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Executive Director of Central for Policy Dialogue (CPD) Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya makes a presentation at a dialogue on 'State of the Bangladesh economy and budget responses 2004' in Dhaka yesterday. On his left are CPD Chairman Professor Rehman Sobhan, Bangladesh Bank Governor Fakhruddin Ahmed and former finance minister M Syeduzzaman.

LUX STAR CONTEST Names of 3 winners announced

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The names of three lucky winners of a contest titled 'Be a Lux Star and Go to Mumbai, Live Like Aishwarya' were announced at a ceremony at the National Press Club in the city yesterday.

The winners -- Mahmuda Khanam and Umme Habiba Nargis of Dhaka and Monira Sultana of

Chittagong -- will get the chance of a lifetime to meet famous Bollywood actress Aishwarya Rai, the global brand ambassador of Lux.

They will also get Tk 70,000 each for the shopping at mega malls and stay in a five-star hotel in Mumbai.

The winners were selected from 12,000 entries received in the past 12 days, said Aly Zaker, CEO and managing director of the Asiatic Marketing Communications Limited (AMCL). The AMCL is the media consultant of the Lever Brothers Bangladesh Ltd that organised the contest.

The three were selected in the first round of the contest. Seven more winners will be selected during the ongoing contest that ends on June 30.

The contest is still open for another 15 days. The contestants can send their entries after filling in the blank space of a sentence which begins with 'Lux and Aishwarya are a star pair because....'

Apart from the 10 lucky winners, 50 participants will be invited to a grand dinner arranged by the Lever Brothers. It will also supply Lux soaps to 100 other contestants for a year.

Matiur Rahman, editor of the daily Prothom Alo, Shahadat Chowdhury, editor of the Anandadhara, and Shafiq Rehman, editor of the Jai Jai Din, were the adjudicators of the contest.

Marketing Manager for Lux Shraman Jha, Lux stars Mila Hossain and Shaila Shabnam and the three winners were also present at the ceremony.

Robbery in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,
Chittagong

Armed robbers looted cash and gold ornaments worth over Tk 2 lakh from a house in the city in broad daylight yesterday.

The gang entered the fourth floor residence of Amal Kanti Barua, section officer of Chittagong Education Board, at Chandanpur at around 12.00 noon after pressing the calling bell. Amal was not at his home at that time.

The robbers took away Tk 50,000 and ornaments weighing 25 tolas.

Contraband worth Tk 37 lakh seized

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Coast Guard seized huge contraband goods worth about Tk 37 lakh from Chittagong in three days, said a press release yesterday.

A team of the coast guard (East Zone) raided Shah Amanat Bridge area on Sunday night and seized goods worth

about Tk 23.55 lakh.

The contraband items included 510 umbrellas, 630 lungis, 6,142 glasses and lenses and 1,20,356 pieces batteries.

These were later handed over to Chittagong customs authorities along with the truck.

The members of the same

zone also seized two abandoned trucks on Friday and Saturday. The drivers and others fled the vehicles when they were asked to stop at Chittagong Bridge Ghat.

The coast guard seized teak and other woods worth about Tk 13.74 lakh. These were later handed over to Kalurghat forest department.

BAF peacekeepers leave for E Timor

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Air Force is replacing its 34-member contingent to United Nations Mission in East Timor (UNMISSET).

The advance team consisting of eight BAF members led by Wing Commander Syed Shakil Ali left here for Dili on Monday night.