

Metropolitan

JS body suggests making Adamjee Jute Mills profitable

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Jute yesterday stressed the need for restoring law and order in the Adamjee Jute Mills and make it a profitable industry, reports BSS.

The committee was discussing the situation of the Adamjee Jute Mills in its meeting held at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhavan with committee chairman Mohammad Shamsul Haque in the chair.

The meeting was informed that letter of intent has already been announced for handing over the Shambhuganj Jute Mills in Mymensingh to the Sramik Karmochari Kalyan Bahumukhi Samabaya Samity. The meeting also fixed a three-month time for down payment of the estimated money.

The meeting advised the authorities concerned to keep the number of jute buying centres within 100 during the next financial year to reduce losses in the jute sector of the government.

The meeting discussed the causes of loss of those jute mills run by Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) and made some suggestions for reducing the losses.

Committee members Dr S M Mokhelesur Rahman, Sharif Khasruzzaman, Mohammad Emdadul Haque Bhuiyan, Mohammad Jalal Uddin Talukder, Alhaj Kazi Golam Morshed, Dr Mohammad Salek Chowdhury and Advocate Goutam Chakraborty attended the meeting.

Jute Secretary Mahfuzul Islam and concerned officials were present.

Danish envoy calls on Alamgir

Ambassador of Denmark in Bangladesh Finn Thilsted called on the State Minister for Planning Dr Muhiuddin Khan Alamgir at his office in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

The Danish envoy stayed with the State Minister for some time and discussed matters of mutual interest and bilateral relations. They also discussed matters relating to government's education and mass education programme.



Artist Ruhul Amin Kazal and other members of the Dhaka Mural Society working on a mural on Immortal Ekushey at the premises of National Museum in the city yesterday. — Star photo

ICDDR,B Annual Scientific Conference ends Need for more cost-effective healthcare delivery system stressed

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at a scientific research conference yesterday stressed the need for more cost-effective healthcare delivery system. They also focused on client needs and efficient management.

The former health secretary Mohammad Ali said "If the issue of research is considered as a manager shall focus on improving the hospital management. Management is the biggest challenge in this country and we have serious crisis in this."

"So, research must also address improving efficiency of management as a priority right now because there are lot of mismanagement in the health sector," he continued.

Other aspect which we must look into are cost effectiveness of the health services. Currently there are lot of duplication and misuse of funds. We must look for optimum use of resources.

There is complete lack of understanding among different agencies. In this aspect we need to develop strategies to improve communication among the agencies.

Dr Jay Anderson of USAID said that from Bangladesh perspective targeting the general population in healthcare delivery system we are looking at whether the needy people are getting the right services.

There are low performing areas and within that we have high performing areas. How do we assess them? And then how do we identify the poor and non-poor, and for what services poor should be exempted from paying and for services they pay for. For these, we don't have any answers.

There are other issues like value judgement. Who is going to subsidise the poor? Are these state, donors or NGOs? While talking about these issues insurance companies come in here.

How do we break out the subsidy contribution? How do we put price on the product we are selling?

We must focus on other issues like, quality of services and partnership. Partnership is a vital instrument for sustainability. Partnership would also look into the role of private sectors which is supposed to play a very important role.

The three day ninth annual scientific conference (ASCON) of ICDDR,B concluded yesterday. Dr D K Nath, Additional Secretary of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare declared the conference closed.

About 200 delegates from across the globe participated in the conference focusing on Health System Research: Meeting the needs of populations in Transition. A total of fifty-one scientific papers were presented in the conference.

Rickshawpullers' rally tomorrow, rickshaws won't ply

By Staff Correspondent

The rickshaw eviction resistance committee will hold a rally at city's Osmany Uddyan tomorrow to resist government's move to evict unauthorised rickshaws in the city.

A press statement yesterday said that the government has set up mobile court in a bid to bulldoze all the unauthorised rickshaws in the city.

All these rickshaws serve as earning source for thousands of rickshawpullers. Without any plan for their rehabilitation the government will make them unemployed.

"We won't let them evict rickshaws unless they give us guarantee for alternative sources of income," said one of the leaders.

The statement said that they would join the rally keeping rickshaws off the city roads. Rickshaw body makers will also join the rally. They also said that specific programmes to resist government decision will be announced at the rally.

The rally will be held at 10 in the morning.

Rotary News

Weekly meeting

The 1484th regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North will be held today at 6:00 pm at Sonargaon Hotel, says a press release.

Rtn PDG Dr Mohammad Moniruzzaman will speak on "World Mother Tongue Day" as the speaker.

Politics originating from barracks can't fulfil people's hopes: Selim

CHITTAGONG, Feb 13: Politics originated from barracks can neither nourish democracy nor fulfil people's hopes and aspirations, minister for Health and Family Welfare Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim has observed, reports BSS.

