

BNCC cadets to help keep Ctg city clean

UNB, Chittagong

The Chittagong City Corporation has decided to deploy 2,000 cadets from the battalion of Bangladesh National Cadet Corps (BNCC) to help the civil administration keep the port city neat and clean.

The decision was taken on Tuesday at a coordination meeting held at the CCC auditorium with Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury in the chair.

Battalion adjutant of BNCC Karnaphuli Regiment Major Zafarul Alam presented a paper at the meeting focussing on various

obstacles, including environmental hazards, to the efforts in modernising the city.

The meeting discussed ways to stop hill cutting, free the Karnaphuli River from pollution, excavate Chaktai Khal and remove the city garbage.

Speaking on the occasion, the city mayor sought cooperation of all in implementing various short- and mid-term schemes to make Chittagong a model city.

Discussion on Sufia Kamal

The Sanjher Maya Trust organised a discussion on the works of poet Begum Sufia Kamal in the city yesterday to mark the third death anniversary of the poet, says a press release.

Director of Bangla Academy and litterateur Selina Hossain and Prof Dr. Niaz Zaman took part in the discussion on the works of the poet while Noorjan Begum presided.

Chairperson of the trust Dr Sultana Zaman also spoke on the occasion. Secretary of the trust Nargis Zafar gave the address of welcome.

Farzin Tia, Shahana Arshad Rapu and Iffat Ara Dewan rendered devotional songs at the programme held on the Liberation War Museum premises.

The programme was conducted by Keya Chowdhury.

'Mother of Pearl', 'Sanjher Maya', 'Muktiuddha Mukti Joy' and 'Sufia Kamal Rachana Samagra' are among the books of poet Sufia Kamal which have been published recently.

IBA admission test tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

The admission test for the BBA Programme of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) under University of Dhaka will be held at 10:00am tomorrow.

The seat plan for the test is as follows: admit card Nos. 1001-2000: Udayan School (DU campus); 2001-2528: Institute of Education and Research (IER); 2529-3608: Faculty of Business Studies (FBS); 3609-4068: Lecture Theatre Building; 4069-4618: Institute of Business Administration; 4619-5358: Arts Building top floor (Entrance North Gate) and 5359-5600: Arts Building class rooms (Entrance South Gate).

Detailed seat plan will be displayed on the bulletin board of the respective examination centres.

Candidates have been asked to be present in their respective examination halls by 9:30 am on the day of the test, said a press release.



Two girls render devotional songs at a meeting in memory of poet Sufia Kamal on the Liberation War Museum premises in the city yesterday. The Sanjher Maya Trust organised the event to mark the third death anniversary of the poet.

Khaleda for a NWMP with an inherent readjustment system

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday said the proposed National Water Management Plan (NWMP) should have an inherent readjustment system to meet the natural phenomenon of change in demand, supply and use of water.

She stressed the need for extended discussion before implementing the plan on an important matter like water.

The Prime Minister was chairing the 6th meeting of National Water Resource Council, which discussed the proposed plan at the International Conference Centre.

Other members of the 38-member Council that include ministers, MPs, secretaries of concerned ministries, professionals

from Water Development Board, Institute of Engineers, Joint Rivers Commission and other related government organisations as well as representatives from the NGOs working in the field were present at the meeting.

In a brief opening statement at the day's meeting, Water Resources Minister LK Siddiqui highlighted the salient features of the proposed National Water Management Plan.

Water Resources Secretary Faisal Ahmed Chowdhury made a detailed presentation of the 25-year-plan, divided into short, medium and long-term phases.

Sources at the rater resources ministry said the proposed National Water Development Plan would require Tk 920 billion for implementation.

Finance and Planning Minister M Saiful Rahman, LGRD Minister Abdul Mannan, Bhuiyan, Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj and former Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Muniruzzaman Miah took part in

Norwegian grant for News Network

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia attended an Iftar party yesterday hosted by Bangladesh Jatiya Party (BJP) at Sonargaon Hotel.

Speaker Jamir Uddin Sirar, Ministers, MPs and leaders of different political parties attended the Iftar.

The prime minister and other guests were welcomed by BJP chairman Nazir Rahman Monjur and secretary general Kazi Firoz Rashid.

A special munajat was offered before the Iftar seeking continued peace and progress of the country.

The News Network will receive Tk 21.2 million as grant from Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation to implement a three-year (2002-2005) project.

An agreement to this effect was signed in the city yesterday between the Norwegian Embassy in Dhaka and the News Network.

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She emphasised on more discussion and meetings at all levels, including experts, before implementing the important plan.

She also urged the members of the National Water Resource Council to come up with more inputs at its next meeting.

Morshed leaves for Myanmar

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan yesterday left Dhaka for Myanmar on a three-day official visit.

The visit is aimed at promoting and strengthening bilateral relations between the two countries, said a Foreign Ministry press release.

