

Metropolitan

President, PM greet Putin

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday greeted Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin on his election as President of the Russian Federation, reports UNB.

In a message to Putin, Shahabuddin wished his success in his important assignment and hoped that the bonds of friendship that so happily existed between the two countries would further be strengthened in the days to come.

He also assured Putin of his highest consideration.

Wishing his success Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in her message said, "I look forward to working closely with your government for the mutual benefits of our two peoples."

7000 arsenic patients identified, JS told

Minister for Health and Family Welfare Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim said yesterday the number of arsenic patients so far identified in the country was 7000, reports BSS.

Replying to a question in the Jatiya Sangsad, he said the Local Government Engineering Department was identifying the arsenic-contaminated tubewells.

"The LGED on an urgent basis has been putting red mark on each tubewell with arsenic above the safety level," he said, adding that the people in the vulnerable areas have been advised to drink surface water after boiling it.

The health minister also said that the government had already provided treatment facilities for arsenic patients in the district hospitals and medical college hospitals. Critical patients are being treated in the Bangabandhu Medical University Hospital, he added.

Replying to another question, the minister said the number of HIV-infected patients in the country was 126 including 10 AIDS patients. Seven of them had died of this disease.

The government had launched the "Health and Population Sector Programme" all over the country from July 1, 1998 to ensure improved health services for all, he said.

Hasina greets Koirala

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina felicitated Girija Prasad Koirala yesterday on his re-appointment as the Prime Minister of Nepal, reports UNB.

In a message to Koirala, she described him as a great leader of his country and true friend of Bangladesh, which was demonstrated during his previous tenure that helped bring closer the two countries.

She hoped that the friendly relations between the two countries would be further strengthened for the mutual benefits of the two peoples.

Environmental project launch meeting today

A project launch meeting for the development of GIS database of industrial pollution sources and impacts will be held today at the World Bank Office at 3A Paribagh, says a press release.

The Survey Research Group of Bangladesh has arranged the programme. The project is part of Sustainable Environmental Management Programme (SEMP).

The World Bank is a Sub-Implementing Agency for the SEMP, responsible for the implementation of the 'Capacity Building for Environmental Legislation and Policy Analysis' component.

DU Urdu Dept admission test May 21

By DU Correspondent
The admission test of the first year honours course of the Department of Urdu and Persian Language of the Dhaka University of 1999-2000 session will be held on May 21, says a press release.

The distribution of admission forms began yesterday and will continue up to May 15 at the seminar room of the university during office hour. The admission forms are priced at Tk. 225 this year.

The students who have passed the HSC examination in 1998 and 1999 with at least second division obtaining 1150 and 1350 marks in Arts and Science group respectively will be eligible to apply for admission.

The students also have to have a minimum of 45 per cent marks in Urdu/Farsi/Arabic/Islamic Studies or 50 per cent in Bangla/English at HSC.

The admission test will be held out of 100 marks and admission seekers will have to secure at least 40 marks.

The result of the admission test will be published on May 25 and viva voce will start on May 27, the release added.

Shishir's painting show begins tomorrow

An 11-day painting and drawing exhibition of renowned artist Shishir Bhattacharjee will begin at Gallery 21 tomorrow, reports BSS.

Prof Quayum Chowdhury of Institute of Fine Arts will inaugurate the exhibition as chief guest while Matur Rahman, Editor of The Prothom Alo, will be present as special guest.

The exhibition will remain open from 10 am to 8 pm till April 10.

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NOTICE OF THE TWELFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Twelfth Annual General Meeting of National Polymer Industries Ltd. will be held on 26th April 2000 at 16.00 hours at the Factory Premises at Squibb Road, Tongi I/A, Gazipur to transact the following business:

1. To receive, Consider and adopt the audited accounts of the company for the year ended 1998-99 and Auditors' report and directors' report thereon.
2. To declare Dividend.
3. To elect Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors for the period 1999-2000 and fix their remuneration.
5. Any other business with the permission of the chair.

