

**Police constable killed in road mishap**

A police constable was killed and six other policemen were injured when a jeep carrying them turned turtle into a ditch on Dhaka-Aricha highway yesterday, reports UNB.

Police said constable Bhorot, 40, died on the spot as the jeep, bound for Barabaria from Dhamrai, plunged into the 30-foot-deep ditch after losing control near Joipura at 8 am.



An idle traffic police guarding the city's DIT extension road yesterday afternoon. Three days of monsoon rains have interrupted normal city life. The dank weekend affected the income of rickshaw-pullers, vendors and beggars as citizens preferred to stay at home. Meteorologists forecast more rains today. —Star photo

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**Tree plantation programme begins in city**

A tree plantation programme began yesterday at Ramna Park in the city as part of the three-day national tree plantation drive, reports UNB.

Environment and Forest Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury and Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammed Nasim inaugurated the programme by planting two saplings.

Speaking on the occasion, Environment and Forest Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury said there is no alternative to checking environmental degradation without plantation.

Referring to the steps taken by the government including setting up of Environment Court, the minister called upon the people to help implement the environmental laws effectively.

She also urged all sections of people to cooperate with the government to turn the tree plantation drive a social movement.

Telecommunications Minister Mohammed Nasim said the government, determined to protect environment, will cooperate all private initiatives in preserving environment.

Organised by "Kichhukhan," a voluntary organisation, the function was also addressed by its president Rahat Khan, Housing and Public Works Secretary Ziauddin Ahmed and Mahila Parishad leader Advocate Sahara Khatun.

**What's on today . . .**

**ABAC dialogue:** Affluent Bangladesh Attainment Council (ABAC) in collaboration with Prip Trust has arranged a dialogue on 'Local Government in Bangladesh: Its Genesis, Development and Future'. Venue: LGED Bhaban, Agargaon. Time: 9 am-3 pm.

**BDA conference:** The 32nd conference of Bangladesh Dental Association will be held. Venue: Kendriyo Kachikachar Mela, 37/A, Segun Bagicha. Time: 10 am. Chief guest: Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim.

**WEA workshop:** Women Entrepreneur's Association (WEA) has arranged a day-long workshop on 'Review and Planning'. Venue: WVA auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 10 am-4 pm.

**Rotary Club of Sonargaon Dhaka:** The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka Central:** The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Surma, Dhaka Club. Time: 1:30 pm. Guest speaker: Dr M A Alamgir, Head of Cardiology Dept, Holy Family Hospital, will talk on 'your heart'.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka Downtown:** The 13th installation meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 7:30 pm.

**Quader visits Kalidas's studio**

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader yesterday visited the studio of internationally reputed painter Kalidas Karmakar at Eskaton in the city, reports UNB.

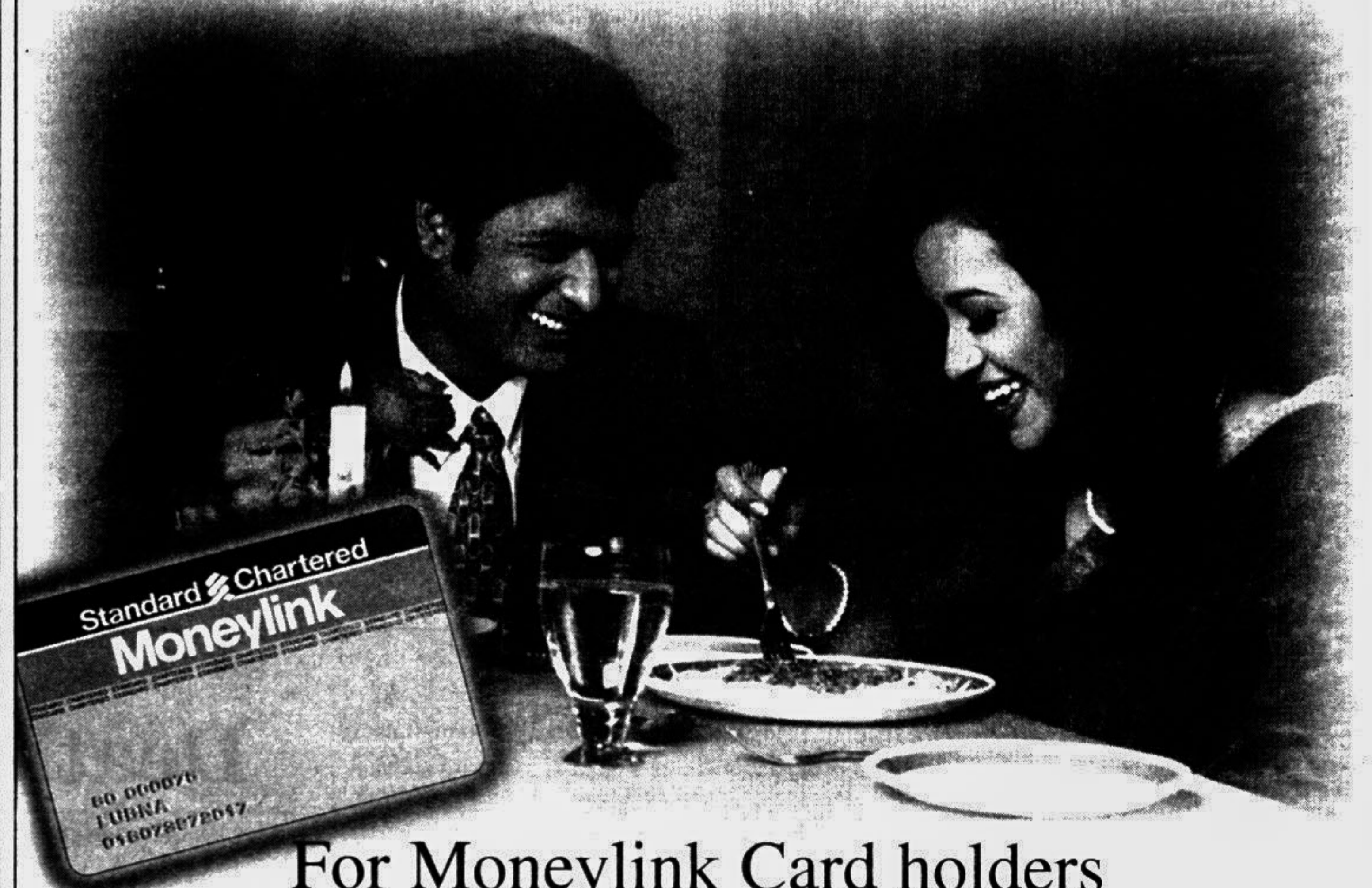
Quader went round the studio and enjoyed the invaluable works of the artist, said a PID handout.

