

Khetmazur and Krishak Front jointly held a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday demanding price reduction of agricultural inputs. — Star photo

### New recruitment plan

## Most policemen welcome it as a positive step

By Julian Charles and Naimul Haq

Most policemen have welcomed the government decision to recruit 10,000 new police personnel as a positive step, but some said it wasn't enough. The government decision came following the police Headquarters' demand to give them 27,000 new personnel. Officials said, the recruitment would be done in phases because training centres could only accommodate 6,000 men a year.

Swapan, a sergeant of the DMP Riot Police talking to The Daily Star said, the new men would take a lot of pressure off the overworked and underpaid police. But, he said, at least 30,000 new policemen would be needed to overcome the Police Department's current manpower shortage. He said, the number of policemen should be

increased in keeping with the country's population growth rate. He also said, they have to work long hours with no extra money or facilities.

Constable Nur E Alam said he had to work almost 24 hours yesterday and during this period he sometimes took a nap because of exhaustion. More than 10 colleagues of Alam, who had gathered around during the interview, nodded in agreement.

Inspector Hamid of the Riot Police said, the officers work on average 12 hours a day. He said, he wanted a rise in their salary but appointing new policemen was far more important.

He said, low salary is forcing many policemen to take money from motorists to supplement their income.

Swapan, who gets Tk 4,000 a month, said he also supported a payrise. If his salary is increased he wouldn't need to take money and gradually give up the bad practice.

Alam said, he gets Tk 2,100 a month, which wasn't enough to support his family. Alam said, he wouldn't take tolls if wages were raised to a level where he could at least provide *dal-bhat* for his family.

Traffic police sergeant, Ansar, who earns Tk 2,700 a month, said it was virtually impossible to survive with the money they get as salary from the government. "You know, how we supplement our income," he said. Ansar, who supports a wife and one child, said he usually collects Tk 200 everyday.

### President greets Yeltsin, Ramos

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed has greeted Russian President Boris Yeltsin on the occasion of his country's National Day, reports UNB.

In a message to Yeltsin, he hoped that the existing friendly relations between the two countries will be further consolidated in the years to come.

He also wished him good health and long life and the people of the Russian Federation continued peace and progress.

In a separate message Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed has felicitated Fidel V Ramos, the President of the Philippines, on the occasion of his country's National Day.

In the message to Ramos, he said, "I am confident that the existing friendly relations between our two countries will be further strengthened and consolidated in the years to come to our mutual benefit."

Shahabuddin also wished him good health, happiness and the friendly people of the Philippines continued peace, progress and prosperity.

### CCC treats 4,500 patients

CHITTAGONG, June 11: Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) has treated about 4,500 patients in nine emergency medical centres including one 45-bed diarrhoea treatment hospital during the post-cyclonic period, reports BSS.

Addressing a press conference in the City Corporation Auditorium chief health officer Dr M N A Mamun said, of the total 283 patients have been treated against diarrhoeal disease.

All emergency medicare facilities were withdrawn today as overall situation in the city improved. Dr Mamun told the press conference.

Acting Mayor Alhaj Mohammad Jakaria, chief executive officer Wahab were, among others, present at the press conference.

### What's on today . . .

**Rotary Club of Jahangirnagar Dhaka:** The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Officers' Club. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Kachi-Kanchar Mela:** A two-day Shabbir Children's Literary Conference organised by Central Kachi Kanchar Mela will begin. Venue: Kanchi Kancha Auditorium, Shegun Bagicha. Time: 5 pm.

**Certificate awarding:** The certificate awarding ceremony of the training course conducted by Jatiya Mahila Sangstha will be held. Venue: 2nd floor of the administration building of Jatiya Andha Kalyan Samity, Mirpur, Sec-1. Time: 11 am.

### Weather

#### Thundershower likely

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind may occur at many places over Chittagong Barisal, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi and Khulna divisions during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

The day temperature across the country may fall by 1-2 degree Celsius during the period while a little change may likely in the next two days.

Country's highest temperature was recorded 35.5 degree Celsius at Dinajpur and lowest 21.0 degree Celsius at Kutubdia.

The sun rises today at 5:10 am and tomorrow at 5:11 am.

The maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Mor	Eve
Dhaka	33.7	27.2	86	80
Chittagong	33.3	26.2	75	85
Rajshahi	34.6	24.3	85	88
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Barisal	28.6	26.8	81	92
Sylhet	28.2	25.1	85	92

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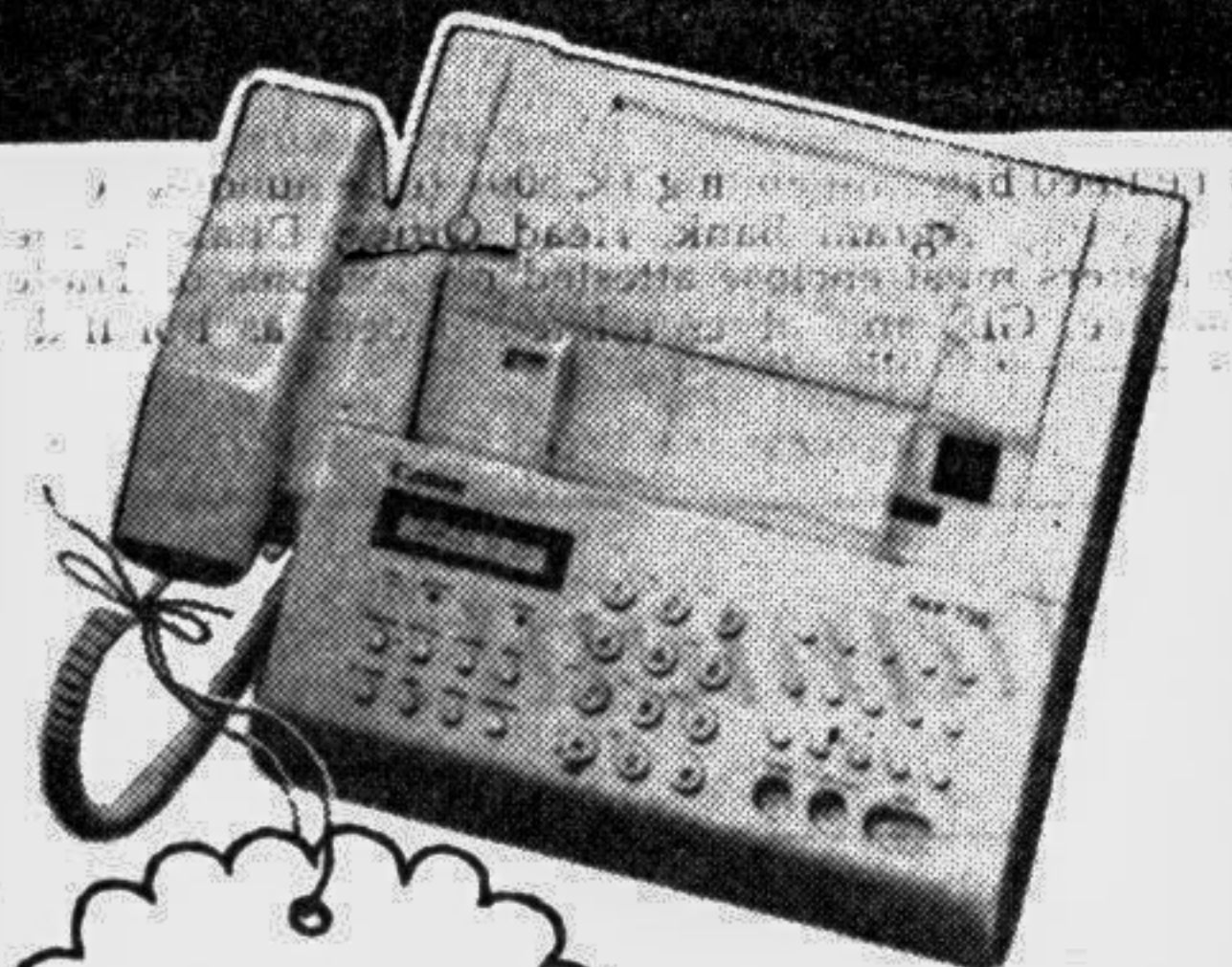
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The appointment will be for a contract period of one year initially.

The post holder will work initially for the Further Improvements in Medical Colleges Project and the Strengthening Nurse Education and Services Project. Then with other projects as they begin operations. He/she will be responsible for developing and maintaining the office management system as required.

Candidates must be able to demonstrate high-level organisational skills and ability to work as member of a team. Experiences in Word processing soft ware, database, e-mail is desirable.

Candidates will be expected to have at least five years relevant experience. Previous project work or NGO experience will be an advantage. The salary will be in the range of Tk. 19,000 to Tk. 21,000 depending upon experience.

All applicants must complete an application form which can be obtained from the Reception Desk at the British Council, Dhaka or by writing to:

**The Director**  
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