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BTRC Chairman Syed Marghub Morshed hands over two licences to NTL Chairman Anisur Rahman Sinha and Managing Director Maj (retd) Mohammad Jahangir in the city yesterday.

NTL gets 2 more licences to launch fixed phones

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) yesterday handed over two more licences to National Telecom Limited (NTL) to launch fixed phones in the country's north-east and north-west zones including Sylhet, Rajshahi and Dhaka divisions.

Morshed handed over the licences to NTL Chairman Anisur Rahman Sinha and Managing Director Maj (retd) Mohammad Jahangir in the city. Earlier, the NTL obtained two licences for south-east and south-west zones including Chittagong, Khulna and Barisal divisions. The NTL plans to offer fixed phones at a competitive price within 24 hours of the application. It would launch 25 lakh fixed phones all over the country within the next three years. Vice-chairman and commissioners of the BTRC were present on the occasion, said a press release.

**CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION
371 officials get upper grade**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The government has given upper grade to 371 officials of deputy secretary and equivalent level in the civil administration, according to an official notification yesterday. The officials, who have been on a basic salary of Tk 9,500, will now get the time scale of Tk 10,700. The government yesterday also promoted a joint secretary to additional secretary. Abdul Karim, the promotee, was serving on deputation as director of the Military Lands and Cantonment Directorate. Besides, the government brought about some further changes in the

administration by appointing three new deputy commissioners, cancelling three previous transfers and making a joint secretary an Officer on Special Duty (OSD). Joint Secretary (Political) at the home ministry Zahid Hossain has been made director general of Directorate of Food. The government order of Tuesday, which appointed Elias Ahmed, joint secretary of the commerce ministry, DG of Directorate of Food, was cancelled yesterday. DC of Nilphamari Shafiqul Alam has been transferred to Comilla as DC. Earlier the government had transferred DC of Munshiganj Syed Mustafizur Rahman to Comilla and appointed Anisuddin Mandal, a director at the Prime Minister's Office, DC of Munshiganj. Director of National Savings Directorate Jamal A Naser Chowdhury has been made DC of Kushtia, Director of Bangladesh Civil Service Administration Academy Rabinranath Roy Chowdhury DC of Nilphamari and Deputy Secretary of the commerce ministry Gazi Mohammad Julhas DC of Rangamati. Director General of Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) AFM Matur Rahman, who was of joint secretary rank, has been made OSD.

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DU reopens

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Dhaka University (DU) reopened yesterday after a one-week Eid-ul-Azha vacation. In most of the departments, classes were not held as the attendance of teachers and students was very thin. They were seen busy exchanging Eid greetings and embracing each other. Academic and official activities of the university will be normal from next week, sources said. Meanwhile, students, teachers and employees have started returning to the campus after celebrating Eid with their near and dear ones. University authorities announced the Eid vacation from January 19.

Clarification

The Concord Entertainment Company Limited yesterday referred to a news item published in The Daily Star on January 20 under the headline 'Protect Foy's Lake from pollution,' to clarify that it has developed the lake into a world class amusement centre and four engine-run boats have been kept in the lake for security of the visitors. Our reply: the report was based on a rally of environmental organisations including Bangladesh Paribesh Andolan (Bapa) where leaders of the organisations alleged that plying of engine-run boats in the Foy's Lake are polluting the water.

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Dhaka after 20 years

- Do you know that in 2024 the population of greater Dhaka will increase from the existing 16 million to 36 million?
- That the peak-hour motorized traffic will increase from existing 1 lac to 3 lacs.
- That peak-hour movement of people will enhance from existing 2.5 lacs to 7.5 lacs.
- Can you imagine the challenges of transport infrastructure and traffic system in greater Dhaka (including Narayanganj, Tongi, Savar, Munshiganj, Narsingdi, Gazipur and Manikganj) after 20 years?
- We would like you to think over this challenge as an honorable citizen of metropolitan Dhaka?

Could you please think -

- What could be the principal transport systems in the city?
- What new Public Transport Systems could be introduced?
- What type of Mass-Rapid Transit would you prefer? (Commuter Rail / Underground Metro Rail / Light Rail / Bus Rapid Transit / IWT Expressway / etc.)
- What is your opinion about the Cycle Rickshaw? What could be the modality if they are considered to be kept / retained?
- Do you consider that there is scope for introducing waterways transport for Dhaka Urban Services? If there is what could be the modalities?
- What measures do you suggest to improve the transport system for pedestrians, women, sick and handicapped people?
- What could be the modalities for carrying goods inside the city area? (Truck / Covered Van / Covered Truck / Container / etc.)
- Suggest how Dhaka could be expanded beyond the city area through decentralization?
- The land-use is integrated by its relationship with road infrastructure, transport systems and residential area development problem? Do you have any specific suggestions?

Please write to us your opinions / suggestions / recommendations on the above urban issues before 15th February 2005. Our address is:

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