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City population growing by 3 lakh a year

UNB, Dhaka

Population of Dhaka City, which now stands at one crore, is increasing by about 3 lakh every year, aggravating the environment pollution and causing multifarious problems.

Housing and Public Works Minister Mirza Abbas said this at a national seminar on "City to City Cooperation" held at the RAJUK auditorium on the occasion of World Habitat Day 2002.

The growth of new habitations in low-lying areas within and around the city are responsible for creating water-logging in the capital, said the minister and stressed the need for a long-term planning.

He said housing problem is taking a serious turn not only in the Dhaka city, but also across the country. He called for building houses under proper plan keeping in view economic use of land.

The government is making all-out efforts to provide accommodation to the people, the minister said and urged the private developers and entrepreneurs to help resolve the housing problem.

According to a statistics, there was a shortage of 35 lakh housing units in the country in 1993. Four

years later, the figure went up to 43 lakh and it crossed the 55 lakh-mark in 2000.

The demand for housing units in the capital alone increases by nearly 70,000 and across the country by about 3,00,000 a year.

RAJUK, however, has taken up many projects such as Purbachal, Uttara (third phase) and Jhilmil to meet the growing demand.

In addition, construction of 500 apartments for government officials, 600 flats for middle- and lower-income group and development of 2000 plots in the city are underway.

JSD for united movement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) yesterday underscored the need for a united movement to lead the country towards democracy and economic progress.

Speaking at a press conference at the National Press Club, JSD General Secretary Hasanul Haq Inu said although three elections were held under the caretaker government, the future of democracy is still bleak in the country.

The press conference was arranged on the occasion of the forthcoming national conference of JSD at Pallan maian in the city on October 27.

In a written statement, Inu said all the previous governments including the present four-party alliance one, have failed to establish the rule of law in the country.

He said state-sponsored violence and corruption, repression on women and children and attack on the members of the minority community have shattered the hopes and aspirations of the common people.

About internal party-politics, Inu alleged that JSD President ASM Abdur Rob and Executive President Noor Alam Jiku are carrying out separate activities.

16 arms seized

BSS, Dhaka

Police recovered 16 firearms, three other arms and 31 bullets during their ongoing countryside drive in the last 24 hours till 6:00 am yesterday.

They also arrested 1487 people, including four identified criminals, during the period, a police headquarters press release said.

Fifteen persons were arrested in connection with the arms recovery and seven cases were filed under the Arms Act against them.

Police also recovered five explosives during the period.

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**Dacoity at ex-minister's house**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

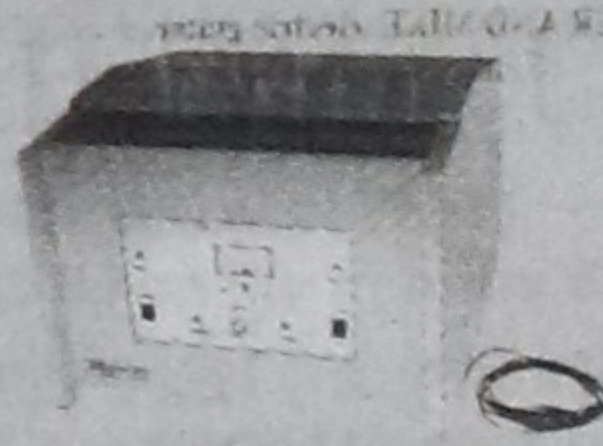
An armed gang looted about TK 30 lakh in cash, gold ornaments and other valuables from the residence of a former state minister in Siragada, Bibhan area in the early hours of yesterday, police said.

The gang entered the bedroom of the minister, wife of former state minister for Siragada, on the first floor. They tied up...

