

### CPD launches book on 'WTO and Bangladesh'

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The Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) yesterday launched a comprehensive book on 'WTO and Bangladesh: Post-Cancun Evaluation'.

The book, the first of its kind published in Bangla, contains 12 selective articles written under a CPD research project entitled 'Trade policies of WTO and Bangladesh'.

The articles include 'July Package 2004: Bangladesh Perspective' and 'Non-agricultural Market Access (NAMA)'.

In these articles, the CPD researchers analysed different issues of the WTO from the economic development perspective of Bangladesh.

"We have tried to make the book readable and avoid technical words," said Prof Mustafizur Rahman, research director of the CPD, at the launching of the book at its office in Dhaka.

The people are now more interested in different WTO issues than they were four to five years ago, he said, adding that the book will help them understand difficult issues in a simple way.

Research fellows Dr Ananya Raihan and Uttam Dev were present at the function.

Uttam Dev said one of the objectives of this CPD publication is to make trade policy discussion popular among the common people.

The book is not merely a Bangla translation of different articles. Rather, some articles were written exclusively for it, he added.

### Diabetes Awareness Day today

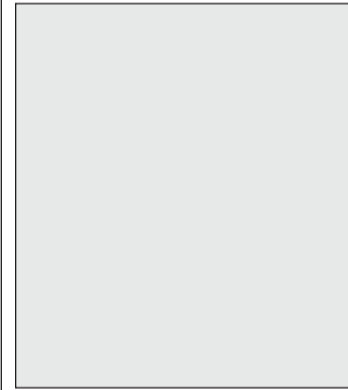
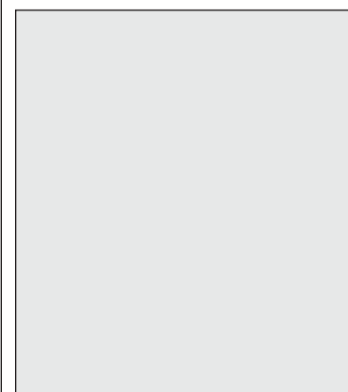
UNB, Dhaka

Diabetic Association of Bangladesh has chalked out various programmes to observe the "Diabetes Awareness Day" today.

On the occasion, a colourful procession will be brought out from the Manik Mia Avenue at 7.30am. Physicians, officials and employees of the association will take part in the procession.

Other programmes include detecting the disease free of cost at the premises of National Museum and at different NHN centres at 8.00am, blood donation at 10.00am and question-answer session at 11.00am at Birdem.

Besides, a discussion meeting will be held at the Birdem auditorium at 4.00pm. Information Minister M Shamsul Islam will be the chief guest with association president Prof Wahiduddin Ahmed in the chair.



### Five satellite cities to be developed

BDNEWS, Dhaka

The government is going to develop five satellite cities in Savar, Keraniganj and Gazipur to ease the housing problem facing the middle-income groups.

About two lakh families will benefit from the new satellite cities on about 6,000 acres of land, sources said.

The ministries of land and public works are jointly developing these satellite cities, divided into several plots of three katha, five katha and seven katha.

The plots will be distributed among

the middle-class families through lottery.

"The government will employ local and international developers to build the cities," said Chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on land ministry Advocate Mahbubur Rahman.

Two satellite cities will be developed on 2,500 acres covering Chhoto Kaliakoir, kumarkhoda, Bhoumik, Chandanpur, Tetuljhora unions under Savar upazila, one on 200 acres at Shonakanda in keraniganj, one on 800 acres in Pirojpur union and one on 2,000 acres in Gazipur.

