



Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director and CEO of Eastern Bank Ltd., and Raquibuddin Ahmed, secretary general of Dhaka University Alumni Association, exchange MoU on a financial grant programme after signing it on Thursday. DU Vice-chancellor Prof SMA Faiz, extreme right, and DUAA President Syed Manzur Elahi, extreme left, were also present at the signing ceremony.

## EBL financial assistance for DU students

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University Alumni Association (DUAA) and Eastern Bank Limited (EBL) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on Thursday to launch a financial assistance programme for the students of the university.

Under the programme, the EBL will provide scholarships to one student from each department every year.

Besides, the EBL will also offer privileged banking services and organise career-grooming events for the recipients.

EBL Managing Director and CEO Ali Reza Iftekhar and DUAA Secretary General Raquibuddin Ahmed signed the MoU at the Senate Building.

DU Vice-chancellor Prof SMA Faiz and Syed Manzur Elahi, president of DUAA, were also present on the occasion.

## Sylhet businessman killed in clash with students

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A businessman was killed in a clash with the students of a private university in the city on Thursday.

He was identified as Muhammad Ilyas Rahman, 50, general secretary of Madhuban Market Byabosayee Samity.

Police and eyewitnesses said Ilyas and around 20 others sustained injuries in the clash between the shopkeepers and the students of the Leading University which is housed on the 4th floor of the market building.

The clash erupted following an altercation over the parking of a motorbike in front of the Madhuban market in the afternoon, and at one stage, Ilyas asked two students not to park the bike in front of the market.

As it angered the students, they went unruly and swooped on Ilyas causing serious injuries on his

head and neck.

He was admitted to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College and Hospital with critical injuries and later referred to the capital in the evening.

He died as the ambulance carrying him reached at Shyestaganj at about 9:45pm.

Other university students also joined their fellows as other shopkeepers and their staffs took part in the clash.

Police however brought the situation under control after about an hour and picked up three students and one shopkeeper from the scene.

Later two students and the shopkeeper were released.

Detained student Shamim, who hails from Biswanath upazila of the district, was driving the motorbike.

Police filed a UD case last night.

## Korea provides \$3 lakh for cyclone victims

UNB, Dhaka

The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) yesterday welcomed a US\$ 300,000 contribution by the South Korean government to provide immediate lifesaving assistance for cyclone-affected people.

WFP will use the Korean funds to distribute rice in combination with other food commodities resourced by donors for poor people devastated by the cyclone.

"The Republic of Korea as a major donor nation hopes that this contribution to WFP's Emergency Operations will help alleviate the food-insecurity situation and help restore livelihoods for 2.2 million people in the cyclone-hit areas," said Korean Ambassador Suk-Bum Park.

WFP has so far delivered over 400 metric tonnes of biscuits and over 750 metric tonnes of rice to more than 1.2 million people in the worst-hit areas, overlaid and by boat as well as by air.

The UN food agency plans to provide over 71,000 metric tonnes of food to 2.2 million people at a cost of US\$ 52 million over the next six months.

## Grameenphone free eye camp

Grameenphone organised a free eye camp in association with Sight Savers International at the VARD Eye Hospital at Ispur at Balaganj in Sylhet recently, says a press release.

This is the sixth free eye camp organised jointly by Grameenphone and Sight Savers International.

Harun-or-Rashid Khan, deputy commissioner, Sylhet, was present at the inaugural session as the chief guest. Amranul Hoque Kamal, executive director, VARD and Sheikh Matir Rahman, Upazila Nirbahi Officer, Balaganj, were also present as special guests.

Dr Arkanul Islam, manager, Corporate Social Responsibility, and Jubir Md. Ahmed, head of Sylhet region, Grameenphone, were also present.

The patients were given routine examinations and prescription for refractive error was given where it was necessary. Patients were also referred for and administered intraocular lens (IOL) or cataract surgeries at the camp.

