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Country's food supply, stock situation satisfactory: WFP

The current food supply and stock situation in Bangladesh is one of the best in the country's history, according to WFP evaluation reports UNB.

But, in the UN agency's view, ensuring access of the poor to food remained "a continuing challenge."

Dr Werner Kiene, representative of the World Food Programme in Bangladesh, disclosed the assessment in a meeting with President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday.

He made the farewell call on the President at Bangabhaban when he presented a report to the president highlighting background history of food aid to Bangladesh.

They discussed the food security and the food assistance by WFP for the people of Bangladesh, particularly in the context of improving household food security for the 30-million undernourished people who live below the poverty line.

He apprised the President of the new country programme for WFP food assistance to Bangladesh for 2001-2005. Dr Kiene said the new country pro-

gramme would channel food resources worth 200 million US dollars to Bangladesh over the coming five years.

"WFP's goal is also to help the government prepare for meeting any emergency situation like floods, cyclone and other natural disaster," he said.

The WFP country chief appreciated Bangladesh's "high degree of efficiency" in the implementation of food-assisted programmes.

President Shahabuddin thanked the WFP representative for his keen interest in the process of supplying food to the poor people and also the successful assistance to Vulnerable Group Development (VGD) and Rural Development (RD) activities in the country.

He hoped that the present level of food assistance to Bangladesh would continue in the future, which he said would contribute largely to alleviation of poverty.

Meanwhile, government leaders have announced that the country is on the thresholds of attaining self-sufficiency in food-grain following successive bumper harvesting of paddy.

But, observers say, the poorer section of society does not get enough to eat for lack of redistribution of the abundant food being produced.

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Abdul Alim's death anniversary today

By Staff Correspondent
The 26th death anniversary of renowned folk singer Abdul Alim will be observed today across the country.

Different social and cultural organisations have taken up various programmes to observe the day.

Abdul Alim Smriti Sangsad will place wreaths at the grave of the singer in the morning and hold a *midad mahfil* in the afternoon, said a press release.

Bangladesh Television and Bangladesh Betar will also broadcast special programmes highlighting life of the country's noted folk singer.

Scholarship

The University of Nottingham, United Kingdom offers Millennium Research Scholarships (full tuition fee) for PhD programme on Mechanical, Materials and Manufacturing Engineering, and Management, says a press release.

Further information about this scholarship can be obtained from Ms Shajeda Khatun, at the British Council, 5 Fuller Road, Dhaka 1000, at telephone 8618905-7.

Govt to donate Tk 50 lakh for self-employment of youths

The government will donate Tk 50 lakh from its Youth Welfare Fund for engaging youths in self-employment vocations, reports UNB.

The decision was taken in a meeting of the board of directors of 'Youth Welfare Fund' held in the city yesterday with State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader in the chair.

"In a bid to create a tempo of self-employment across the country, the government is providing project-wise donations to private and voluntary youth organisations," said a handout.

The government has distributed over Tk 1.40 crore among 1,275 youth organisations so far and the organisations created employment opportunities for a large number of unemployed youths through various income-generating projects at grassroots level.

SNS condemn's Nishi's killing

By Staff Correspondent
Sammilita Nari Samaj (SNS) has strongly protested and condemned the brutal killing of a five-year-old child in the city's Kadamtali area on Sunday.

In a statement, SNS leaders said that the barbaric torture leading to the death of the five year old has crossed all previous records in history.

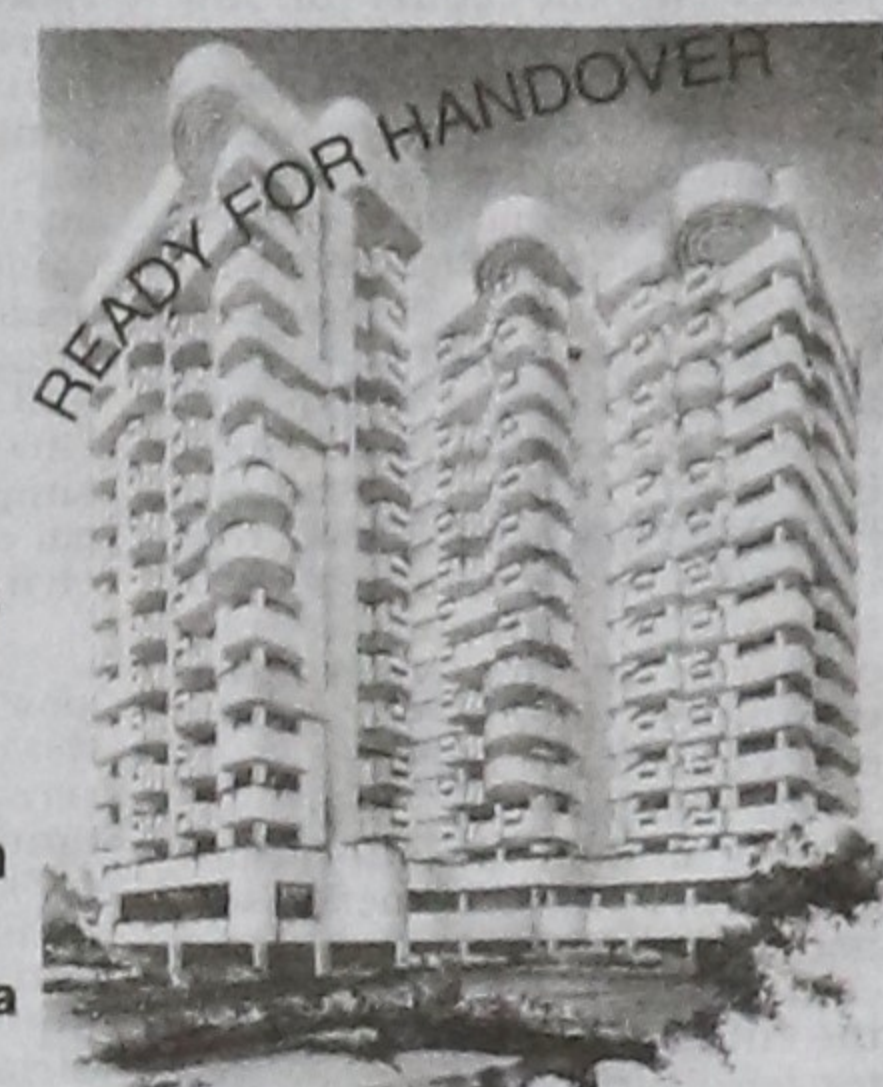
Nishi Akhter died of burn injuries at Gano Sashtya Kendra Hospital after being tortured by the couple who employed her mother as a house-maid.