During his visit in Myanmar, the foreign minister will pay a courtesy call on Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of State Peace and Development Council (SPDC).

Morshed Khan and his Myanmar counterpart will also hold wide-ranging talks covering the entire gamut of bilateral relations and exchange views on regional and international issues of common concerns.

Rotary to provide \$ 5 lakh for arsenic mitigation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh chapter of Rotary International will provide 500,000 US dollars for the UNICEF's arsenic mitigation programme in the country aiming to ensure supply of safe drinking water to about 3.5 lakh people.

To this effect, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed at the office of the UNICEF's Representative in the city yesterday, said a press release.

UNICEF Representative in Bangladesh Morten Giersing and past District Governor of Rotary District 3280, Iftekhar Alam signed the MOU on behalf of their respective parties.

Rotary International is co-sponsoring the joint collaboration between UNICEF and Rotary District 3280 that will fasten the pace of arsenic mitigation in selected hotspot upazilas of Bangladesh. Water and Environmental Sanita-

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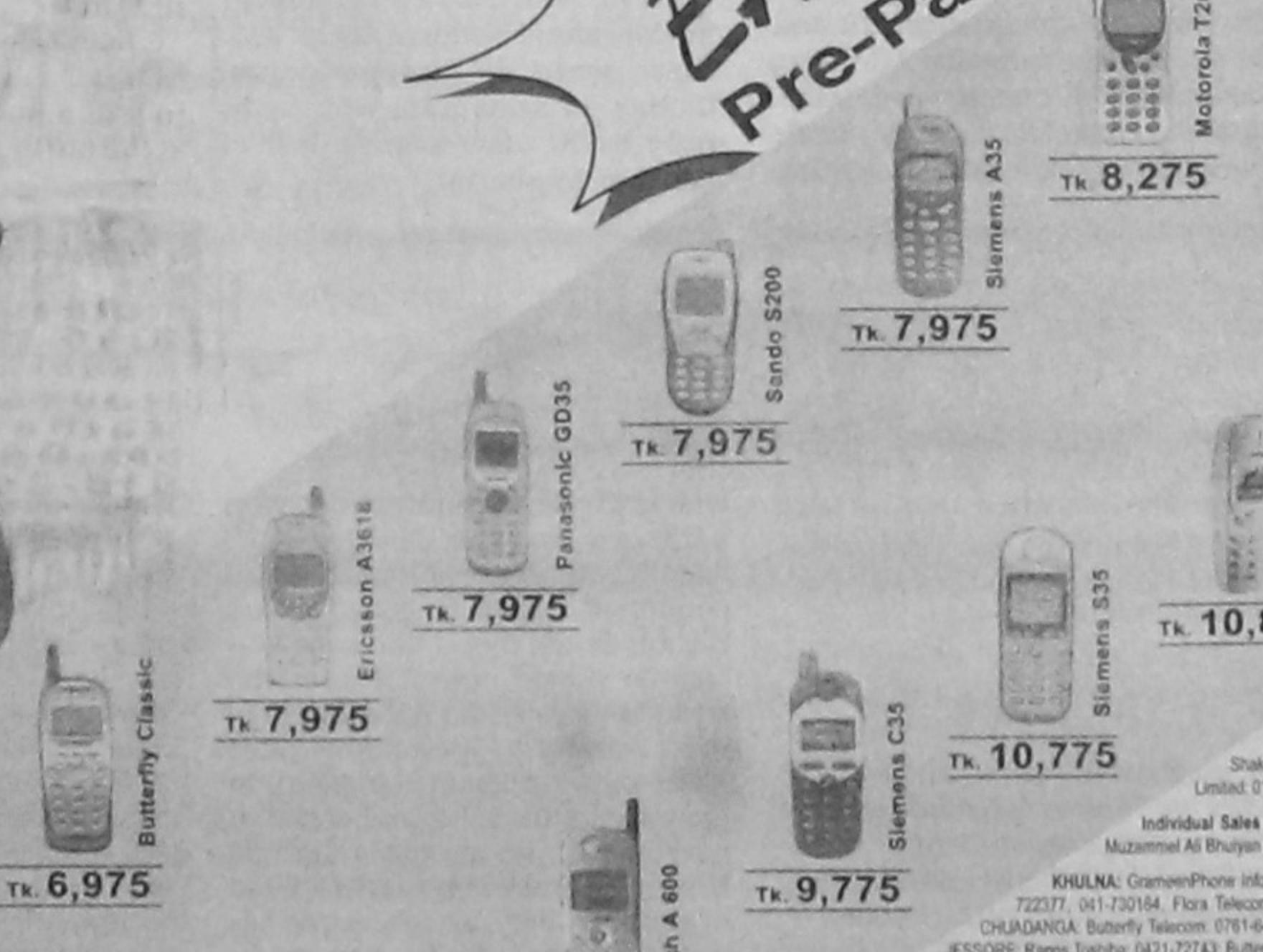
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