The observation was made yesterday while he was addressing as the chief guest the Juba League leaders and workers in the conference room of the local Circuit House here.

He called upon the party leaders and workers to build a stiff resistance against those trying to snatch power through creating anarchy and terrorism as part of their conspiracy against the present pro-people government led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

With the city Juba League convenor Sayed Mahmudul Huq in the chair, the conference was also addressed by Juba League leaders Sultanul Kabir, Omar Faruque Chowdhury and Mahfuzur Rahman.

Sheikh Selim said the opposition parties had now forged an unholy alliance with the anti-liberation forces with a view to crushing Bangladesh Awami League so that they could save the killers of father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

He said trial of the killers of Bangabandhu was held as per law of the land and their execution would also take place on the soil of Bangladesh to bring an end for ever to the politics of killing, conspiracy and terrorism.

Speaking about the Public Safety Bill (PSB) passed in the Jatiya Sangsad recently, he said it was formulated keeping in view the safety and security of people's life and property. The opposition parties have been trying to nullify it to protect their partymen engaged in terrorism and anarchy in the country.

Women's rally held

Another BSS report adds: Bangladesh Awami League President member Begum Zohra Tajuddin said here yesterday that Bangladesh was liberated from the clutches of "colonial rulers" with a view to building up a civil society based on equality of men and women and free from communalism.

She said the women have come forward side by side men to tackle problems of the country. Speaking as the chief guest at a rally of women at Laldighi Maidan Begum Zohra Tajuddin said the history and tradition of Bangladesh is very rich and we have fought successfully against all odds and injustices. She said women did never lag behind whenever there was national movement for achieving our objectives.

The women's rally held at Laldighi maidan Ekushey Mancha was presided over by Begum Umratul Fazal. Roushan Ara Yusuf, Raushan Jahan Sathi, Ayesha Khanom, Hasina Mohiuddin, Dr Fritikona Barua, and Prof Hamida Banu also addressed the rally.

Reunion of DU Economics Dept Mar 11

Dhaka University Economics Department Alumni Association will hold a grand millennium reunion of former students and staff of the department on March 11 at Sonargaon Hotel, reports BSS.

The Executive Committee of the association has decided to use the funds collected from advertisements and other sources on educational project including improvement of teaching and learning infrastructure of the department.

All former students have been cordially invited to join the celebrations of the millennium reunion with their spouses.

The department staff will answer calls of inquiries regarding the reunion at 9661900-59/ext-4439, 4422 and 4434, said a press release.

JSD-backed BCL to observe students' upsurge day today

Bangladesh Chhatra League, the student wing of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD), has chalked out an elaborate programme to observe the students' upsurge day today, reports BSS.

On this day in 1983, a number of students including Jafar, Joynal, Kanchan and Dipali Saha were killed in police firing during the anti Ershad movement launched by students near Shikkha Bhavan in the city.

As part of its programme, the Chhatra League will pay tribute to the martyrs who were killed during the movement and place wreaths at the memorial at Shikkha Bhavan at 11 am.

Later, students' demonstration will be staged at Attorney General Office premises demanding Ershad's trial for violating the Constitution.

Ctg-Kaptai bus strike withdrawn

CHITTAGONG, Feb 13: Chittagong-Kaptai Bus Owners' Association has withdrawn their indefinite transport strike on Chittagong-Kaptai Road today following an understanding among concerned parties, reports BSS.

Chittagong-Kaptai Bus Owners went on indefinite strike on Saturday in protest against assaulting driver of bus and damage of the vehicle on Friday by some unruly people.

A meeting of concerned parties including leaders of Bus Owners' Association, Jangser Welfare Council, Transport Workers Union and local people was held today in Rangunia thana auditorium with TNO Taslimul Islam in the chair and the meeting decided that all concerned would stop all illegal activities.

Death anniversary of Bhola Mia today

The third death anniversary of Al-Haj Reazuddin Ahmed (Bhola Mia), a freedom fighter and eminent politician, will be observed today, says a press release.

Qurankhwani will be held at his graveyard at Banani and a Milad Mahfil will be held after Maghreb prayers at House No. 207, Road No. 10, New DOHS.

Memorial fund formed at DU

Renowned businessman Muzaffar Uddin Siddiq yesterday handed over a cheque for Taka five lakh to Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof A K Azad Chowdhury to form "Syeda Anwara Memorial Fund" at Dhaka University, reports BSS.

A pious and meritorious student of the Department of Finance and Banking will be given stipend every year from the profit of the trust fund.

Pro-vice chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Shahadat Ali, Treasurer Prof Abul Hashem and Acting Chairman of Finance and Banking Prof AHM Habibur Rahman were present on the occasion.