## KOICA to help implement rural dev project

Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and the Economic Relations Division (ERD), Ministry of Finance, signed a Record of Discussions recently to jointly implement a rural development project, says a press release.

Kim Chang Sup, resident representative of KOICA Office in Bangladesh, and AM Badrudduza, joint secretary of the Economic Relations Division (ERD), signed the Record of Discussions on behalf of their respective governments.

The 'Integrated Community Development Project in Burichang Upazila of Comilla District in Bangladesh' will be implemented from 2007 to 2010 with the Korean government's grant of 3.50 million US dollars and the technical assistance of KOICA.

The main objectives of the project is to improve the socio-economic condition of the people of Burichang upazila through an integrated approach adopted from the Korean experience and to establish a unique participatory community development model for dissemination to other areas of the country.

KOICA, through this project, will mainly strengthen the community organisations of the targeted areas, supply farming machinery and equipments for assisting income generation activities and develop infrastructure such as community buildings, educational institutions, rural roads and water supply & drainage facilities.

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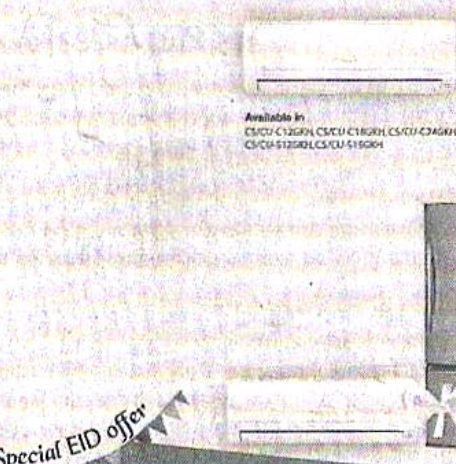
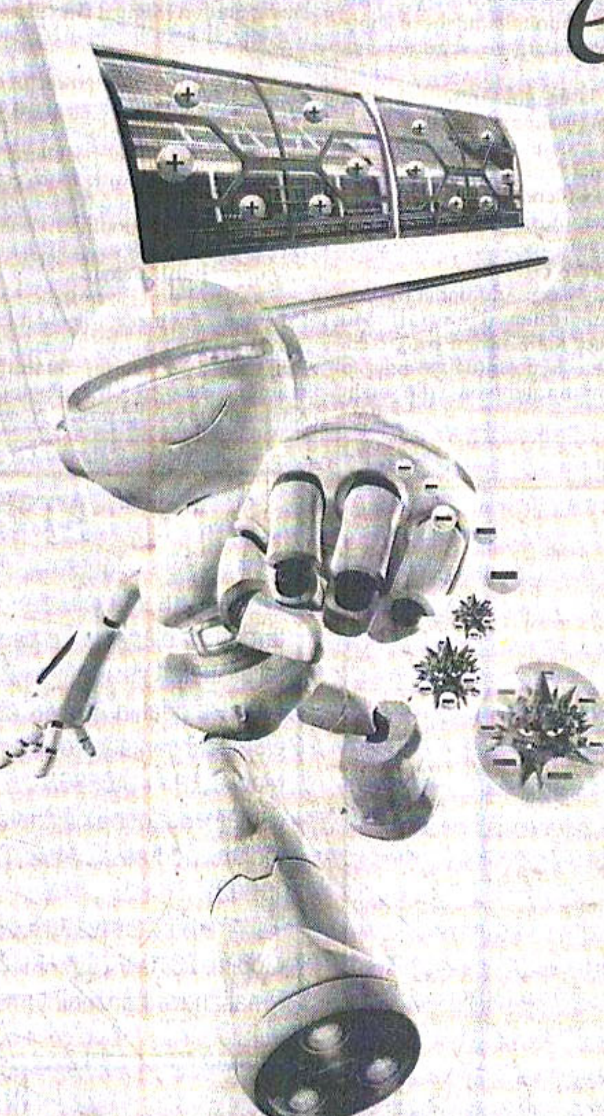
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