Seminar: The concluding session of a 2-day dissemination seminar of the ICDDR B MCH-FP Extension Project (rural) will be held. Venue: Sasakawa Auditorium, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali. Time: 9 am-1 pm.

Workshop: A workshop on CEDAW: Bangladesh will be held under the auspices of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs. Venue: Shishu Academy auditorium. Time: 10 am. Chief guest: House Minister Rafiqui Islam BU. Seminar: The Institute of Flood Control and Drainage Research of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and

Technology (BUET) will hold a seminar on Inspect of Flood Contral Projects on our Environment. Venue: Seminar room, (first floor), Institute Building, BUET. Time: 4 pm. Reception: The newly elected members of the executive

committee of the Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) will be accorded a reception. Venue: No 1 Gallery of the Sir Salimullah Medical College. Time: 11:30 am. Chief guest: LGRD and Cooperatives Minister and Deputy Leader of the House.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North West: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 4:30 pm. The meeting will be a intercity meeting.

Rotary Club of Dhanmondi: The tree plantation programme of the club will be inaugurated. Venue: BUET campus. Time: 9:15 am.

NSU seminar: Department of Computer Science, North South University, has arranged a seminar on "Optical computing". Venue: NSU conference room, BTA Tower, Banani. Time: 11am-12pm.

Seminar: A seminar on "Some Aspects of Population, Health and Environment in Bangladesh" will be held. Venue: Planning and Development Academy, Nilkhet.

President of Independent University of Bangladesh (IUB) Dr Abdul Majeed Khan will inaugurate the seminar, organised by the Population-Environment Department of IUB.

Two research papers published by the department, will be presented at the seminar. These are: effects of female family planning workers on the use of modern contraception in Bangladesh and the determinants of AIDS awareness in rural population of Bangladesh.

#### Weather

### Moderate rain likely

Moderately heavy to heavy falls may occur at places over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today. Met Office forecast, reports UNB.

Moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at most places over Chittagong. Sylhet and Rajshahi and at many places over Dhaka, Barisal and Khulna divisions during the period. Day temperature may rise by 1-2 over the country.

In an outlook for the subsequent two days, weathermen said weather is likely to improve.

Country's highest temperature was recorded yesterday 34.1 degree Celsius at Rajshahi and the lowest 22 degrees at Cox's

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The sun sets today at 6:50 PM and rises on Wednesday at 5:15

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The first council session of the Jatiya Party led by Kazi Zafar Ahmed and Shah Moazzem Hossain was held at the Engineers' Institute auditorium in the city yesterday. -Star photo

#### Country achieves great success in family planning: Fertility rate down to 3.3

He told the seminar that the

government had allocated

about Tk 5,360 crore to the

health and population sector,

especially for mothers and

children, in the fourth five-year

plan to integrate population is-

sues within overall develop-

ment programme, to initiate a

multi-sectoral population pro-

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ernment was currently focusing

on the areas including design-

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sector, improving financial

sustainability of the health

programme, paving the way for

a greater role of the private sec-

The draft of the fifth five-

The secretary said the gov-

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tion sector, he said.

Bangladesh has achieved tremendous success in family planning programme by dramatically increasing contra-ceptive prevalence and decreasing total fertility rate, reports

The evaluation was made yesterday by experts from home and abroad who noted that contraceptive prevalence increased from a per cent in 1975 to 49 per cent in 1997 while total fertility rate decreased from 7 in 1975 to 3.3 this year.

They were speaking at a twoday dissemination seminar on 'ICDDR,B MCH-FP Extension Project (Rural)' at ICDDR,B auditorium in the city yesterday.

