

PM to exchange Eid greetings

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will exchange greetings with the people of all walks of life on Eid day at Ganobhaban from 8:30 am to 1 pm, reports UNB.

The Prime Minister will also exchange pleasantries with foreign diplomats from 10:15 am to 11 am, the PM Office sources said.

Krishak League meets tomorrow

A meeting of Bangladesh Krishak League Central committee will be held tomorrow at its central office at 23, Bangabandhu Avenue in the city with organisation president and State Minister for Land Rashed Mosharrat in the chair, reports BSS.



Muktijoddha Jubo Command brought out a procession welcoming the new millennium in the city yesterday. — Star photo

'Resist all anti-liberation forces'

Political Adviser to the prime minister Dr S A Malek yesterday called upon all liberation forces to resist the anti-liberation forces who have made on unholy alliance to tarnish the spirit of the Liberation War, reports BSS.

"The latest political polarisation is the unity of anti-liberation parties who are out to foil our hard earned independence and sovereignty. So our main task will be to resist them," he said while addressing a discussion organised by Bangladesh Muktijoddha Central Command Council at its central office.

Presided over by Chairman of the Council Principal Ahad Chowdhury, the function was addressed, among others, by its Vice-Chairman Kabir Ahmed Khan and Sultan Ahmed Khan and Director General of Islamic

Foundation Maulana Abdul Awal.

The discussion was followed by an iftar party which was attended by freedom fighters and the members of their families.

Dr Malek alleged that BNP in collaboration with the anti-liberation fundamentalist forces were conspiring to dislodge the democratically elected government.

"We are at the threshold of a new century. Our greatest achievement of the last century was achievement of independence which is now under threat from the anti-liberation forces," he said.

Earlier at a seminar on "upcoming National Drug Policy: Several proposals of the Pharmacists," Dr Malek underscored the need for introduction of a National Drug Advisory Council to suggest the government formulate a better national drug policy.

Pharmacy Graduation Association (PGA), Bangladesh organised the seminar which was also addressed by Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) representative Dr Ismail Hossain and Secretary General of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists' (BFUJ) Akhter Ahmed Khan.

President of PGA A B M Farooq chaired the seminar while Pharmacist Subash Sinha Roy conducted it.

Dr Malek admitted that the introduction of National Drug Policy '82 was an epoch making step in the field of Pharmaceutical industry. In this context he referred to the statistics that medicine worth taka 2000 crore is now being produced in the country against taka 240 crore in 1982.

The National Drug Policy '82 has undoubtedly brought revolutionary changes in the field of pharmaceutical industry. Dr Malek added.

Dr Malek assured the pharmacists of providing all possible cooperation in fulfilling their demands.

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President hosts iftar for judges

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed hosted iftar for the judges of the Supreme Court at Bangabhaban last evening, reports BSS.

Chief Justice Latifur Rahman and judges of both the High Court and the Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court were present on the occasion.

Former chief justices Mostafa Kamal and A T M Aliz also attended the iftar.

President Shahabuddin welcomed the guests and exchanged pleasantries with them.

New Iranian envoy calls on Hasina

Newly appointed Iranian Ambassador to Bangladesh Mohammad Razali Nouri made a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office in the city last morning, reports BSS.

Nouri conveyed the greetings of President Khatami to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The envoy recalled historic cultural ties between the two countries. He said being members of the OIC, both the countries could strengthen bilateral trade and cooperation for the benefit of their peoples.

Nouri said Iran was ready to extend all sorts of the cooperation to cement further the ties between the two brotherly countries. He prayed for good health of Prime Minister and continued peace and progress of the people of Bangladesh.

Prime Minister conveyed her best wishes to the Iranian President. She also referred to the traditional ties that existed between Bangladesh and Iran. She said her government would extend all cooperation to the envoy during his tenure in Dhaka.

Foreign Secretary C M Shafi Saunt was present.

Digital phone bills to be paid by Jan 12

Digital telephone bills for the month of November '99 are to be paid by 12 of this month, reports BSS.

Bangladesh Telephone and Telegraph Board (BITB) at a press release yesterday said bills for the month have already been sent to the subscribers through postal department. It said those who did not yet received their respective bills, must collect duplicate one to pay the bill on time to the specified bank branches of Agrani, Krishi, Janata, Rupali, NCCB, Bank of Small Industries, Prime Bank, City Bank and UCBL.

