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Dhaka University Alumni Convention

An alumni convention of ex-students of Dhaka University will be organised by the Dhaka University Alumni Association on June 6, 1998, Saturday. Hon'ble Prime Minister of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina, who is also an alumna of Dhaka University, has kindly consented to inaugurate the convention.

Registration form for the convention (single: Tk 300/=, couple: Tk 500/=) will be available at the following addresses:-

- (A) Barrister Mainul Hossain, Convener, Convention Registration Sub-Committee, Ittefaq Bhaban, 1, R K Mission Road, Dhaka, phone : 9559409 (direct), 9565010-PABX (office), 881148 (res).
- (B) Mr Deen Mohammad Khan, Secretary General, Dhaka University Alumni Association, Anchor Tower (10th floor), 1/1(B), Sonargaon Road, Dhaka-1205, phone : 869521-4, 865895-9 (office), 836879 (res).
- (C) Mr Mahbubur Rahman Khan, Managing Director, Sonali Bank, phone : 9550426-34 (PABX), 9568002, 9553382, 9551464, 9550676.
- (D) Mr. Nasim Mahmood, Member-Secretary, Convention Preparatory Committee, House No. 49, Road No. 1, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka, phone : 862504 (res).

Registration form, duly filled in, should be sent to the above address personally/by post within 31 May, 1998.

At the same time, those registering are also invited to become members of the Association. The Convention Preparatory Committee cordially invites all ex-students of Dhaka University to this convention. It may be noted that those who have received the graduation and/or post-graduation certificate from the university are all, irrespective of institution, alumni of Dhaka University.

Film festival begins Saturday

By Staff Correspondent

Chalachitram Film Society and Bangladesh National Museum in collaboration with the Indian High Commission at Dhaka, has organised a week-long film festival which will begin at the National Museum auditorium Saturday, says a press release.

A total of 10 films directed by renowned Indian filmmaker Buddhadev Dasgupta will be screened in the festival.

Poet Shamsur Rahman will inaugurate the programme at the National Museum auditorium at six pm Saturday while State Minister for Youth, Sports and Culture Obaidul Quader and Indian High Commissioner to Dhaka Dev Mukherjee will grace the occasion as special guest and honorary guest respectively.

Meanwhile, on the occasion, a press conference will be held at the National Press Club Friday evening. Filmmaker Buddhadev Dasgupta will speak at the press conference.

Licence to store, distribute LPG issued

Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation has issued a licence to a business house to import, store, bottle and distribute Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) in the country, reports UNB.

An official of the business house, Summit Industrial and Mercantile Corporation, said they would be in a position to supply 50,000 metric tons of LPG to the country's eastern and northern parts by mid 1999.

Under the licence, Summit will set up a plant at an estimated cost of US\$20 million at Mongla Port.

Japanese envoy calls on Sadique

Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yoshikazu Kaneko called on Education Minister ASHK Sadique at the latter's office yesterday, reports BSS.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on matters of mutual interests including the issue of Japanese cooperation in the field of science and technology in engineering and technical educational institutions.



Few buses were plying on the city roads during yesterday's hartal hours. — Star photo

Filling up of Gulshan Lake
Legal notice served on concerned authorities

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA) and Gulshan, Banani, Baridhara Welfare Society yesterday served a legal notice demanding an immediate stop to filling up of the waterbody popularly known as Gulshan, Banani and Baridhara Lake.

A BELA press release said that the legal notice was served on the Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Public Works, RAJUK Chairman, Director General, Department of Environment, DCC Mayor and Deputy Commissioner, Dhaka.

Grave concern was expressed in the notice over the tendency of encroaching lakes and open spaces of Dhaka city for various purposes.

The notice mentioned that the filling up of the lake at Gul-

shan was intense at road 76, 78 and 82 while it was continuing in Baridhara roads 11 and 12. It pointed out that some vested interest groups in various disguise were behind the lake filling. It also blamed the authorities for their leniency in preventing the illegal filling up of the lake.

The notice said that despite the Prime Minister's directive to prevent the trend of altering the nature of open space and waterbodies, filling up of the lake was going on with indulgence from the authorities, threatening the aesthetic attraction of the lake.