Chaired by ICDDR,B Director Prof Demissie Habte, the seminar was addressed, among others, by Health Secretary Muhammad Ali, Dr Richard M Brown, Mission Director of USAID, Dhaka, Syed Shamim Ahsan, Division Director of HPED, and Prof Barkat-e Khuda, Project Director, MCH-

It was jointly organised by Maternal Child Health and Family Planning (MCH-FP) Extension Project, Health and Population Extention Division (HPED) of ICDDR,B, Health Ministry, USAID and Popula-

tion Council. tor and NGOs, and reviewing Muhammad Ali said clientand updating national drug poloriented reproductive health approach is the most effective

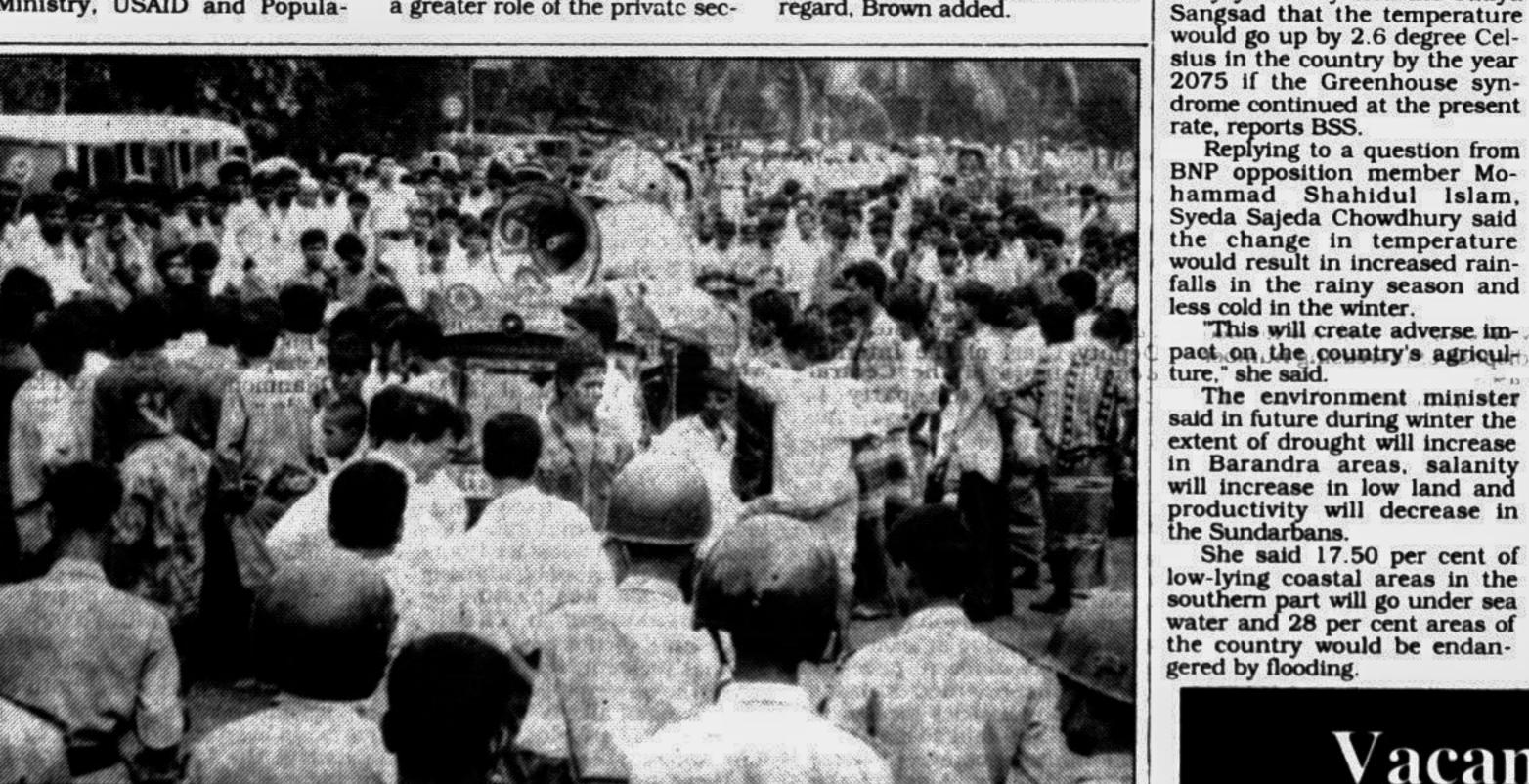
Giving emphasis on ESP the way to reduce fertility rate. government has already de-"Our politics need to encourcided to introduce emergency obstetric care (EOC) services at age delay in the age at first marriage, thereby, delaying thana level across the country. first and subsequent births, said the Health Secretary.

