

BRTC bus service for women

BSS, Dhaka
Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) has introduced bus services on two more routes in the city for the working women.

The state-owned organisation on Sunday introduced the bus services on the routes—Gulistan to Nutun Bazar via Farmgate, Banani and Gulshan-2 and Gulistan to Gulshan-1 via Farmgate and Mahakhali, said a press release.

Earlier on October 25, BRTC introduced special bus services for working women in the capital as per the directive of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia.

BRTC further said that it would consider introducing more buses on other routes.

DU BBA admission test tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka
The admission test of the BBA programme of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) of Dhaka University will be held on Friday at 10 am.

The seat plan for the test is as follows: Admit card no 1001-1550 at IBA building, 1551-2680 at Faculty of Business Studies Building, 2681-2980 at Lecture Theatre Building, 2981-3537 at IER Building, and 3538-4500 at Arts Building on the 3rd and 4th floor.

Detailed seat plan will be displayed on the bulletin board of the respective examination centres. Candidates have been advised to report to their respective examination hall by 9:30 am.



Students of Pioneer Dental College staged a demonstration in the city yesterday to press for their 20-point demands. PHOTO STAR

PM calls for concerted efforts to restore ME peace

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Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday called for an end to violence and mindless acts of destruction in the Occupied Territories to restore peace in the Middle East.

"We firmly believe that peace cannot be achieved while occupation continues," she said in a message on the eve of International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people.

"We strongly urge Israel to reverse all actions that have resulted in death, suffering, destruction and economic hardship for the Palestinian people," she said.

She said Bangladesh's support for the cause of the Palestinian people has been principled and consistent. "It emanates from our unflinching commitment to the cause of the oppressed people everywhere," she added.

Khaleda observed that concerted and more vigorous effort by the international community was required for restoration of the peace process.

The Prime Minister pointed out that Bangladesh believes that the full implementation of all the relevant UN General Assembly and Security Council resolutions, in particular resolutions 242 and 338, hold the key to a permanent and just solution to the question of Palestine.

She said the observance of the Day symbolises the commitment of the international community to

the just cause of the Palestinian people.

"Its observance this year would assume relevance only if there is meaningful progress within the next year towards an end to the violence and sufferings of the Palestinian people and the establishment of a sovereign, independent state of Palestine with Jerusalem as its capital," she added.

Jute can be used to produce wood substitutes

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Experts at a workshop yesterday said jute can be used to produce wood substitute for making doors, windows, chairs, tables, and a number of gadgets for vehicles including railway coaches.

They said that jute can also be converted into corrugated sheet to

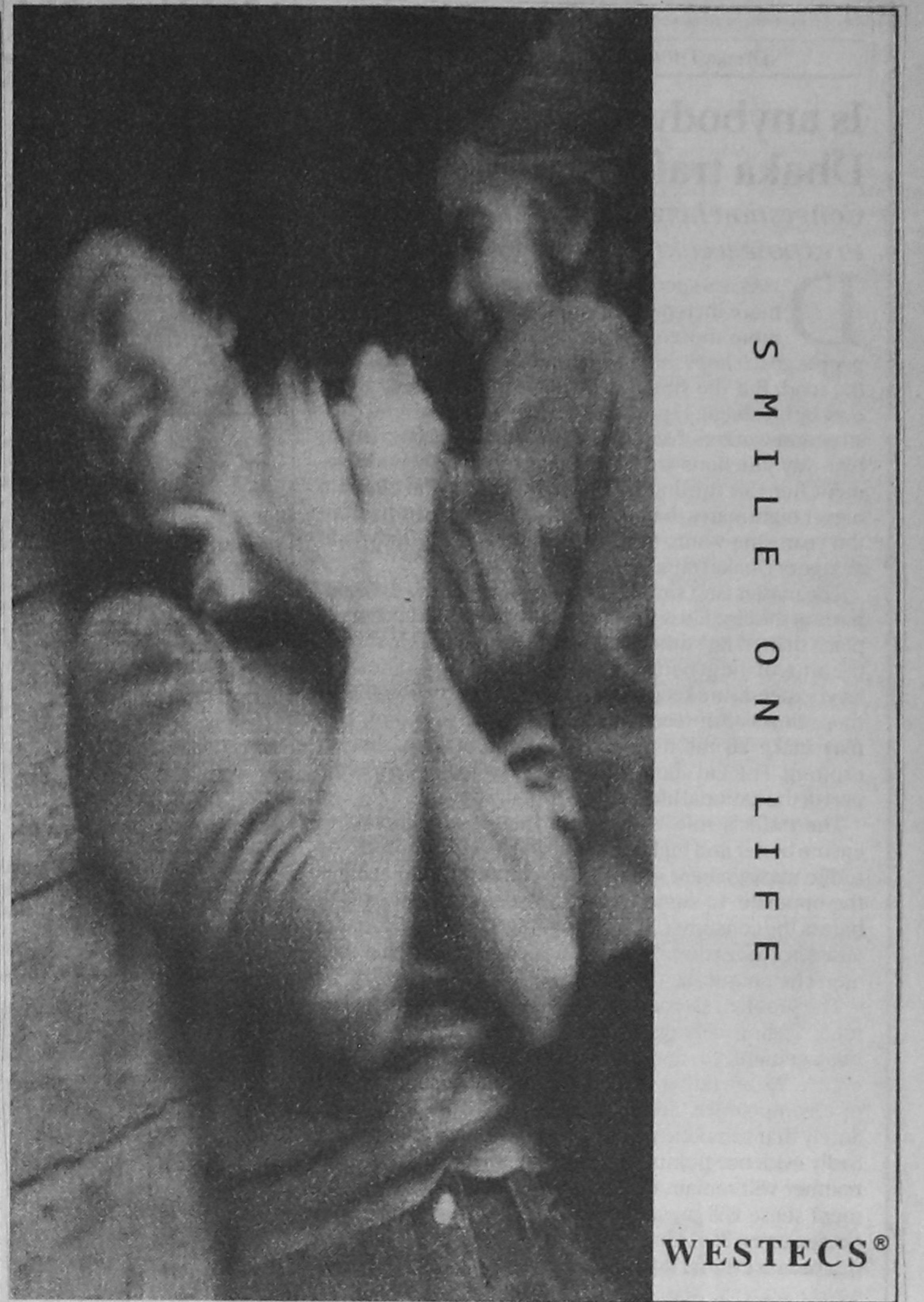
replace tin and asbestos which will help preserve the forest to maintain ecological balance.

The experts stated this at the workshop on "Presentation on diversification of jute" organised by International Jute Organisation (IJO) which is presently in a transition to a new entity called "International Jute Study Group (IJSG)".

Jute Minister Hafiz Uddin Ahmed attended the workshop as chief guest.

The workshop was also addressed by Jute Secretary Sarwar Kamal and representative of European Commission (EC) Halim while officer-in-charge of the IJSG, Dr R Mondal presented the keynote paper on diversification of jute products.

The workshop was told that the IJSG and delegation of European Commission have already selected a dozen of projects involving the diversification of jute products with an investment proposal of about 100 crore.



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