The notice threatened an appropriate legal action against the authorities if they failed to stop such land filling and construction immediately.

One sustains bullet injury

A contractor sustained bullet injury in an attack allegedly by his business partner in the city yesterday, hospital sources said, reports UNB.

Abdur Rahman Khan, 38, was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital in a critical condition.

A group of people allegedly led by Khan's business partner Mohsin stormed his house at 20/21/B Ganaktuli, Hazaribagh under Lalbagh thana at about 11:30 am and fired shots at him.

No case was filed and none arrested yet in this regard.

Expo-2002
Australia seeks Bangladesh's support

Former Australian governor general and foreign minister William George Hayden called on Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed at his office in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

Hayden sought Bangladesh's support in coordinating Expo-2002 in Australia.

Hayden informed the minister that he would help supplement Bangladesh governments' efforts for wide exposure of local exporting services and commodities. He said Australia will provide training and other logistic supports in health, education, culture and trade issues for the companies participating in the Expo-2002 so that they could project their products and services in the fair purposefully. Australia will spend 70 million Australian dollar on the LDCs for this purpose, he added.

Welcoming the gigantic and costly project, the commerce minister said the present government is putting its best efforts to expand export through diversifying the export basket and exploring new markets. He said, "We also want to popularise our products and services to attract new buyers and Expo-2002 will be one of the best forum to this end."

Australian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Charles Stuart and Additional Secretary of Commerce Ministry GM Mandal were also present.

WFB felicitates CHT peace accord

The World Fellowship of Buddhists (WFB) has felicitated the peace accord signed in December last between the government and the Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) for arriving at a permanent solution of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) problem, reports BSS.

Li Gen Chalom Wismol, Vice President of WFB in a communication on Sunday from its headquarters in Bangkok to SS Chakma, president of the Parbatya Buddha Sangha, Dhaka stated that the solution of the problem was possible only due to the personal initiative and political will of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The WFB also appreciated the efforts of PCJSS in reaching the accord, a message received here said.

Zikir mahfil

The monthly zikir mahfil and the discussion meeting on the importance of holy Ashura will be held today at Khankaya Toajia after Magrib prayers at 27, Siddheswari Road in the city, says a press release.

The peer of Darapur Sharif, Hazrat Mowlana Shah Sufi Al-haj Abul Hasan Muhammad Abdul Quayum will conduct the mahfil.

What's on tomorrow...

Cultural function: Bangladesh Shishu Academy has arranged a discussion session and cultural function celebrating the 137th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore. Venue: Academy premises. Time: 11:30 am.

National confce: Bangladesh Dental Association will hold a national conference marking its golden jubilee. Venue: Ballroom, Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 9:30 am.

