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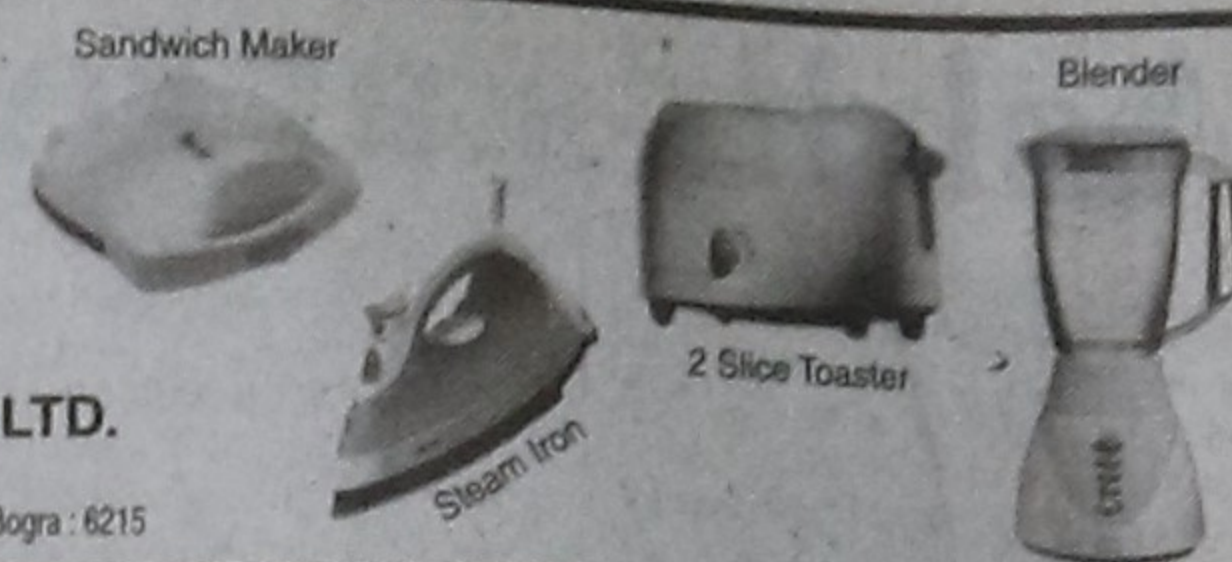


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# Kim for effective ESCAP

New executive secy talks to *The Daily Star*

By Shahriar Karim

New Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) Kim Hak-Su has taken an initiative to restructure the organisation to help the member countries in their development effort in more efficient and productive way.

The initiative would be based on a report prepared by UNOPS that has been given the task to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of ESCAP. The report is expected by January next year.

I have taken the initiative to ensure more efficient and productive ESCAP and do whatever is needed to ensure a bureaucratic-slag free organisation to play more effective role in member countries' development effort," said Kim in an exclusive interview with the *Daily Star* yesterday.

This is first such initiative by ESCAP after its birth to make the organisation come up with more sharp-edged and practical approach.

Sitting at his hotel suite, the new ESCAP chief, who is now in the city to attend the two-day ICC Asia Conference beginning today, talked about his vision for the development of this region and the areas where he wants to make some changes during his tenure.

High on his agenda is to ensure positive directions in key areas such as poverty alleviation, environmental issues and strengthening the negotiation skills of the developing nations in international forums for equitable and sustainable growth of the region.

"The developing and the least developed countries lack negotiation skills, and I want to focus on that area and would arrange training programmes for the member countries for strengthening their trade and environmental negotiation skills," Kim said.

He said that ESCAP would try to come up with

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People run for cover after home-made crackers were exploded at the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal's rally in front of BNP central office at Naya Paltan yesterday.

# Oman Airlines to pay Jarina

By Staff Correspondent

Oman Airlines will pay compensation to Jarina khatun as soon as she comes to its office in the city, officials of the Airlines told *The Daily Star* yesterday.

"The Airlines is doing it on humanitarian ground. It would help the poor widow," Country Manager of the Airlines Ismail R Chowdhury said.

He went on, "We are looking for Jarina and we will hand over 5000 dirhams as soon as she comes to us."

The Airlines has already sent a message to Jarina's village home in Muradnagar in Comilla.

Jarina, on her way back home from Abu Dhabi after working there for one and a half years, arrived at Zia International Airport (ZIA) in an Oman Airlines flight Saturday morning and found that her hard earned savings (5000 dirhams) kept in her briefcase were missing.