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Md. Zahangir Alam, FICS
Company Secretary

Dated, Dhaka.
The 28th day of March 2000

Notes

1. The Board of Directors have recommended 10% Dividend.
2. The share Register of the company will remain closed from 1st April 2000 to 26th April 2000 (Both days inclusive).
3. A member eligible to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf. The proxy form must be affixed with revenue stamp of Tk. 4.00 and should be deposited at the Registered office of the company not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting.

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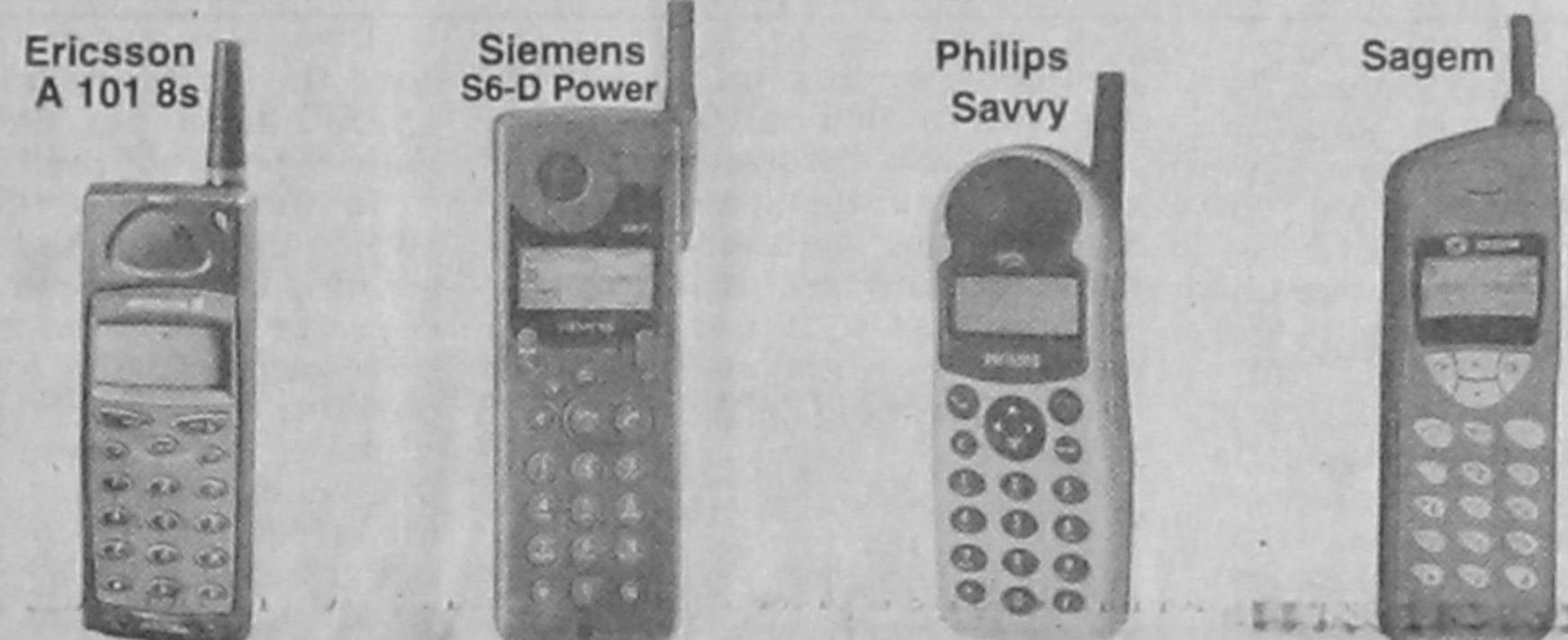
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Rahim Textile Mills Limited
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Issue of Right Shares

An Extra Ordinary General Meeting of the shareholders of Rahim Textile Mills Ltd. held on 27th March 2000 at 10.00 A.M. and passed the following special resolution.

"Resolved that the shareholders approved the proposed rights issue of ordinary share at 1:2 ratio (Two right shares against each one existing share) priced at Tk. 100.00 (at par) to shareholders whose names appeared in the Register of members on 27th March 2000 as recommended by the Directors in the meeting held on 28th February 2000"

The total amount of the issue will be Tk. 3,64,00,000.00 (take three crore sixty four lac) only

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Company Secretary

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