

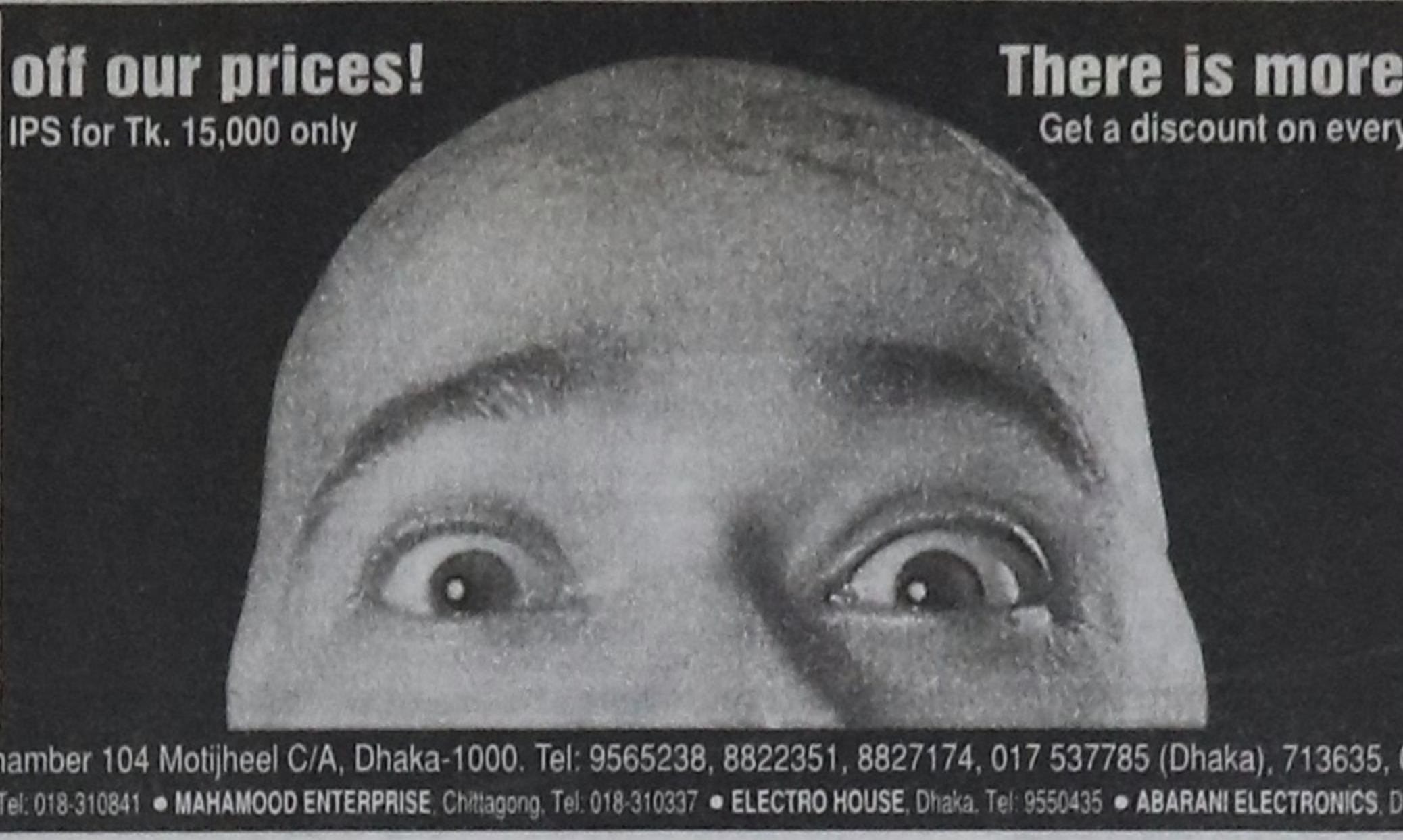
**Corrigendum-2**  
The last date of submission of bids for supply of instruments and spares for Fenchuganj 90 MW Combined Cycle Power Station under Power Plant Rehabilitation Project (Phase-2) against Japan Debt Relief Grant Assistance Fund is hereby extended up to 09.12.2001 from 21-11-2001. All other terms and conditions mentioned in the notice shall remain as before.  
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**Biman to carry 30,000 Hajj pilgrims**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
After nearly five and a half years, the Biman Bangladesh will fly government ballotee Hajj pilgrims entirely on its own flights next year.  
Three DC-10 planes of Biman will fly 30,000 Hajj pilgrims from Dhaka to Jeddah in 54 flights. The remaining pilgrims are expected to fly on other airlines.  
This time, Biman will not charter any flight from other airlines since its frequency of flights to the region has increased, sources said. This is because Biman, in the course of last year,