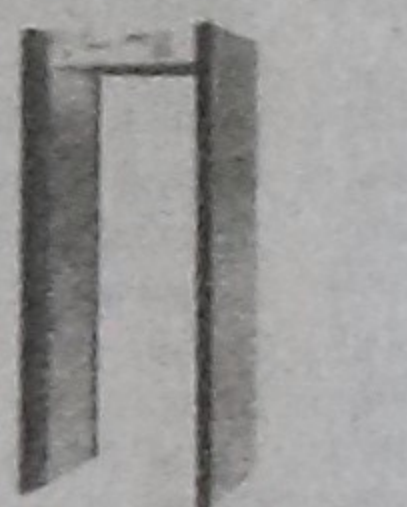
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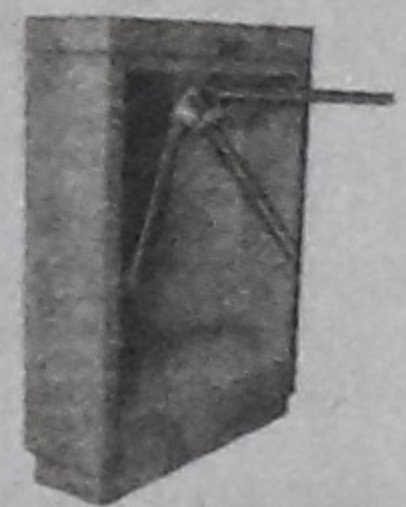
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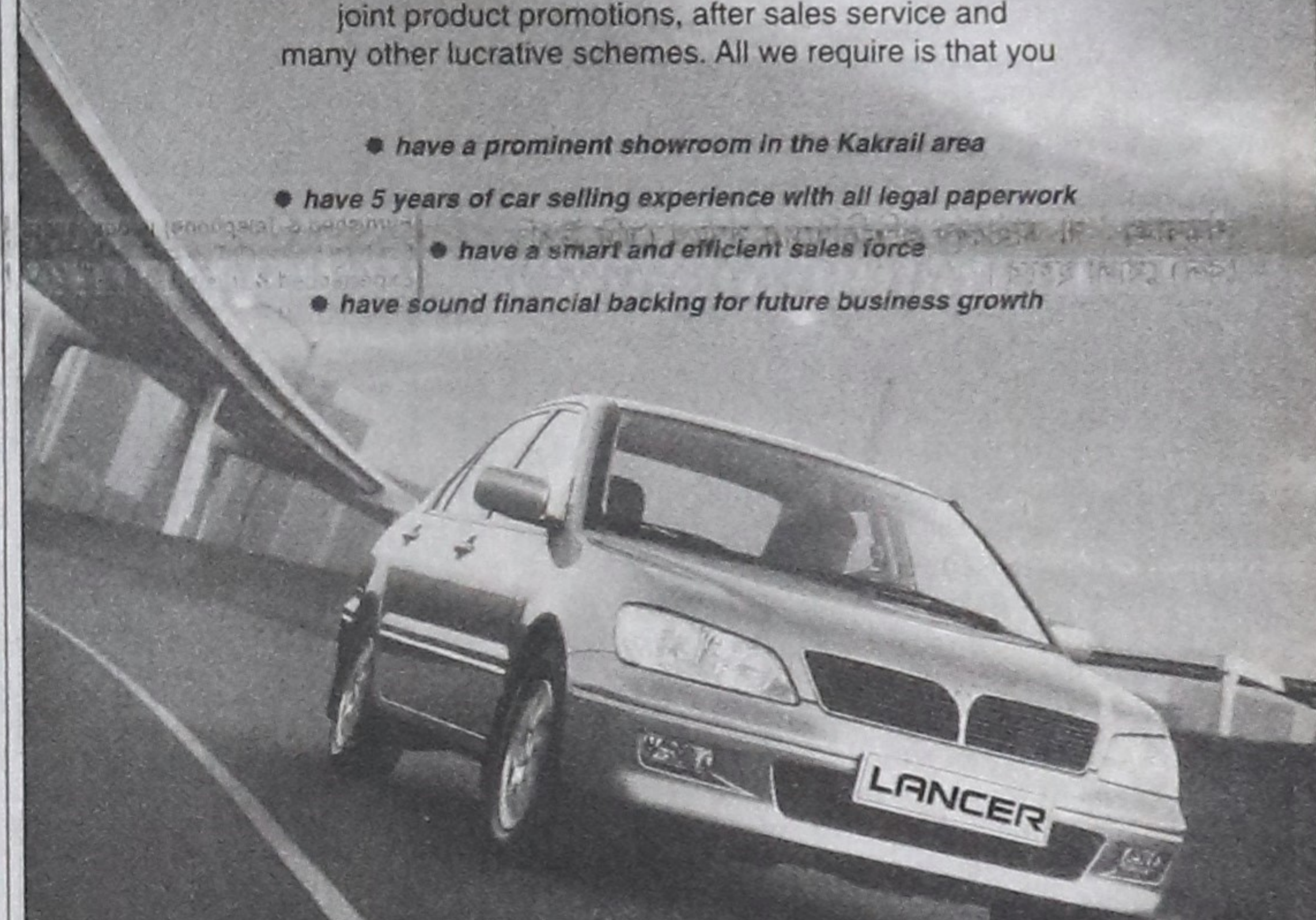
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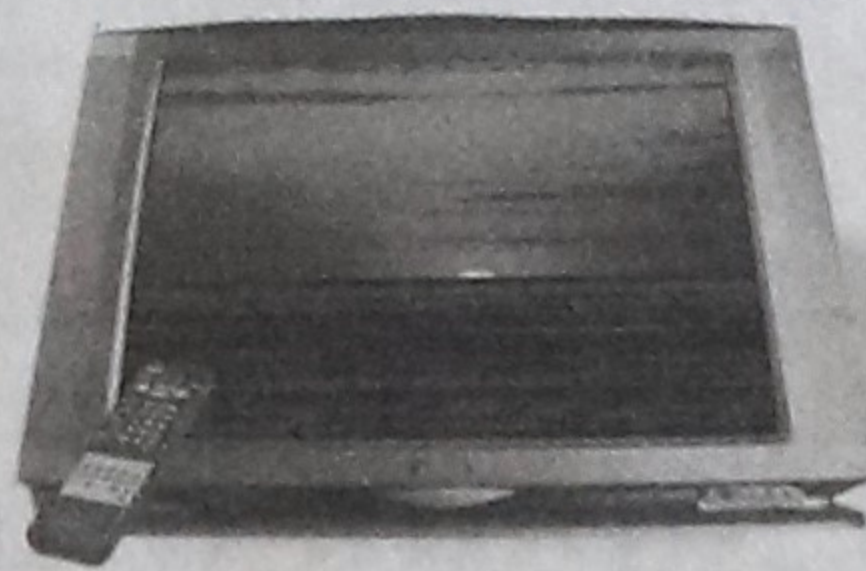
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