The Health Ministry will implement it as an initial step in five thanas from each division with technical assistance from International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B).

Richard Brown said a sevenyear national integrated population and health programme (NIPHP) had been designed on the basis of evaluation of MCH-FP with seven major components, including rural and urban service delivery, social marketing, quality improvement, operation research (OR), urban immunisation and contraceptive logistics.

The USAID will fund worth US dollar 210 million for the implementation of the NIPHP, he said.

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) between USAID and Bangladesh government has already been signed in this regard, Brown added.



A procession of owners and workers of autorickshaws was intercepted by police near Shishu Park area on its way to the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday. -Star photo

#### NORTH SOUTH UNIVERSITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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times over," Gore said.

The Information Services Department provides complete computer and network services to all of North South University's faculty, staff and students, and has almost 170 PCs in service. NSU invites applications for the following positions in the Information Services Department:

Systems Manager (1 position). Requirements: Minimum MSc. Degree in a computer-related field and applied technical training in using hardware, software and networks listed below; four years experience in a technical support position including one year of management experience; fluent in English. Duties: Hands-on performance and supervision of Information Services technical operations in the following areas: Network servers and services in Novell and UNIX environments; PC hardware installation and maintenance; desktop software installation, maintenance and use; administrative and library applications software; help desk services; knowledge of UNIX, WindowsNT, fiber optics; satellite antenna systems. Supervise, guide, support and train junior members of the technical staff. Pay Scale: 28,000-2,800-45,000 plus 40% housing allowance, higher start possible for experienced staff.

Assistant Hardware Engineer (1 position). Requirements: Minimum BSc. Degree in Computer Science, applied technical training in using and maintaining hardware listed below, one year experience as a hardware engineer on PC-based systems, fluent in English, able to work flexible hours (42.5 max) between 0800 and 1800 six days per week. Duties: Install, test, troubleshoot, repair and replace 386,486 and Pentium PCs, monitors, keyboards, dot matrix and laser printers, scanners, moderns, network cards, hubs, network cabling, LCD and multimedia projectors, TV receivers and recorders: use Windows 3.11, MS Office Professional, Novell 3.1, anti-virus software. Pay Scale: 5,000-500-12,000 plus 40% housing allowance, higher start possible for experienced staff.

Application Procedure. On or before Thursday, 10 July 1997, submit an application letter, copies of your complete and detailed CV university transcripts, technical training certificates, two passport photos, and names and contact data for three references, to: Registrar, North South University, 12 Kamal Ataturk Ave., Banani, Dhaka-1213.

CEDEC opinion poll

#### Majority of city dwellers against hartal, strikes

Nearly 54.17 per cent of city dwellers do not support politi-cal programmes like hartal and strikes at the present stage of democratic process in the country, according to an opinion poll conducted in the city, reports BSS.

Some of the respondents of the poll, conducted by Centre for Development Communication (CEDÉC), also commented that the opposition parties should shun the path of conventional way of carrying out movement for the sake of consolidating the democratic institution in the country. They said the opposition and the ruling party should show the highest political tolerance at this stage

of democracy. CEDEC conducted the poll on 2400 residents belonging to 12 groups, including teachers, journalists, slum dwellers, physicians, engineers, service holders, cultural activists, students and labourers. Some 68.13 per cent respondents said the recent steps of the government like connecting Bangladesh with other countries of the region through Asian highway, sub-regional grouping and BISTEC, would bring about economic prosperity for the country.

However, 24.46 per cent said these steps would go against the economic interest of the country. Some of them said the opposition parties should be involved in such decisions aiming at achieving economic prosper-

Eighty-one per cent of the respondents said that the independence and sovereignty of the country was not being risked by the present government. Only 12.42 per cent blamed the government on this point. Some of those who commented said those who are blaming the Awami League government of selling out sovereignty and independence were doing so only for political benefit.

