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Biman ferries 21,000 hajj pilgrims

UNB, Dhaka

Biman Bangladesh Airlines completed its pre-hajj flight operation vesterday ferrying a total of 21,000 pilgrims to Saudi Arabia.

Of the total, 3,515 pilgrims travelled as ballottees in 13 hajj flights while 15,750 as nonballottees in 60 flights on Dhaka-Jeddah route, Civil Aviation Ministry said.

The other pilgrims went to Saudi Arabia by the regular flights of Bangladesh Biman.

Biman's post-hajj return flights will begin from February 27 and continue up to March 26 to bring the hajis back home, a handout of the ministry said.

This year, Biman operated all hajj flights exclusively with its own three DC 10-30 aircraft. The flights were monitored 24 hours by four-member coordination committee.

CMP introduces computer networking system

BSS, Chittagong

Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) introduced Computer Networking System on Friday.

While inaugurating the system Inspector General of Police (IGP) Modabbir Hossain Chowdhury said the system would be introduced in all police stations across the country in phases.

The system has been developed by using LAN (Local Area Network) and WAN (Wide Area Network) by a local IT firm at a cost of Tk 2 lakh for the first time in the Police department, said CMP Commissioner Mohammad Shahidullah Khan while talking to BSS vesterday.

He said the system would help know the latest situation as well as go through the previous records. Offices of different departments in the CMP headquarter including crime, traffic, detective branch and special branch are

through LAN. Two deputy commissioner of fices and three assistant commis sioner offices which are located at different places in the city will be

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onnected through WAN

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Sammilita Sangskritik Jote accorded a reception to the Language Movement veterans at the Central Shaheed Minar premises in the city yesterday as part of its Ekushey programmes.

of Hightech, said people of all ages

are buying CDs and books on in-

formation technology. CDs on

education and juvenile issues,

carrying price tags from Taka 150

software, their prices will go

has also erected a stall at the fair

has sold software of Taka 20,000 in

the last 15 days. Some other stalls

- Systech, Computer Tomorrow

and Computer Barta - are also

doing brisk business, selling their

the 240 stalls at the fair this year

include research works, essays and

novels on the literature of the

country, science, the language

movement, information technol-

with translation from the wizards

of world's literary pantheon and

new editions of the tours de force

also remarkable.

The stalls are also bedecked

ogy and the war of liberation.

The publications that have hit

"With the increase in sales of

Daffodil Multi-Media, which

to 300, are going like hot cakes.

down," he added.

CDs and IT books.

Ekushey book fair CDs, IT books draw huge crowd

BSS, Dhaka

Streams of people are crowding the Ekushey Book Fair at Bangla Academy premises every day.

So far 1,300 new books have arrived in the fair. But books on information technology (IT) have emerged as the main crowd-puller in the book fair.

As book lovers of all ages have taken keen interest in books on information technology and software, sales of the items have gone up significantly, software vendors

Seven to eight software manufacturing and marketing agencies as well as publishers of books on information technology have put up stalls at the fair that was opened by Prime Minister Khaleda Zia on February 1.

Hightech Professionals, a soft-CMP Commissioner's Room ware manufacturing and marketing firm, sold software compact discs (CDs) of Tk 150,000 in the last 15 days. Predominantly, children and the youth constitute its clientele at the fair. Samsuddoha, marketing officer

Language Movement memorial corner at Nat'l Museum

BSS, Dhaka

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Selina Rahman yesterday inaugurated the Language Movement Memorial Corner at the National Museum.

The portrait of the martyrs and their dresses, other used items and different publications on language movement have been put on display in the Language Movement Memorial Corner.

The minister said setting up of the memorial corner is an effort to teach the future generation the real history of the language movement.

They (future generations) would know about the language movement and it would inspire them towards building the country and raise voice against injustice, she said.

Presided over by Prof. SMA Faez, the function was addressed, among others, by Cultural Affairs Secretary Nazmul Ahsan Chowdhury and Director General of Na-Museum Di Hilkhar ul of Bangla literature. Their sales are Alam.

Tributes paid to Gen Osmany

BSS, Dhaka

Tributes were paid to the memory of Bangabir General MAG Osmany, the Commander-in-Chief of the War of Liberation, at a discussion in the city yesterday on the occasion of his 18" anniversary of death.

The speakers recalled the great contributions of the valiant son of the soil to the liberation war and democracy.

They said his name had already been written in golden letters in the history of the War of Liberation and as a champion of parliamentary democracy.

Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj, Presidium members of Bangladesh Awami League Abdul Jalil, MP and Suranjit Sengupta, MP, President of Bangladesh Workers Party Rashed Khan Menon, General Secretary of | youths could create such jobs. Gono Forum Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, acting president of the Jatiya Party (S-M) Sheikh Shaheedul Islam, former chief justice Syed Kamaluddin Hossain, Editor of Manabzamin Matiur Rahman Chowdhury and CPB president Manjurul Ahsan Khan took part in the discussion.