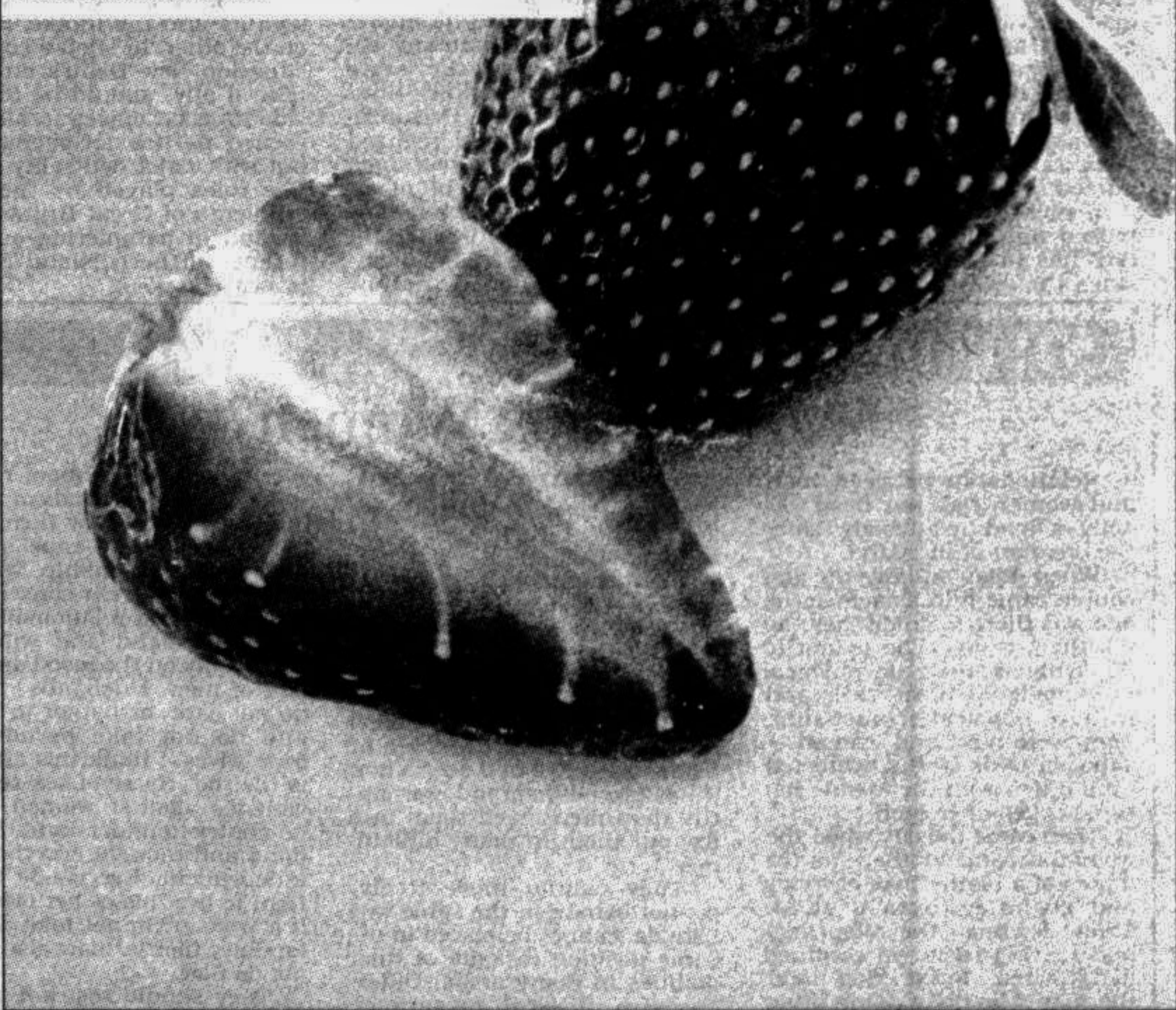
Painting exhibition: The first solo painting exhibition by Babul Mahmud will be inaugurated. Venue: Art Gallery of Indian High Commission Cultural Centre. Time: 4:30 pm.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad will open the exhibition as the special guest. The exhibition will begin from May 9 and will continue till May 14 from 10 am to 7 pm everyday.

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'5 branches of Shishu Academy in each div will be established'

State Minister for Women, Children and Social Welfare Dr Mozammel Hossain yesterday said the activities of Bangladesh Shishu Academy would be expanded to thana areas to help flourish latent talents of children at the grassroot levels, reports BSS.

Five branches of the Shishu Academy in each division will be established in the initial stage and rest of the branches would be set up in phases," he said.

He was addressing as the chief guest at a prize-giving ceremony of National Child Award Competition 98 in Shishu Academy auditorium in the city in the afternoon. Bangladesh Shishu Academy organised the month-long competition.

Chaired by noted child lit-

erateur Rokunuzzaman Khan (Dadabhai), the function was also addressed by Women and Children Affairs Secretary Abdullah Haroon, Pasha, Director of Bangladesh Shishu Academy Golam Kibria and on behalf of the prize winners Minawar Hossain Tanjil.

The state minister said, "Our children are no less talented compared to any other country of the world. Our children had given outstanding performances in the cultural domain by winning over 100 gold medals in international competitions for the last 20 years."

Organisers said that three lakh ninety thousand children across the country participated in the competition in different subjects in which 182 children were awarded.