SNS leaders said that the couple had been torturing both Nishi and her mother for along period and the process had ended with the death of the child. We can't accept such barbaric incident in the human society, the statement said.

SNS demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of the couple — Anwar and his wife Nasreen — for the killing.

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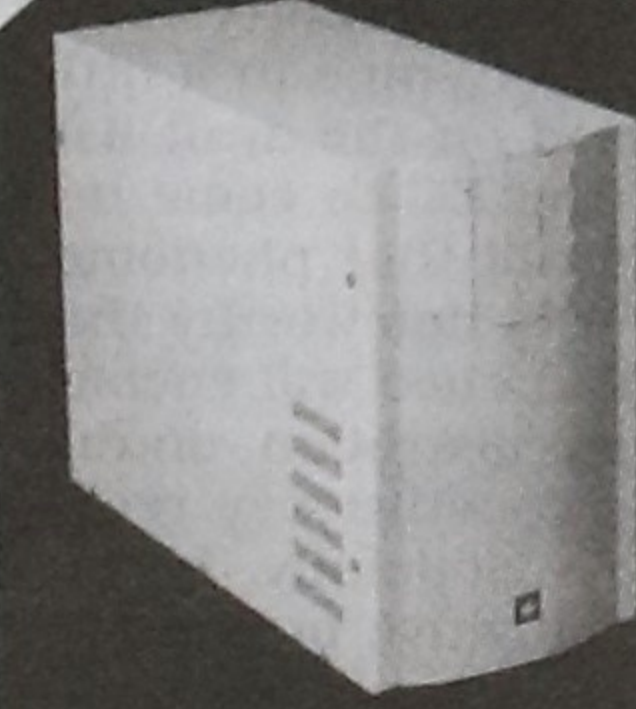
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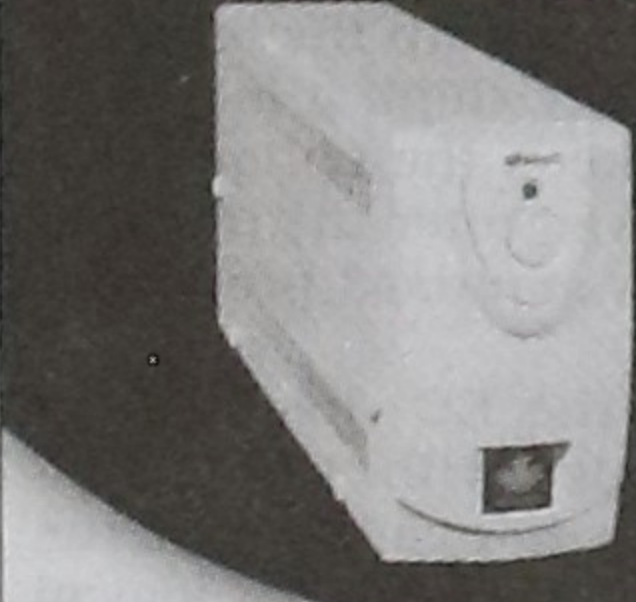
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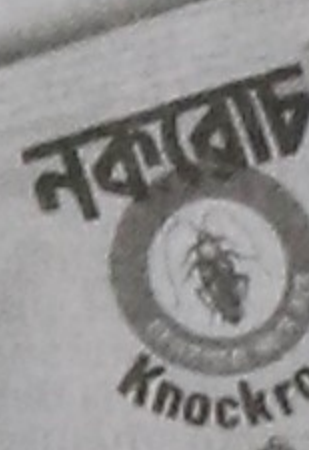
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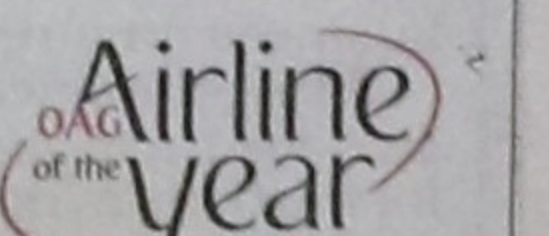
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