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Accounting Alumni Assoc of DU

The second executive committee election of Batch Eleven Accounting Alumni Association of Dhaka University was held on June 20 at the associa tion office, says a press release.

The following members were elected : President - Aîzalur Rahman Chowdhury, Vice President - Kazi Rehan Subhan, General Secretary - Dewan Wasequl Alam, Joint Secretary - Md Tarek, Finance Secretary - Smiran Kumar Bose. Organising Secretary — Goutam Chandra Poddar. Information. Publicity & Research Secretary - Md Giasuddin, Cultural Secretary - Tarique Mahmood, Social & Women Affairs Secretary - Kishwar Sultana, Executive Secretary - Mohd. Morshed

Chowdhury, and Executive Members — Bibutthi Bhushan Biswas and Altaf Gaohor.

#### Nirmul Sammannaya Committee

Muktijuddher Chetona Bastabayan-o-Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Jatiya Samannaya Committee on Sunday congratulated the Dhaka University Senate members for taking decision not to give any advertisement to The Daily Inquilab, reports BSS.

In a statement convenor of the samannay committee Syed Hasan Imam called upon all to follow the instance of Dhaka University in this regard.

He also hailed the implementation of the earlier decision to bring the Kataban Mosque under the jurisdiction of Dhaka University.

Minister informs JS 360 Royal Bengal

Tigers now exist

in Sundarbans

now exist in Sundarbans, the

biggest mangrove forest of the

world, parliament was told

Ali Daru (AL-Bagerhat), Envi-

ronment and Forest Minister

Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury said

tigers play an important role in

maintaining the ecological bal-

ance for its top position in the natural food chain system.

Tigers are maintaining the natural balance of Sundarbans

controlling the number of Chi-

Sundarbans, its ecological bal-

ance would be endangered with

the massive population of deer,

the environment minister said

Show cause on

BTV over tender

for mobile studio

By Staff Correspondent

nate Judge, Dhaka has served

the BTV authorities with a show

cause notice for disqualifying a

private company from partici-

pating in a tender bidding for

prises Ltd representing FOR-A

of UK and four others had par-

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bidding of the BTV for purchase

of an OB Van, one type of mobile

studio. The BTV selected two

companies out of the five. The

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the Director General of BTV, the

chief engineer and the Infor-

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Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowd-

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Forest and Environment

Replying to a question from

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The environment minister

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Replying to Mir Sakhawat

yesterday, reports UNB.

According to the latest data, some 360 Royal Bengal Tigers

#### WANTED Applications are invited from the Bangladeshi citizens (both male and

female) for the follwing posts in Bangladesh Bank Adarsha Uchcha Bidyalaya, Faridabad, Dhaka-1204. 1. Headmaster:

Second Class Master's Degree with B.Ed. and 10 years' experience in teaching or educational administration, or Second class Bachelor's Degree with Second Class B.Ed. and 12 years'

experience in teaching or educational administration, or Bachelor Degree with B.Ed and 15 years' experience in teaching or educational administration. Any candidate having equivalent Degree from a recognised university may also apply.

2. Asstt. Teacher (Biology):

Science Graduate with Biology or its equivalent degree and thee years' teaching experience in Secondary Schools. Candidates should have two Second Class upto Degree Level. Preference may be given to trained Graduates.

3. Accountant :

Second Class Commerce Graduate with three years' experience in maintaining accounts of Secondary Schools.

4. Peon:

At least read upto Class-Eight.

