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Myanmar nationals stage a demonstration in front of the Myanmar Embassy in the city yesterday.

Myanmar nationals protest arrest, torture

UNB, *Dhaka*

Around 100 Myanmar nationals residing in Bangladesh staged a demonstration near the Myanmar Embassy yesterday protesting "killings" and arrests of monks, students and innocent people in Myanmar by the military junta.

The demonstration coincided with international day of support for freedom in Myanmar.

The protesters carried placards and banners and chanted slogans against the military junta amid tight police security.

Scores of police were posted in and around the embassy to maintain peace during the protest.

The 15-minute demonstration was organised under the banner of Rakhaing Sangha Union (RSU).

The demonstrators blamed the Myanmar junta for repercussions for their ruthless tortures and killings.

They also condemned the killing of journalists who were covering the street protests and collecting news about demonstrations in Yangon.

The protesters also urged the Chinese government to stand by the oppressed Myanmar people changing their previous stand of propping up the ruling junta.

RSU President Uthiha submitted a memorandum to the Myanmar Embassy.

Bagerhat road crash kills two

UNB, *Bagerhat*

Two people were killed as a truck rammed into a van near Doratana bridge on Bagerhat-Pirojpur road yesterday.

The dead were identified as van driver Songkor Saha,26 and shopkeeper Abu Hanif, 55, hailed from Noapara village of Sadar upazila.

Police said a Khulna-bound truck hit the van in the evening, leaving the two dead on the spot. The truck driver fled away.

CHARITY ART CONTEST

Tousiful gets first prize

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Singapore Tourism Board (STB) organised a charity art competition for the children in the city yesterday.

Around 150 children aged between eight and ten from 30 schools took part in the competition, first of its kind in Bangladesh, at the Institute of Fine Arts of Dhaka University.

STB organised the competition with the theme 'Singapore in my imagination' with a view to engage the children in Dhaka to showcase their artistic talents by sketching various images of Singapore, said the organisers.

" An art competition is a good way to engage and educate the kids of Bangladesh about Singapore," said Kang Siew Kheng, STB Regional Director for South Asia, Middle East and Africa.

High Commissioner of Singapore to Bangladesh Verghese Matthews inaugurated the competition.

Tousiful Islam of Bangladesh International Tutorial won the first prize carrying crest, citation and free visit to Singapore for three nights and two days with four family members.

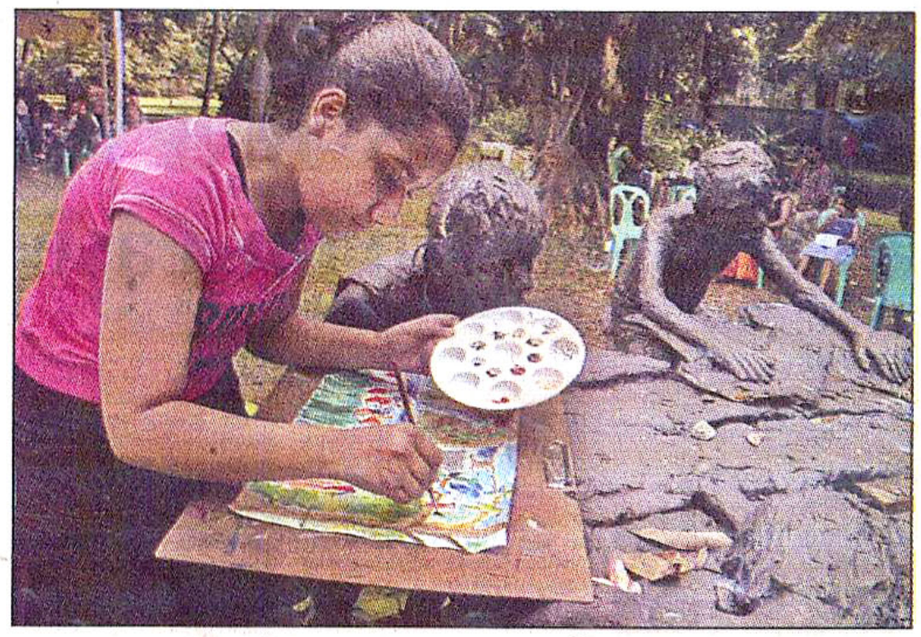
Md Shahrier Hossain Sumo of Scholastica School and Naila Muntasir Ali of Bangladesh International School secured second and third positions respectively and received crest, citation and special gift hamper.

STB Regional Director gave away the prizes among the winners.