GMG Airlines sign agreement with British Airways

By Staff Correspondent

GMG Airlines, a private domestic airline operator in the country, signed an interline traffic agreement with British Airways yesterday.

The signing ceremony and a press briefing on the occasion was held at a city hotel yesterday afternoon.

According to the agreement, both the incoming and outgoing passengers of British Airways will be provided with Dhaka-Sylhet and Dhaka-Chittagong connecting flights, the chairman of GMG Airlines Abdus Sattar told the press conference.

As per new partnership, GMG Airlines flights will appear on all British Airways computers and the passengers will be able to obtain onward connections without problems, said the chairman.

The agreement between British Airways and GMG Air-

lines will allow BA to offer more attractive prices enabling passengers from Sylhet and Chittagong to pay the Dhaka fare levels to the UK.

GMG's direct connecting flights from Sylhet and Chittagong will permit customs and immigration for outbound connecting passengers from those points.

The GMG Airlines which was launched on April 6, operates flights between Dhaka, Chittagong, Sylhet and Jessore everyday.

The airline is planning to increase the number of destinations and have connections between the major cities of the countries, the chairman said.

The Airline is also planning to operate flights between Dhaka and Calcutta provided the government permits, he added.

Country manager of British Airways Terry Doherty told the press conference that the partnership would save Taka 2,400 and Tk 3,800 for a Chittagong and Dhaka-bound passenger respectively from London.

Clyve Alcon, the chief of the business desk of the British High Commission, Terry Doherty, country manager of British Airways in Bangladesh, and the Managing Director of GMG Airlines Shahab Sattar also addressed the press conference.