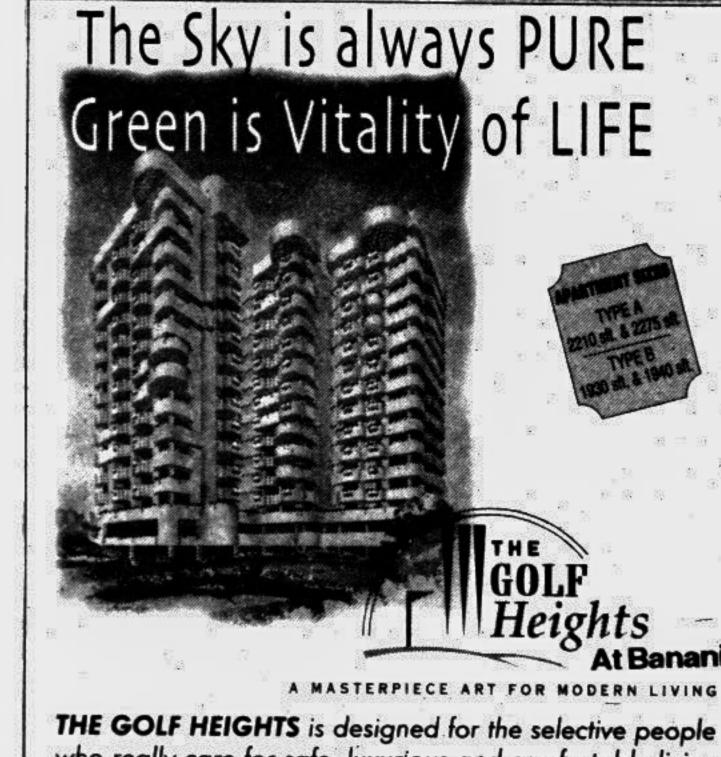
Salary and allowances will be given as per existing rules of the School, provident fund facilities will be given after confirmation of service. Higher initial salary may be given to highly qualified candidates.

For the posts of 1 upto 3 experience may be relaxed upto two years' for highly maeritorious candidates.

Applications of candidatess' own hand writing along with two copies of pass port size photographs and attested copies of all certificates must reach the Headmistress of the School within fifteen days from the publication of this advertisement.

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## Vacancy Announcement

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- Manager Clinical Methods: Reporting to the Marketing Manager, the incumbent will be responsible for monitoring, supervision and promotion of clinical contraceptives through selected private medical practitioners (MBBS). He/She should be an MBBS doctor preferably with an MPH degree. 3 - 5 years of working experience in clinical contraceptive methods (IUD, Injectables) is desirable. The position requires extensive travelling outside Dhaka.
- Manager · Providers' Training: Reporting to the Marketing Manager, the incumbent will be responsible for training paramedics and pharmacists on non-clinical contraceptives and primary health care products. He/She should be an MBBS doctor preferably with an MPH degree. 3-5 years in developing training curricula and monitoring training activities at the field level is essential. The position requires extensive travelling outside Dhaka.
- Manager STD/AIDS Prevention Program: The incumbent should be a medical graduate with at least 5 years experience in health projects of which one year should be in the field of STD/HIV/AIDS; should have excellent writing and interpersonal communication skills. The position requires extensive field travel.
- Manager Sales Planning: Reporting to the Sales Manager, the incumbent will be responsible for sales analysis, sales forecasting and sales force management. He/She should have a masters degree preferably an MBA. 3-5 years experience in selling pharmaceutical/consumer products is essential. The position requires extensive travelling within Bangladesh.
- Manager Information Technology: The incumbent should have a masters degree preferably in Applied Physics / Electronics / Computer Science or an MBA with science background. 3-5 years of experience in managing internal and external software development with knowledge in Windows NT, Unix, C++, Visual FoxPro, Access and Microsoft SQL Server.
- 6. Manager Audit: Reporting to Managing Director, the incumbent should be a Cost/Chartered Accountant with 3-5 years experience. The position will require travelling outside Dhaka.

All the above noted positions will be in Grade M5 or M4 of the Company depending on the qualifications and experience of the candidate.

SMC offers excellent package comparable to that of multinationals.

Female candidates are encouraged to apply.

The applications should be addressed to Manager, HRD, Social Marketing Company, GPO Box # 2983, Dhaka-1000 on or before 17 July 1997. Canvassing in any form will disqualify the candidate.