A total of 20 artworks were awarded citation and crest selected by a panel of judges comprising Prof Hashem Khan, Prof Rafiqunnabi, Prof Abul Bark Alvi and Cartoonist Shishir Bhattacharya.

The top 20 artworks were put on sale for raising funds for the children who are taking treatment at the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease and Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR, B).

Benchmark Ltd was event partner and Channel i, Radio Foorti, Shaptahik 2000 and Bangladeshinfo.com were the media partners of the competition.



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A girl is drawing picture at an art competition titled 'Singapore in My Imagination' at the Institute of Fine Arts on the Dhaka University campus yesterday.

UMC Jute Mills workers stage demonstration for arrears, bonus

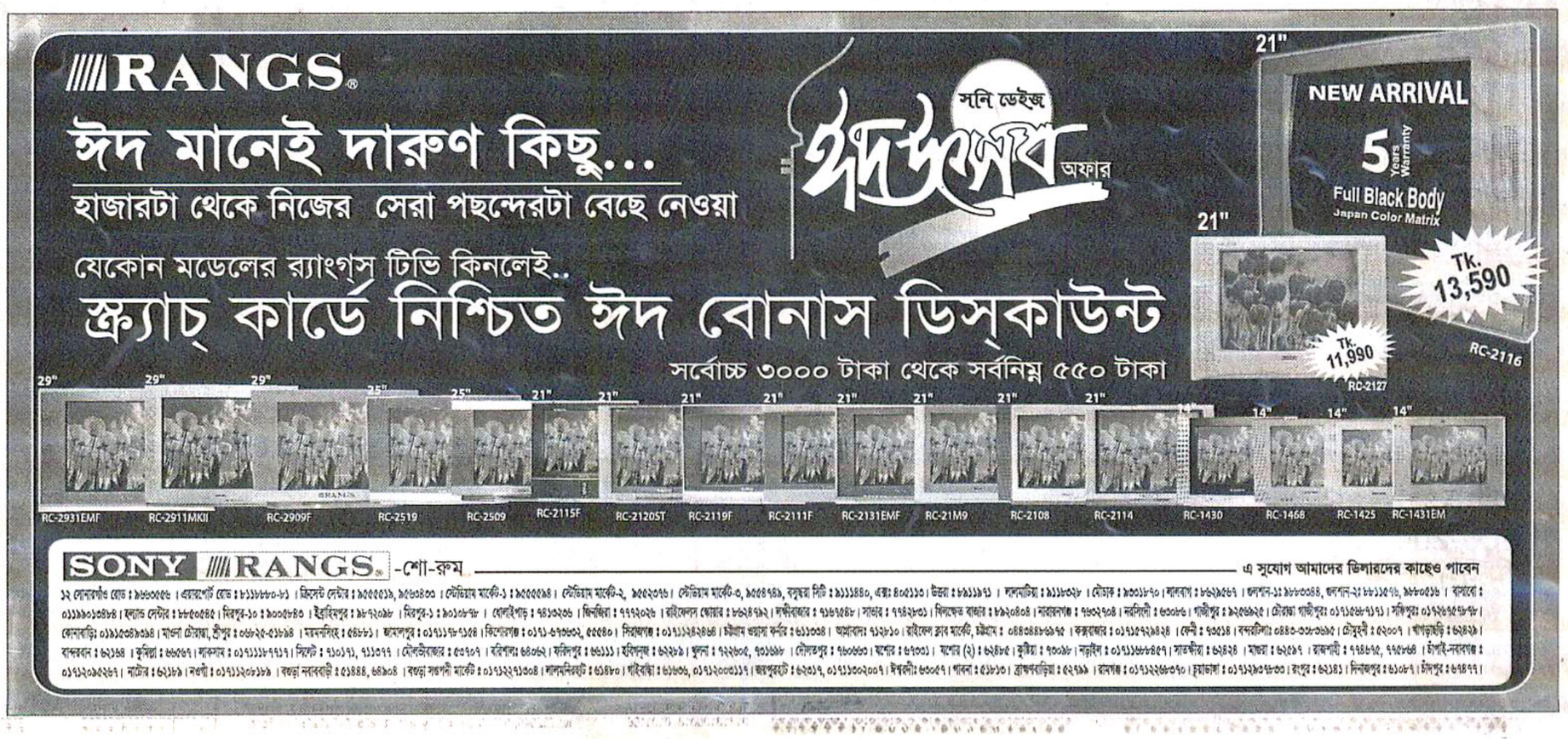
UNB, *Narsingdi*

The workers and employees of state owned UMC Jute Mills yesterday staged a demonstration demanding arrears and bonus.