নোটিশ

দেউলিয়া বিষয়ক বিধিমালা, ১৯৯৭ এর বিধি ৩৩(৫) মোতাবেক আনুষ্ঠানিক দাবীনার সারমর্ম

প্রতি,

১। সাক্ষর টেক্সটাইল এন্ড ফিনিসিং লিমিটেড ৪২/১/ক সেতন বাগিচা, ১ম তলা, ঢাকা।

২। জনাব, দেওয়ান সামির ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক সাক্ষর টেক্সটাইল এন্ড ফিনিসিং লিমিটেড ৪২/১/ক সেতন বাগিচা, ১ম তলা, ঢাকা।

— দেবাদার

জনাব,

এতদ্বারা জানানো যাইতেছে যে, আপনাদের নিকট আমাদের সর্বমোট ৫,০৩,২০০/- (পাঁচ লক্ষ তিন হাজার দুইশত) টাকা পাওনা ৯০ (নব্বই) দিনের মধ্যে পরিশোধ করিতে বিগত ৯/৯/১৯৯৯ইং তারিখে দেউলিয়া বিষয়ক আইন ১৯৯৭ এর ধারা ৯(২) মোতাবেক একতরফা আনুষ্ঠানিক দাবীনামা প্রদান করা হইয়াছে।

আমাদের উক্ত পাওনা মোট ১৯৯৮ ব্যাগ সিমেন্ট এর মূল্য বাবদ। উহা পরিশোধের জন্য আপনারা সোনালী ব্যাংকের বন্ধবন্ধু এডিনিউ কর্পোরেট শাখার দুটি চেক নং-৭৬৪৩১৫৫ তাং ১২/১০/৯৮ ইং (টাকা ৩,০৪,৮০০/-) এবং নং-৭৬৪৩১৫৬ তাং ২৫/১০/৯৮ ইং (টাকা ১,৯৮,৪০০/-) প্রদান করিলে সর্বশেষ ব্যাংক আপনারদের একাউন্টে অর্থের অভাবে উক্ত চেক দুটি ডিজঅনার করে।

উক্ত নোটিশে জ্ঞানাত এর শর্ত ছিলঃ

(ক) তিন মাসের মধ্যে পাওনা পরিশোধযোগ্য টাকা ৫,০৩,২০০/- (পাঁচ লক্ষ তিন হাজার দুইশত টাকা) এর শর্তহীন অগ্রত্যাহার যোগ্য ব্যাংক গ্যারান্টি অথবা

(খ) টাকা ৫,০৩,২০০/- (পাঁচ লক্ষ তিন হাজার দুইশত টাকা) এর এফ, ডি, আর বা জাতীয় সংরক্ষণপত্র।

উক্ত দাবীনামার ৯০ দিনের মেয়াদ শেষ হইয়া গিয়াছে। অতএব, আপনাদের বিরুদ্ধে দেউলিয়া আদালতে দেউলিয়া ঘোষণার জন্য আর্জি পেশ করা হইবে।

হুদাই সিমেন্ট (বাংলাদেশ) কোং লিঃ
হাউজ নং সিইএস ৭(এ), রোড নং-১১৬
গুলশান মডেল টাউন
গুলশান-ঢাকা।..... পাওনাদার

Japanese envoy, FM discuss bilateral issues

Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Kazuyoshi Urabe in a meeting with Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad yesterday discussed matters relating to mutual interest, reports UNB.

Earlier, the Japanese Ambassador called on State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury at his office.