The country manager said, "We do not know where the incident took place and who is responsible for it. But we are paying the money for the betterment and reputation of our Airlines."

He went on, "We hope Jarina will be our permanent client."

The Airlines is also conducting an investigation to know the actual incident.

Meanwhile, Cantonment police continued investigating pilferage of money from Jarina's briefcase.

Some loaders present in the luggage area at ZIA Saturday morning were picked up for interrogation, police said.

Police yesterday took Jarina ZIA for identifying two Biman officials who refused to take complaint from her following the incident.

The *Daily Star* in an editorial on November 6 demanded payment of compensation to Jarina.

# Charge sheet on Shamsi murder soon

By Staff Correspondent

The Detective Branch of Police will submit the charge sheet in Ammar Shamsi murder case shortly, sources said.

"It is a very clear case and we will submit the charge sheet as soon as we receive the post-mortem report," Abdul Hannan, Deputy Commissioner of DB, said.

He said the investigation is complete and the four accused made judiciary statement admitting their involvement in the killing, DC said.

"We have done everything required to investigate the case although we could not save the boy."

The four young men allegedly abducted and strangled Ammar Shamsi, an O-Level examinee from Nalla Memorial Fleur Tutorial at Dhanmondi, at the National Park in Gazipur on October 16.

A case was filed with Lalbagh police station the following day

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# Signing of WorldTel deal delayed

By Staff Correspondent

The contract between the Ministry of Post and Telecommunication (MOPT) and WorldTel for installation of 300,000 fixed phones, which was scheduled to be signed last week, is now likely to be signed in the last week of this month, MOPT sources said.

WorldTel sought a fresh date for signing of the contract in the last week of this month because of its inconvenience as regards the earlier date.

The company would install 300,000 land-based telephones in the city, putting an end to monopoly of the state-owned Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board (BTB), one source pointed out.

WorldTel is likely to invest 300 million US dollars in the project with 10 per cent equity to the government. It would also give 10 million dollars in two phases before starting the network.

The government will get 2.5 per cent of the revenue the company will earn from licence and frequency fees. On the other hand, BTB will get 60 per cent of the revenue from domestic and international calls.

Meanwhile, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the country's capital market watch-

dog, might request the MOPT to make provision in the contract for offer of WorldTel share for the public.

"Foreign companies with good fundamentals should offer at least 20 to 25 per cent shares for the public since those companies utilise the country's resources," a top official of SEC said.

The SEC is seriously considering making provisions for compulsory listing of foreign companies specially those investing in energy, power and telecommunication sectors, he mentioned.

**Ban on Tafsir Mahfil**

**Jamaat calls 96-hr hartal in Ctg from Nov 13**

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Nov 9: Commissioner of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) A.T.M. Ahmedul Huq today issued an order restricting the gathering of over four persons, carrying of arms and explosives and holding of any rally or procession in the areas around parade ground for

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# JCD rally under bomb attack

By Staff Correspondent

A rally of BNP's student front Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal came under bomb attack at its venue in front of BNP central office at Naya Paltan yesterday.

Three Molotov cocktails were hurled on the gathering immediately after BNP Secretary-General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan started delivering speech as chief guest at about 4:25 p.m.

The city (south) unit of JCD organised the rally in front of BNP central office yesterday to mark the "National Revolution and Solidarity Day" which happens to be on November 7. A colourful procession was also to be brought out.

Presided over by JCD's south unit president Sagir Ahmed, it was addressed, among others, by city BNP President Sadek Hossain Khoka MP and General Secretary Abdus Salam, and former JCD leaders Amanullah Aman MP, Khaiirul Kabir Khokon and Nazimuddin Alam MP.

Three Molotov cocktails were hurled on the gathering immediately after BNP Secretary-General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan started delivering speech as chief guest at about 4:25 p.m.

Hundreds of JCD leaders and activists were seen scrambling for safety. Mannan Bhuiyan left the venue unhurt, but city BNP President

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A Seminar on "Application of HPLC Technique in Biochemical Research" will be organized by the Bangladesh Biochemical Society on November 11, 2000 at 10 : 00 A.M. at the auditorium of Atomic Energy Centre, Dhaka.

Dr. M.A. Malek, Principal Scientific Officer, IFRB and Mr. K. V. Venugopalan, President, Waters India (Pvt.) Ltd. will speak on the topic. Members of the Society are cordially invited to attend the Seminar.

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