Subscribers have the opportunity to contact with the telephone numbers of 9550402, 8114802 and 8913050 for information to collect duplicate bills of the month.

BAIRA polls Jan 22

The election of Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agents (BAIRA) will be held on January 22, reports UNB.

Two panels — one led by Mohammad Noor Ali and the other by Dr Iqbal MP — are contesting the election in which over seven hundred members of BAIRA are expected to cast their votes.

Meanwhile, a projection meeting of the "Combined Coordinating Front" panel led by Ali was held yesterday with panel chairman Mohammad Mosharrat Hossain MP in the chair.

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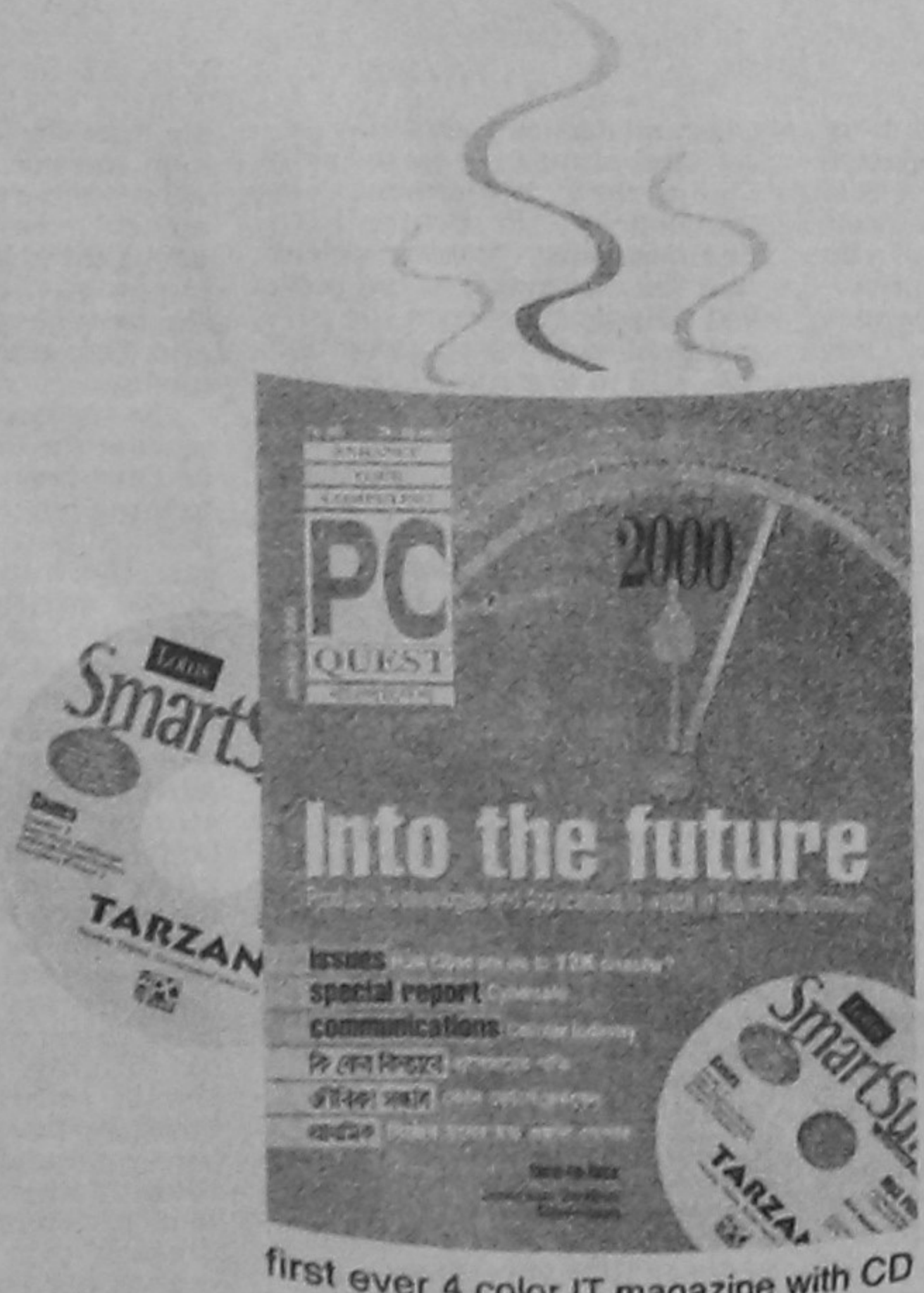
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