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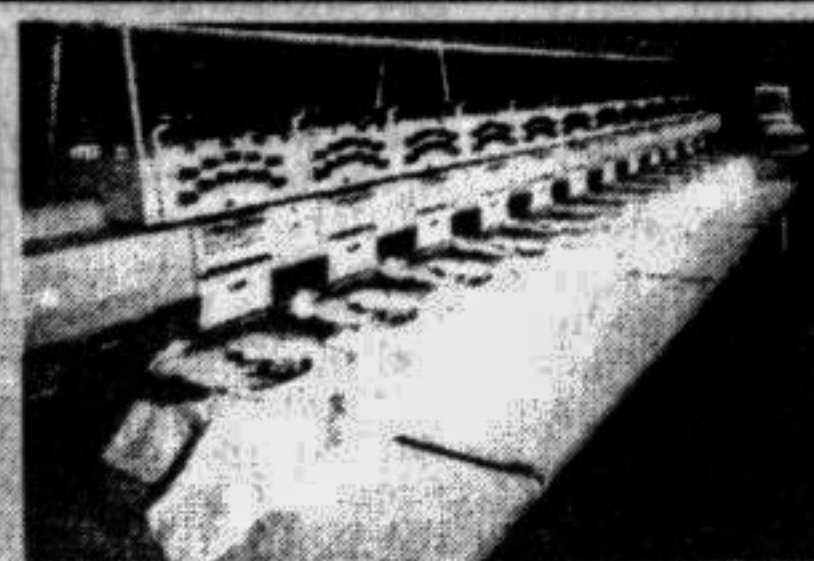
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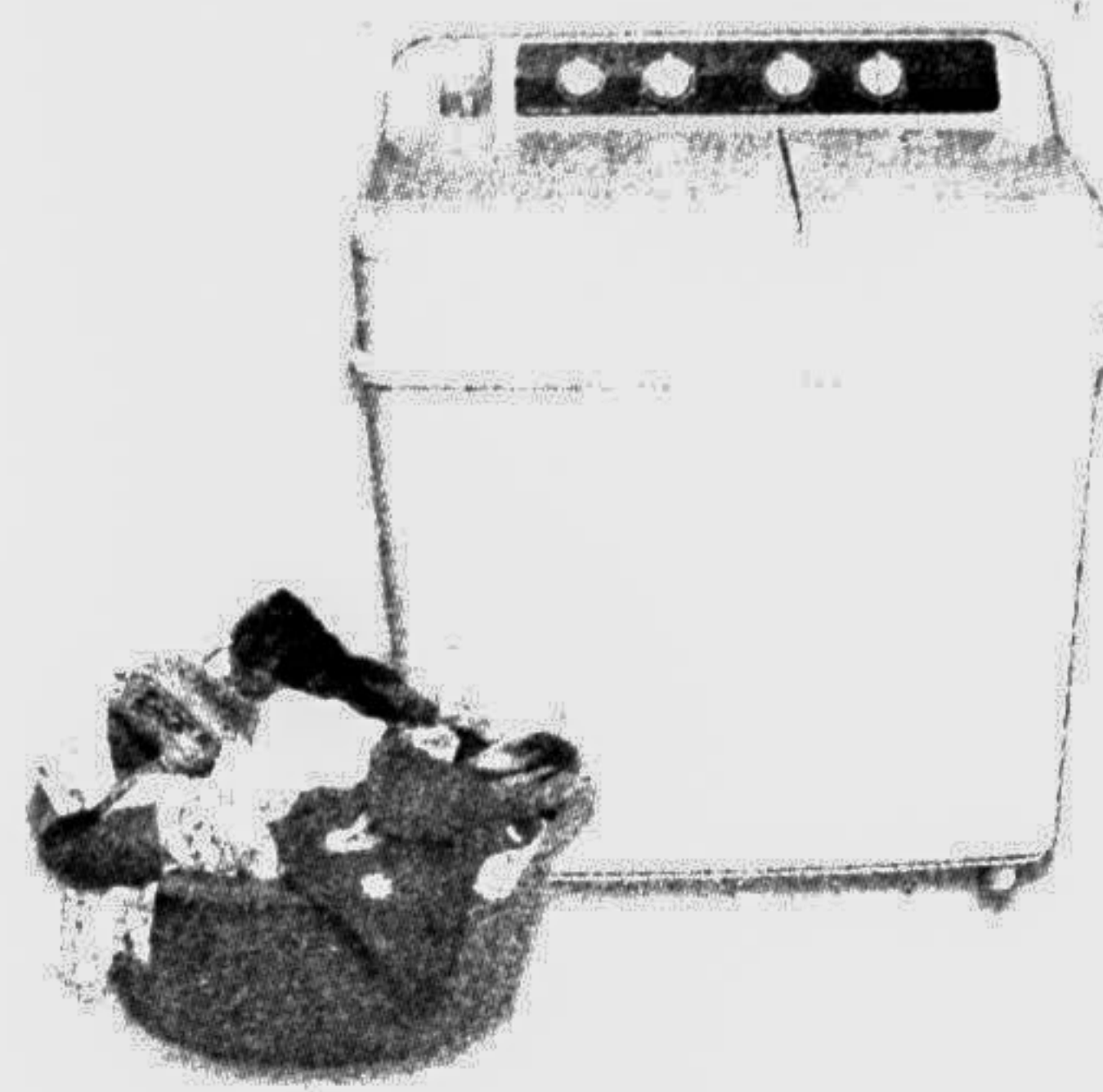
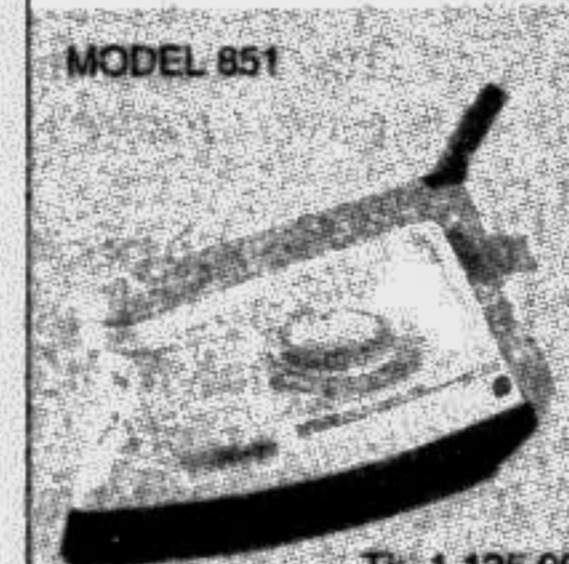
