'Black Day' observed

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Hindu Bouddha Christian Oikya Parishad observed "Black Day" yesterday protesting the 8th amendment to the Constitution with the provision of making Islam the state religion.

As part of the day's pro-gramme, the Parishad brought

out a procession in the city and held a rally at the Central Sha-

> heed Minar. Among others, Parishad leaders Shiril Sikder, Vadanta Sumangal Thero, Dr Nimchandra Bhoumik, Nirmal Kumar Dey, Sattendra Chandra Bhakta and Mantu Mallik, were

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raise voice against N-arms race'

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at a seminar yesterday said that the mass media should launch a vigorous drive to educate people and to make them aware of the consequences of nuclear warfare and its impact on the environment, health as well as on the biologi-

cal world. They said that the small countries in the region should raise their voice against the nu-clear arms race initiated by India and Pakistan recently as the race would pose grave threat to their security, stability and

development. Underscoring the need for a worldwide movement against nuclear weapons, they said that no country would win if a nu-

clear war breaks out. The seminar on "Nuclear Bomb and its Effects" was organised by Democracywatch to create awareness among people about the devastating effects of nuclear weapons and to mobilise a strong public opinion against nuclear arms race.

Dr Shamser Ali, former director of Atomic Energy Com-mission and ex-Vice Chancellor of Open University took part as chief guest in the seminar while columnist Obeyid Jaigirder and Shafiq Rehman and Taleya Rehman of the Democracywatch also discussed various matters relating to fall-out of nuclear arms race.

Dr Shamser Ali said that the NPT and the CTBT are partial and incomplete treaties as they

have provisions only for a ban on horizontal expansion of nuclear arms. "The treaties should be amended with a provision for a ban on vertical expansion

of nuclear arms," he said. Shafiq Rehman said that an "accidental" war between India and Pakistan may break out as they cannot develop a monitor-ing system like the western nu-

clear powers. He said that both the countries should concentrate on their basic problems like health, poverty, and education rather than developing their nuclear power.

Afghan envoy calls on PM

Charge d'Affaires of Afghanistan in Dhaka Golam Mohammad Sukhanyar called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday, reports UNB.

The Afghan envoy was ac-companied by his son Sheikh

Mujibur Rahman. The diplomat named his son after the great leader and founding father of Bangladesh. Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Hs son was born on January 11, 1972, just one day after the home coming of Bangabandhu from captivity in Pakistan. Sukhanyar said his country fully supported the lib-eration war of Bangladesh and they had great respect for Bangabandhu.

The Prime Minister said she was glad to see the diplomat's son and wished him every success in life.

Rajshahi city experiences hottest day

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Jun 9: The city today experienced the hottest day in recent years when the mercury rose to 42.08 degrees Celsius, the Met Office here

The on-going heat wave, con-tinuing for the last one week, along with frequent loadshed-ding has made life miserable in the city.

The heat wave has forced people to stay indoors and many shops and bustnesses in the district remain closed during mid-day.

Many people, including the old and children fell sick due to the oppressive heat wave in several parts of the district.

Minor girl killed in road mishap

A minor girl was killed in a road accident on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway near Natun Bazar in Bahubal thana yester-

day, reports UNB.

Police said Rupa Begum, 7,
met the accident when a Sylhetbound speedy truck knocked her down while she was cross-

