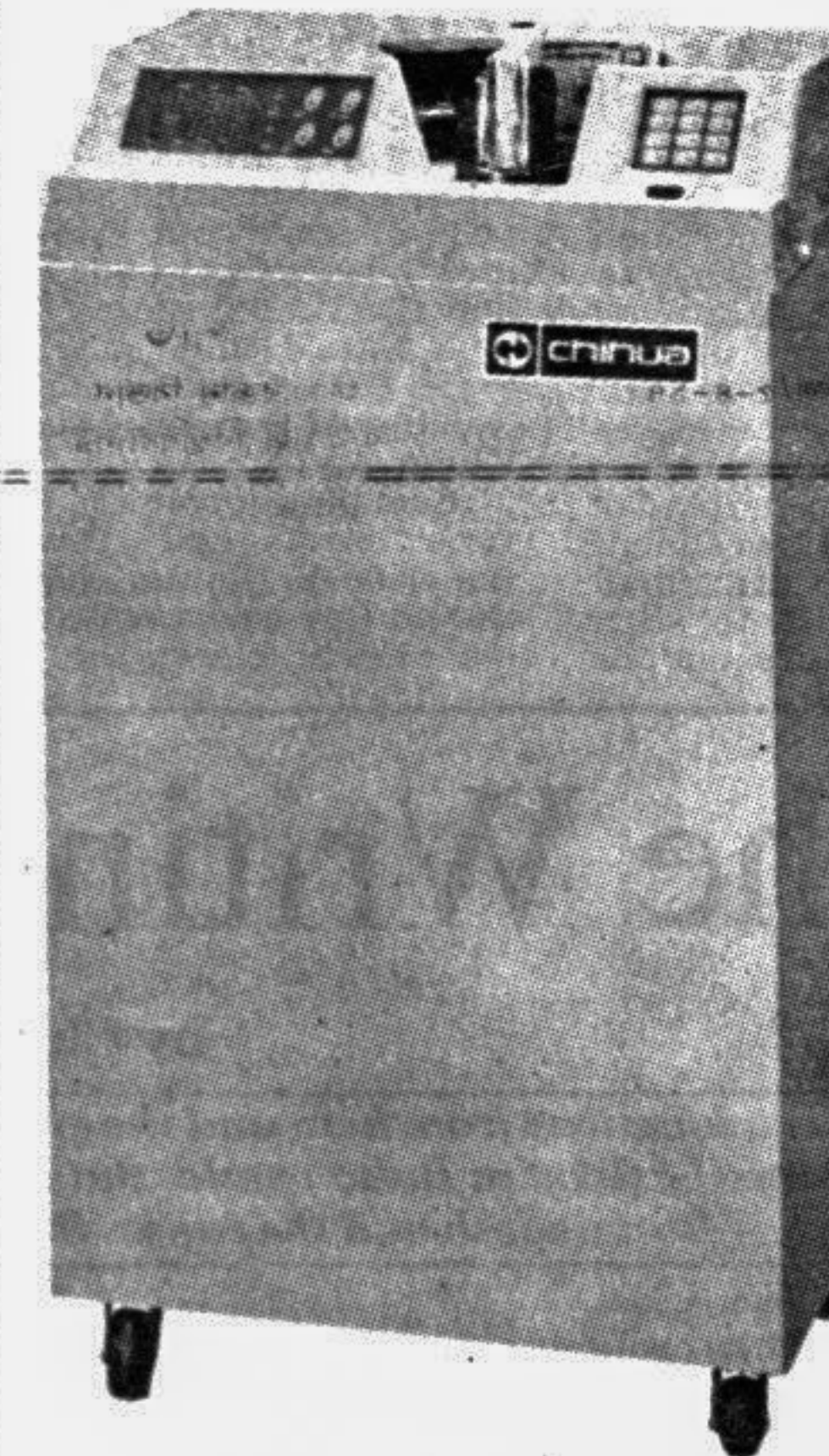
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Who is it ?

Is it Michael Jackson on a World tour ?
Is it the Abominable snowman ?
or, has Forrest Gump started running again ?