suspended its flights to some other countries.  
A total of 55,000 Bangladeshis will perform Hajj in 2002. Five agreements have already been signed between Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia in this regard.  
The government will also hire residences in Saudi Arabia for ballotee pilgrims this year, while the non-ballotees have to arrange their own accommodation before seeking visa.  
Last year, the national flag carrier transported 25,401 people on its own flights and chartered 747 and DC-10 flights of other airlines during Hajj.  
Earlier this year, Biman floated tenders twice to charter flights from other airlines for Hajj 2002.  
A source said a decision to reach an agreement with an American company was also taken, but the new government cancelled it for lack of transparency on Biman's part in coming to the agreement.  
Another source, however, said the government cancelled the earlier tender because the rate of chartered flights have gone down drastically following the September 11 terrorist attacks in the USA.



PHOTO: STAR  
Bangladesh Hindu-Buddhist-Christian Oikya Parishad staged a demonstration in the city yesterday protesting attacks on the minorities in different parts of the country.

**JS adopts thanksgiving motion on PM's speech**

**UNB, Dhaka**  
Discussions on a motion thanking Prime Minister Khaleda Zia for her October 19 address to the nation ended in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday without participation of any minister or senior leader from the ruling coalition.  
A total of 10 members -- four from ruling BNP, three from JP (Ershad) and one each from Jamaat, KSJL and independent -- took part in the discussion in one-hour allotted time spreading over two days.  
Prof Shahidul Islam of BNP moved the proposal for giving

thanks to the prime minister for what he termed her "historic and directional speech" over radio and television on October 19.  
Parliament adopted the thanks giving motion yesterday by voice vote on completion of a one-hour discussion marked with flowery praises as well as criticisms, mainly for deteriorating law and order situation.  
Taking part in the discussion, Krishak Sramik Janata League chief Kader Siddiqui said, "We don't want to hear speeches, we want security, the rule of law, and an end to terrorism."  
He said although the prime minister had spoken of repealing the Public Safety Act, people were arrested under this draconian law in the last hartal.  
"I am ready to give thanks for work, not for talk," he said.  
Jamaat member Shah Ruhul Quddus hailed the Oct 19 speech as historic and epoch-making. The prime minister had thanked the President, the Chief Advisor and the Chief Election Commissioner for presenting a free and fair election, he said, but it would have been better if she had thanked Golam Azam for his efforts in introducing the caretaker system.

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**DU Peace Studies Dept invites applications**

**UNB, Dhaka**  
Peace and Conflict Studies Department of Dhaka University has invited applications from the eligible students for admission to its one-year MSS programme under 1999-2000 academic year.  
The admission seekers who will sit for the admission test on December 28 must have completed honours or equivalent exams in 1998 or 1999 from any of the following departments of any university, said a press release.  
The subjects are Political Science, International Relations, Public Administration, Economics, Sociology, Anthropology, History, Geography, Law, Social Welfare, Social Works, Mass Communication and Journalism, Islamic History and Islamic Studies.  
Those who have been waiting for results of the same examinations in the above mentioned subjects will also be considered eligible but their results must be published before the admission.  
Third class/division in any examinations will be considered as disqualification, the release added.  
The application forms can be collected from the department's chairman office during office hour by depositing Tk 250 from Saturday. The last date of submission of the application is December 13.

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