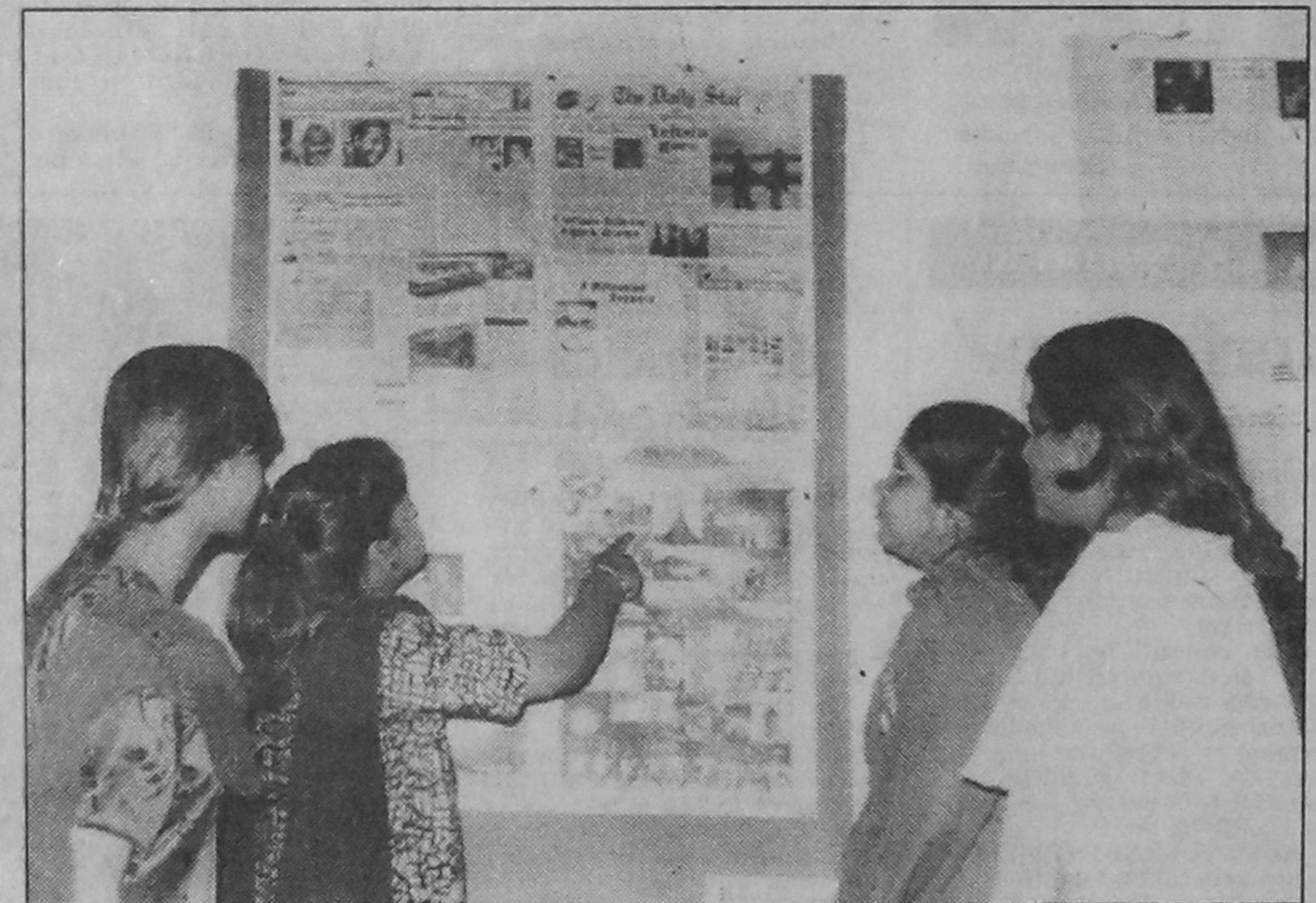
Former Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yoshimoto Tanaka and Director General, Foreign Ministry, Dr S A Samad were present during the meetings.

SALE

Factory building on one bigha land at Mauchak kalikoir. 6000 sq. ft. with other facility. Please contact : 8116469, 018228018, Fax : 8110800

SAT I & II-NSU GRE-GMAT TOEFL O & A LEVEL COACHING SPOKEN ENGLISH BEST RESULTS, Next Batch 17/02/00 Gateway

A-8/11, LALMATIA, DHAKA ৪১১২৫০, ৯১২৫০৯২, ৯২৫৪৪০



Visitors at the two-day 'New Millennium World Newspaper Exhibition' in Bangladesh at the National Museum yesterday. — Star photo

Eating Out

Sajna An Exclusive Restaurant
Serving full range of Indian dishes. Also available
*OUTSIDE CATERING *TAKEAWAY *PARTY FACILITIES
House # 10, South Avenue, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212
Phone # 8811684, 8812458, Fax # 880-8828802 E-mail: sajna@citichco.net

The Most Exclusive Restaurant In the country Come and Experience
OUTSIDE CATERING, TAKEAWAY, LUNCH BOXES
House #53, Block #B, Kamal Attaturk Avenue, Banani, Dhaka-1213
Phone# 870225, 872679 Fax # 880-2-881202

An Exclusive Restaurant SANTOOR Symphony of Dining
Call for outside catering
House No. 2, Road No. 11 (New), Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1209, Telephone: 823336, 9128737

GrameenPhone

GP-GP joins Hearts

With GP's Heart to Heart package
(Connection + Handset)

call to say you Love

Collect Cupid's Coupon during any purchase from these reputed shops. Produce the coupon to our info center to avail special package price.

Hallmark Cards All Branches in Dhaka	Wimpy	Artisti Collection	Haveli	Don Giovanni	Cafe 110	Saffron	Lazeez	One Stop Mall	Hwang-Ho	Grass Root Cafe	Cafe Aarong	Rainbow All Branches in Dhaka
---	-------	--------------------	--------	--------------	----------	---------	--------	---------------	----------	-----------------	-------------	----------------------------------