**Digital exchange in Feni to operate from July 25**

A 200-line digital telephone exchange at Feni will be technically operational from July 25, according to a press release, reports BSS.

The new digital exchange, which replaces the old 1600-line analog exchange, was targeted to be operational from July 10, the press release said.

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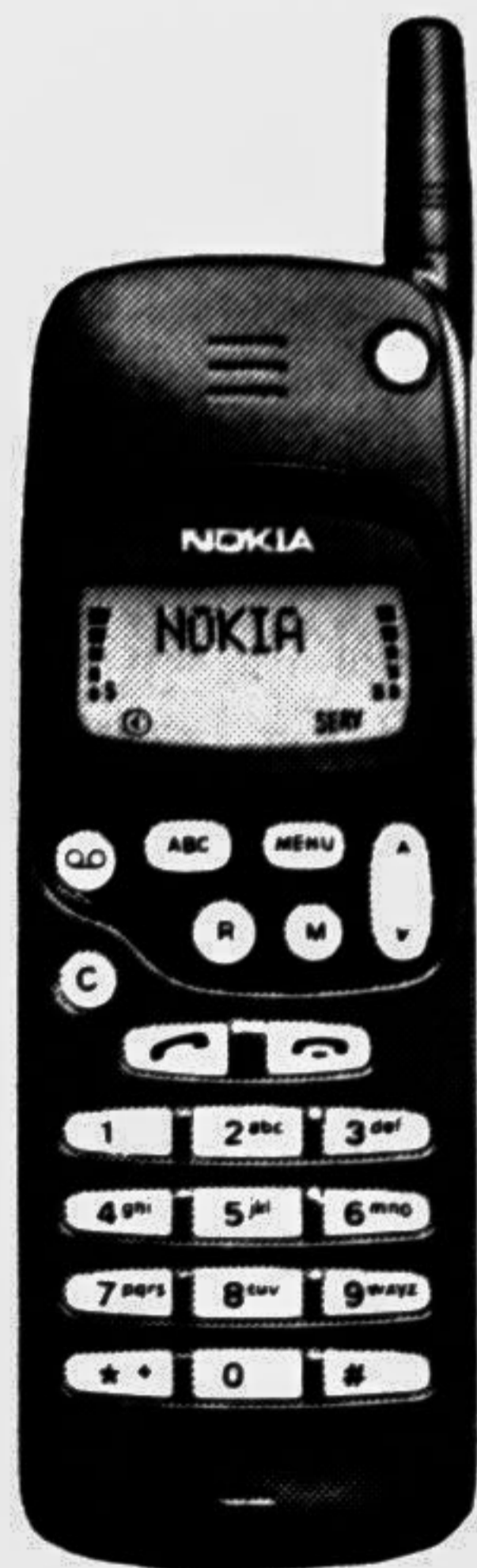


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