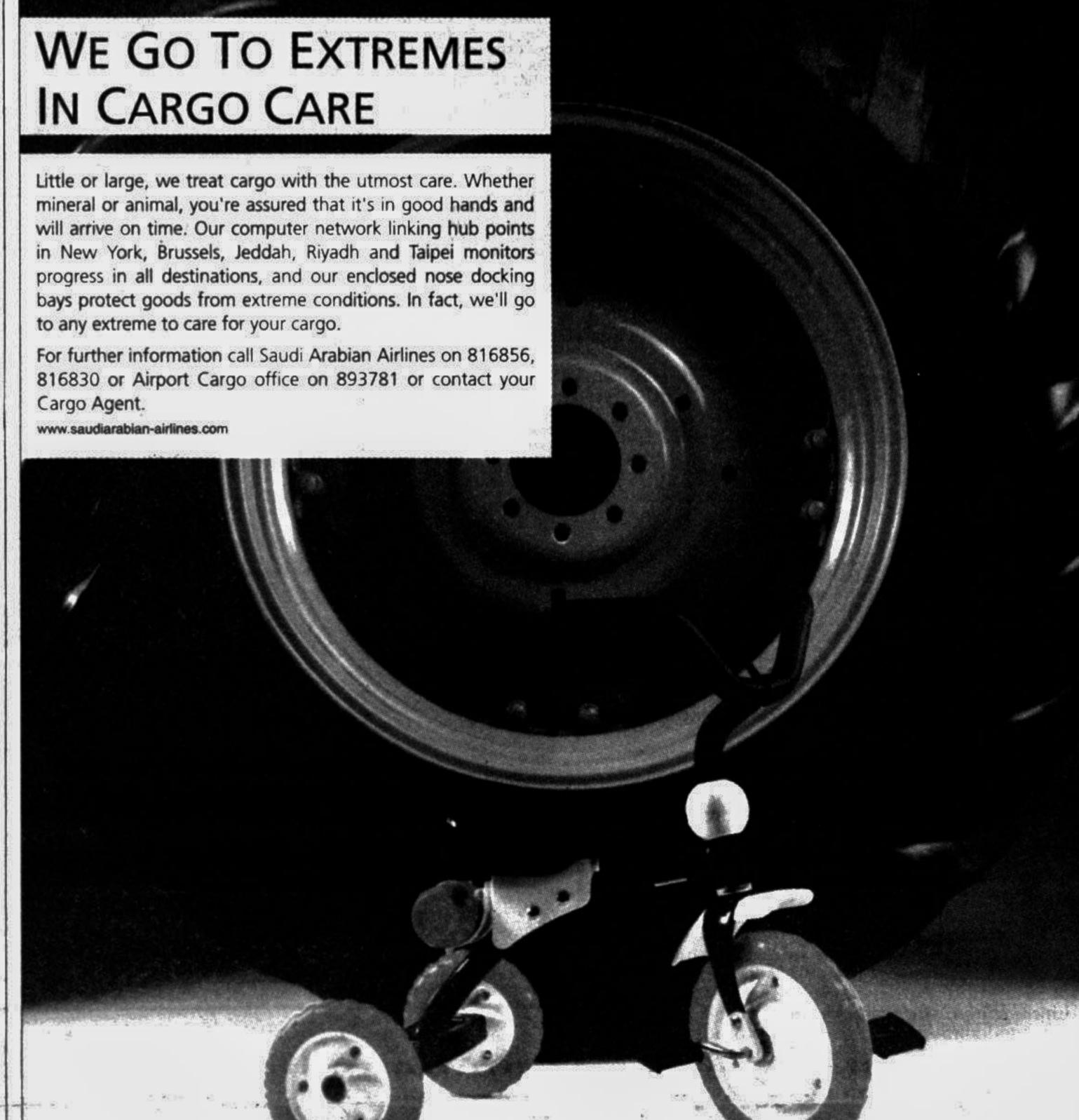
ing the road. Local people caught the driver along with his truck. He was handed over to police.

Workshop: The Programme for Research on Poverty Alleviation at the Grameen Trust will hold a day-long workshop on "Micro Credit: The Next Generation Issues." Venue: Auditorium of Grameen Bank Bhaban, Mirpur-2. Time: 9 am-

Club meeting: The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga will be held. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 5:30 pm.

Club meeting: The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka North-West will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5:30





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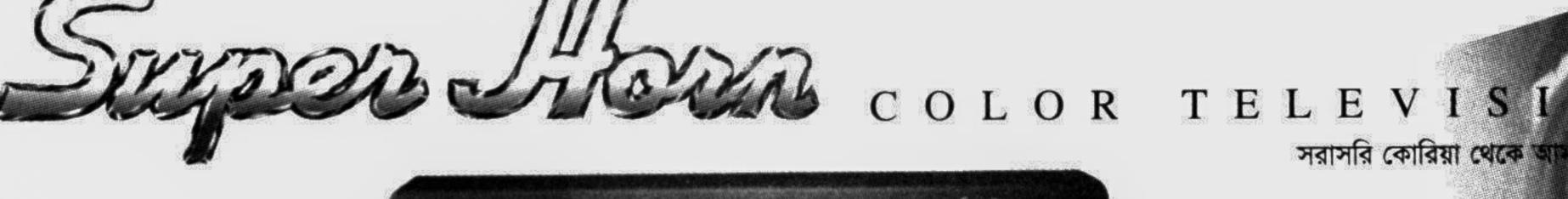
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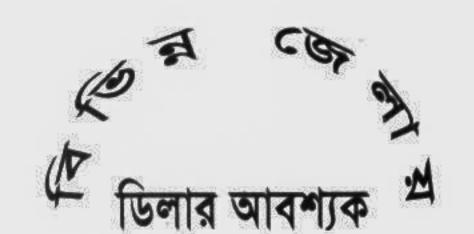


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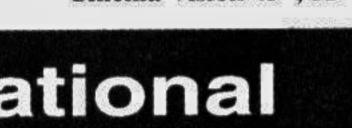
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