Parishad organised the discussion on "Mother Language and Independence" at the Osmany Memorial Auditorium. Syed Abul Hossain Khwaja, president of the parishad, presided over the dis-

urging the government and the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs to observe the death anniversary of Bangabir Gen MAG Osmany at | dressed by Director of the School the national level."

Proper IT edn can create huge jobs: Khasru IUB computer club opens in Ctg

BSS, Chittagong

Commerce Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury said that information technology (IT) could create enormous employment opportunities like the garment

young generation should be equipped with proper education

on IT to avail the opportunities. He was addressing the inaugural function of the Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) Computer Club, Chittagong Zone at the Chittagong Club auditorium in the city.

Referring to the garment sector where more than a million people had been employed, the minister said providing IT education to

Khasru said the present government attaches priority to expansion of IT education in the country.

"It would be a tremendous success for us if 50 per cent of our total population could be provided international standard IT education," the minister said.

would also help unemployed youths to open a new horizon of trade and business and employment as well.

Speaking on the occasion, IUB for this purpose. Vice Chancellor Prof Bazlul Mobin Chowdhury said the university is mary and Mass Division confer-Shahjahan Siraj said "I am keen to provide proper IT education to youths and help improve their skills in this sector.

The function was also adof Business of IUB Prof Borhan

Uddin, Governing Council member of IUB Habibullah Khan, Deputy Registrar of IUB Syed Sadat Almas Kabir, Dr. M. Nuruzzaman and member of the computer club

Noureen Islam. The minister later inaugurated But, the minister said, the the computer club - established by IUB students of Chittagong. The major objectives of the club are to arrange seminars, workshops, programming contest and software exhibition to help improve the skills and efficiency of IT

Stipend for working children

students in Chittagong.

UNB, Dhaka

The reconstituted trustee board of the Children Welfare Trust in its first meeting vesterday decided to award stipend to 400 working children this year.

Under the stipend scheme, Highlighting the prospect of primary- and secondary-level Bangabir Osmany Smriti the e-commerce, he said this children get Tk 400 and Tk 600 each respectively, along with Tk 500 for educational utilities.

Tk one crore has been donated from Prime Minister's Relief Fund

The meeting, held in the Prience room with Prime Minister's Primary and Mass Division Advisor Prof Jahanara Begum in the chair, also discussed budget allocation, fund, stipend, teacher training and other related issues.

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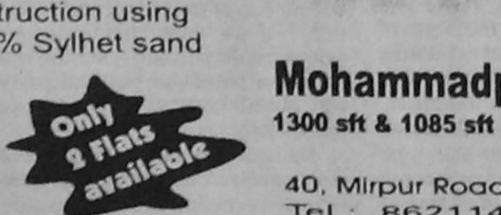
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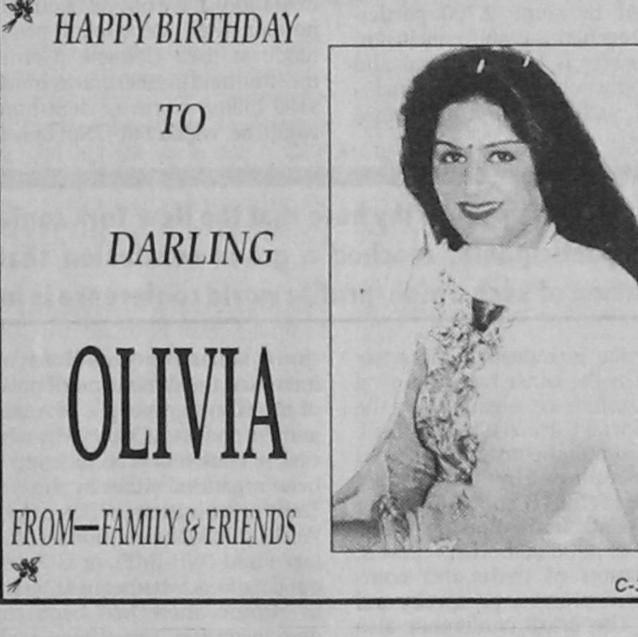
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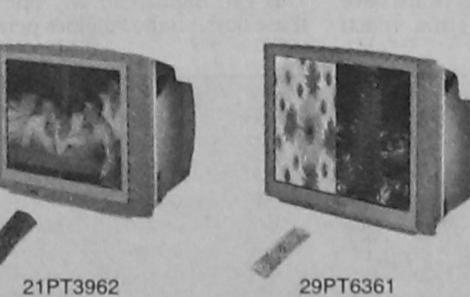
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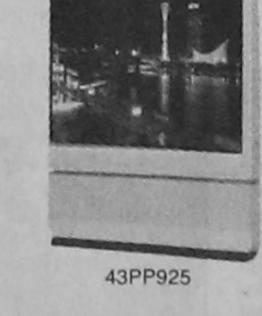


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