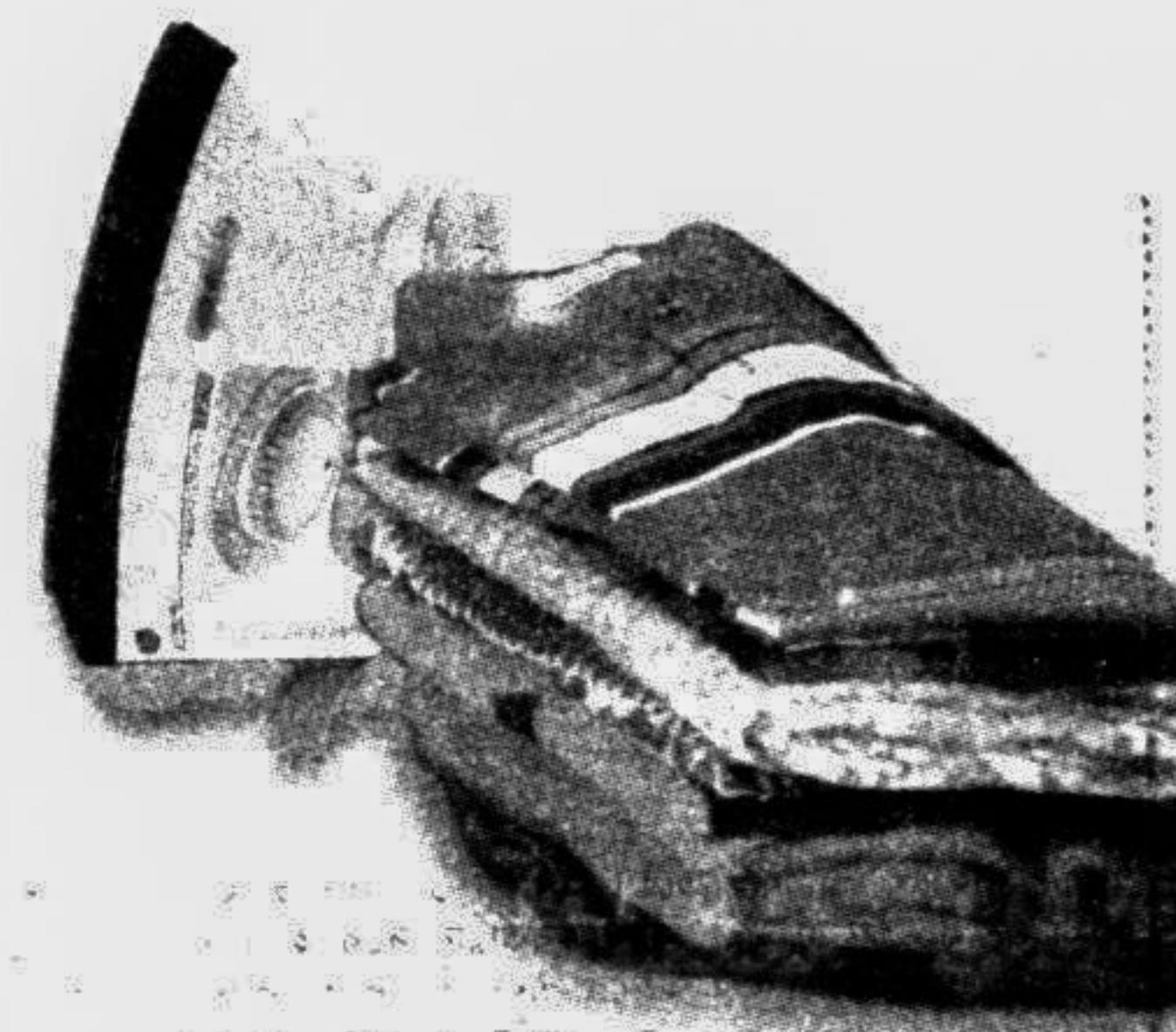
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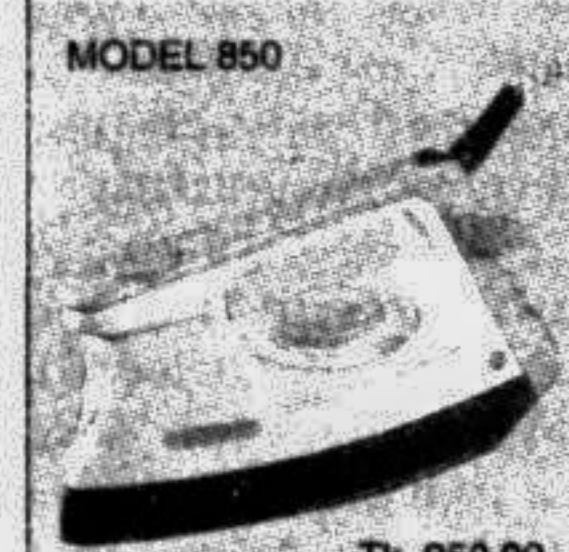
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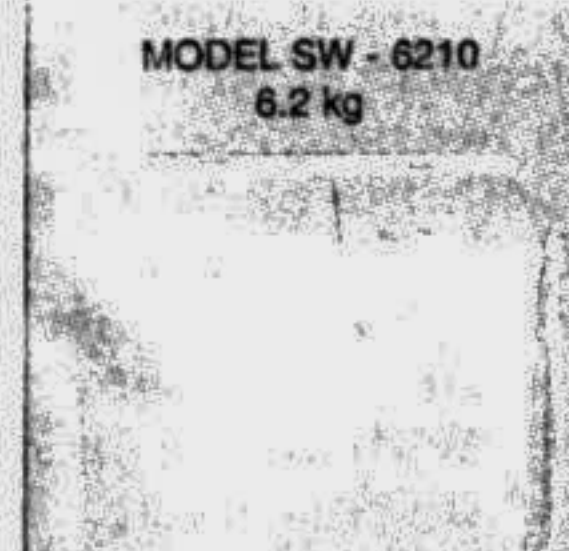
