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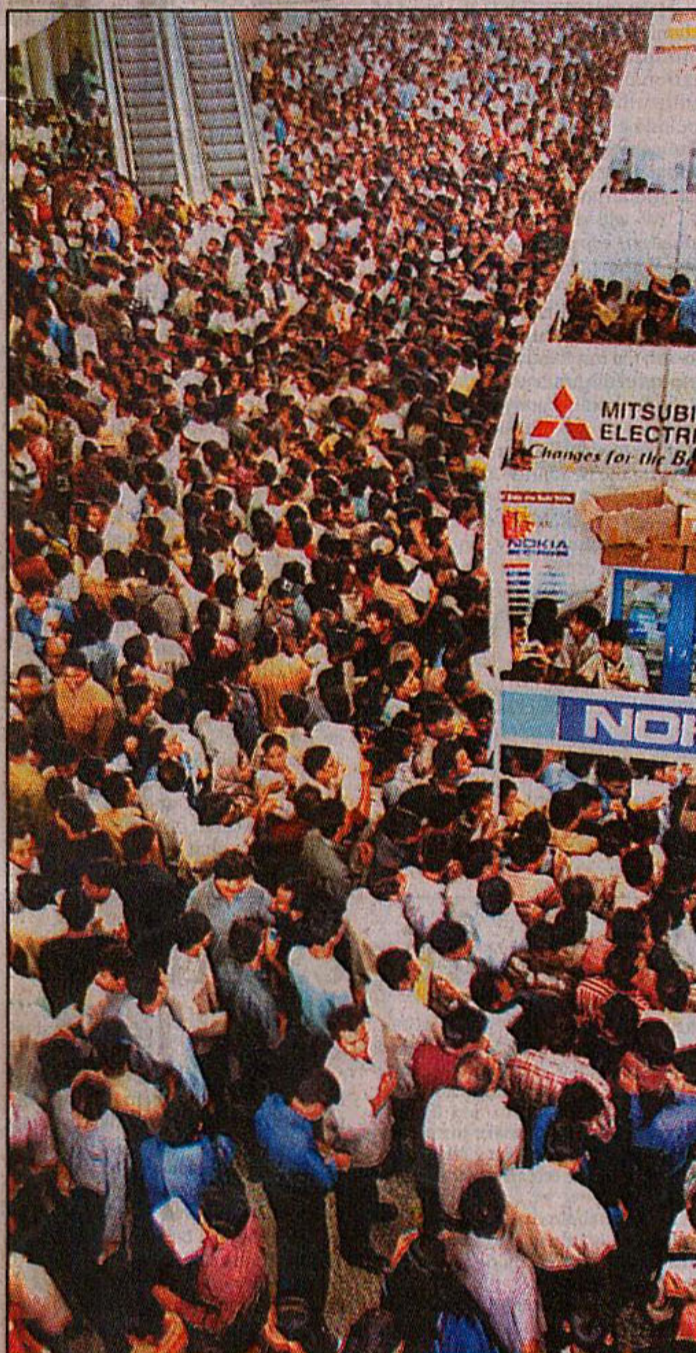


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CELLPHONE CRAZE: The Second Mobile Phone Fair at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the capital yesterday witnessed a human sea allured by the lowest-ever price offered by GrameenPhone. (Story on page six)

Bush vows no letup in Iraq, war on terror

AP, Washington

Bolstered by a hard-fought election victory, President Bush says the United States will vigorously pursue wars in Iraq and against terror and will not retreat from trying to spread democracy through the Middle East.

"I understand, in certain capitals and certain countries, those decisions were not popular," Bush said at his first post-election news conference Thursday. But he was unapologetic about the course he has set and said he would not back down.

Before flying to his retreat at Camp David to rest after the grueling campaign, Bush took congratulatory calls from world leaders and

met with his Cabinet to discuss his second term. He said he has not made any decisions about personnel changes, although some turnover is inevitable in his Cabinet and White House staff.

The first job to change hands could be attorney general, since John Ashcroft might leave even before the second term begins, senior aides said Thursday. Others expected to leave although maybe not immediately include Secretary of State Colin Powell, Health and Human Services (news - web sites) Secretary Tommy Thompson and Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta.

As US forces in Iraq mobilise for an all-out offensive in Fallujah and

other Sunni militant strongholds, the president refused to say how much the war would cost or whether he planned to increase or cut troop strengths. "I have yet to hear from our commanders on the ground that they need more troops," the president said.

He is expected to ask Congress early next year for up to \$75 billion for Iraq, Afghanistan and operations against terrorism.

The White House said it saw a new opportunity to advance Middle East peace now that Bush has won a second term and Israel has taken steps to withdraw from Gaza after nearly 40 years of occupation.

"I think it's very important for

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'40 lawyers in Ctg doctored certificates'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chittagong Bar Association's probe bodies have identified that over 40 lawyers practising here had doctored their mark sheets and certificates of LLB examinations under Chittagong University.

President of the Chittagong Bar Ibrahim Hossain Babul said the probe bodies have shortlisted some 40 lawyers out of 111 including the High Court's Additional Judge Faisal Mahmud Faizee, who had earlier been listed as accused of tampering with the mark sheets.

He said that the bar association in its general meeting scheduled for November 8 would decide on the next course of action against the

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Aftab shines but Kiwis take series



Aftab Ahmed

SPORTS REPORTER

New Zealand withstood a five-wicket haul by Aftab Ahmed before snatching a tense three-wicket win the second RC Cola one-day international at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Victory for the Kiwis gave them an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

The tourists found chasing the home side's modest total of 146 under lights at the Big Bowl somewhat of a struggle after part-timer Aftab helped himself to 5-31 - the best one-day figures by any Bangladeshi bowler.

Eventually the Kiwis, who at one

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Sehri-Iftar			
Ramadan	Nov	Sehri	Iftar
22	6		5-20
23	7	4-46	5-19

Prayer Timing		
November 6		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-46	4-52
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-00	4-15
Maghrib	5-20	5-27
Esha	7-15	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

They open their heart to Danish princess

AKBAR HOSSAIN, back from Comilla

Adolescent girls of Ashura and Surpur villages in Debidwar in Comilla now have a say about their marriage which was quite unthinkable only a few years back.

Life skill education provided by Kishori Abhijan (adolescent project) has played a significant role in changing the situation in the two

villages. Girls are now taking different kinds of jobs breaking all social prejudices.

They exchanged views with Danish Princess Alexandra Christina during her visit to Kishori Abhijan, a Unicef funded project, yesterday.

Rupali Rani, 14, who recently completed her five-year education, completed her five-year education,

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