About 4,500 workers and employees stopped work at 2:00pm, brought out a procession and staged a sit-in in front of the guesthouse where the general manager was staying. They also reportedly assaulted the deputy general manager (finance) and confined him to his office.

Senior officials of the administration rushed to the spot and assuaged the angry workers with assurance to meet their demands.

Wages of workers remained unpaid for nine weeks and officers and employees for five months.



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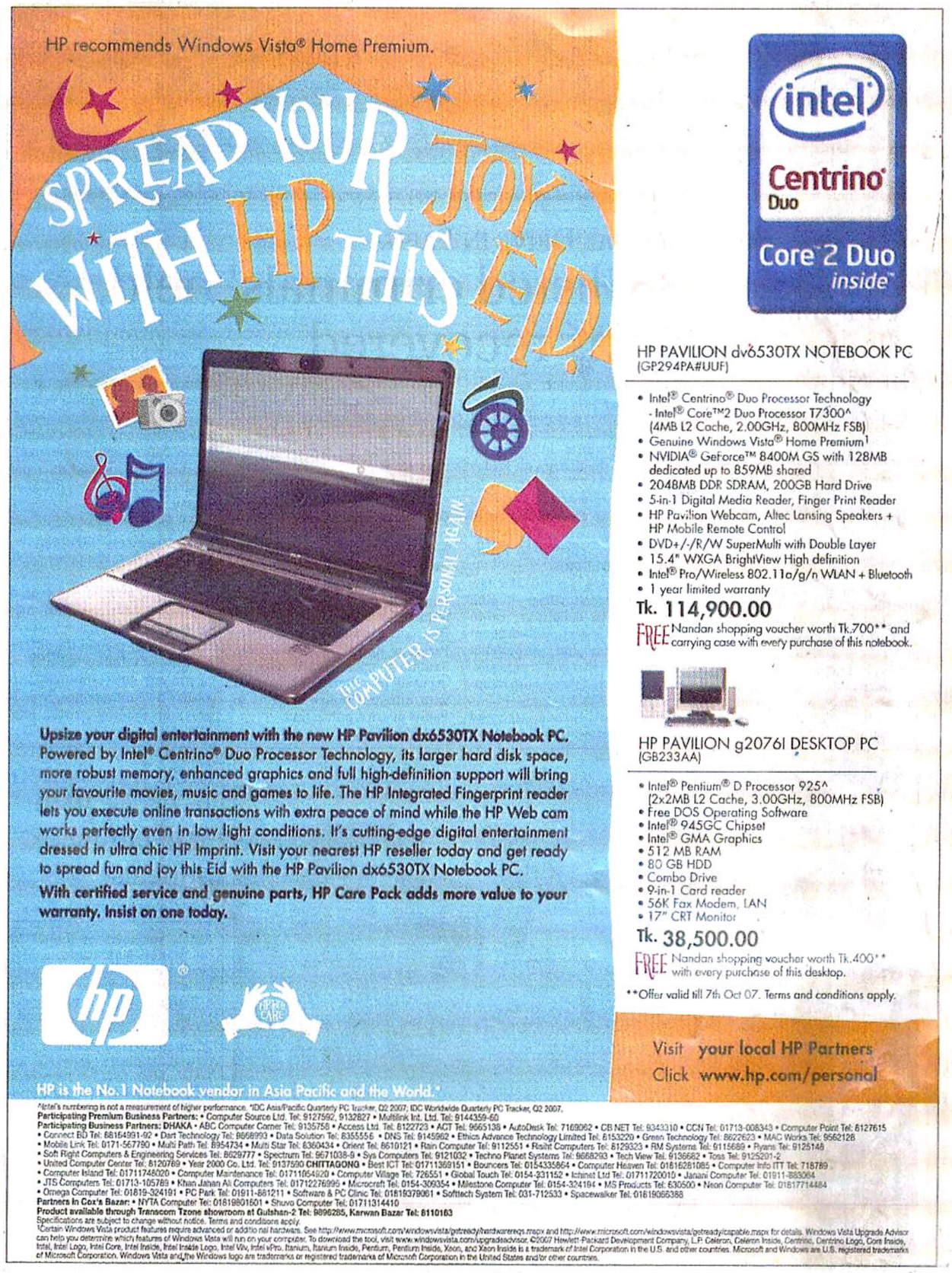
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