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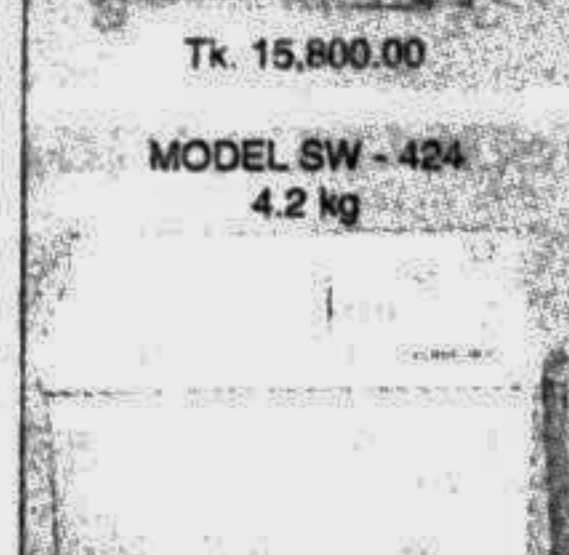
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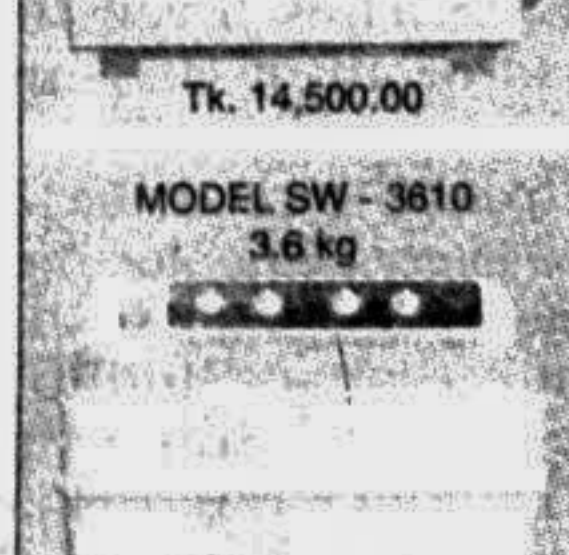
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