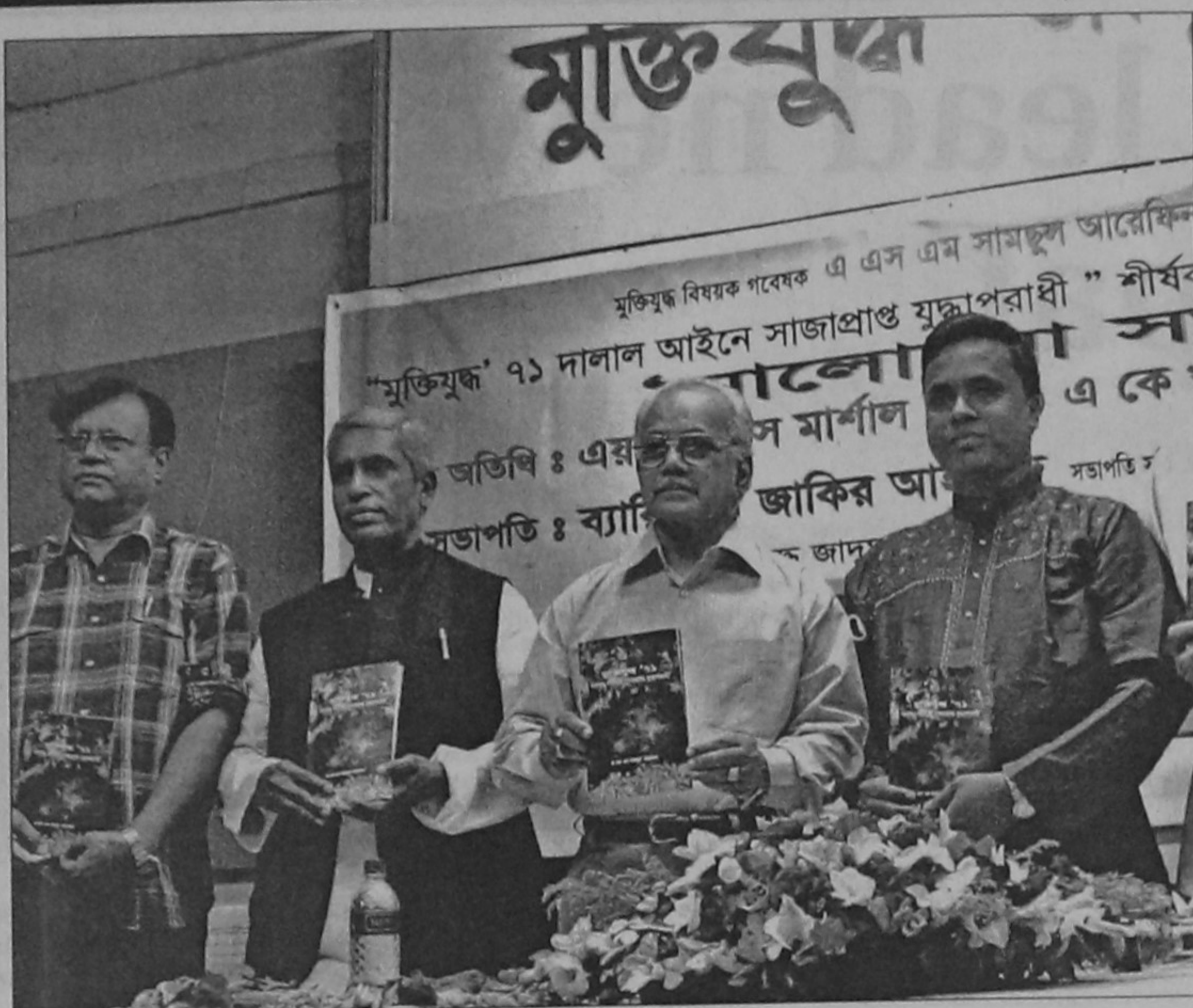


400 cans of liquor seized in Ctg

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) seized around 400 cans of foreign liquor from Patenga Sea Beach area in the early hours of yesterday.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of Rab-7 raided the 12 No Ghat area of Patenga Sea Beach under Patenga Police Station and seized the liquor in an abandoned condition at around 2:30am.



(From left) Writer ASM Shamsul Abedin, Awami League presidium member Abdur Razzak, Air Vice Marshal (Retd) AK Khondoker and Barrister Zakaria Ahmed hold copies of a book on the Liberation War at its publication ceremony at the Liberation War Museum in the city yesterday.

Nakhshi Kantha gains popularity in Japan

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Nakhshi Kantha, a traditional handicraft of Bangladesh, has been gaining popularity in Japan for its unique beauty and creative designs.

This unique craft is now beautifying the markets of Tokyo and other Japanese cities.

At a textile fair in Japan this year, the Japanese government handed over Nakshi Kantha award to Fulsurat Begum, a housewife of Sharsha upazila under Jessore district for her unique work.

The stall of Fulsurat got the first prize for its 'Lau' design among the 70 stalls at Nakano textile fair in 2005.

In 1998, Jahanara Begum, another housewife of Sharsha, got

the Unesco Award for her Nakshi Kantha.

Housewives of Sharsha upazila have made the unique craft a popular one in Japan with their elegant works.

In 1985, Japan-Bangladesh Cultural Exchange Association (JBCEA) started a Nakshi Kantha project at Sharsha with only 16 women.

The project got institutional shape in 1997.

At present, around 400 housewives and female students of schools and colleges from 10 villages of the upazila are working in the project.

Founder of JBCEA Miyako Magami said usually it takes 15 days to one month to make a Nakshi Kantha.

"The beauty of Nakshi Kantha cannot be understood without seeing those unique craft. These are exported to Japan and it has a good demand there," she added.

Nakshi Kantha is a traditional craft made by the housewives in Bangladesh in their leisure period with creative designs.

It has different names like Dal four, chain four, kamal four, shujoni, dubadubi, jessori and fly stitch.

Though the craft has good prospects it has also some problems like lack of skilled designer, marketing of essential raw materials and financial support.

The entrepreneurs have urged the government to solve those problems.

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5 killed, 22 injured in road accidents

STAR REPORT

At least five people were killed and twenty-two others injured in separate road accidents in Gaibandha, Dinajpur and Kushtia yesterday and on Friday night.

Our Gaibandha correspondent reports: One person was killed and five others were injured in a road accident on Rangpur-Bogra highway at Chapriganj in Gaibandha yesterday.

The victim was identified as Shahidul Islam, 35.

Police said the accident occurred when a Rangpur-bound speeding truck knocked a rickshaw van from behind. The van skidded off the road and fell into the roadside ditch leaving the van puller Shahidul dead on the spot.

Five passengers of the van sustained injuries and were taken to Gobindaganj health complex.

Our Dinajpur correspondent adds: Two people were killed and 15 others injured in a road accident in Dinajpur yesterday.

One of the victims was identified as Md Aminul Islam, 35 and another victim's name yet to be known.

Police quoting locals said the accident occurred when a passenger bus fell into a roadside ditch losing its control due to burst out of its left tyre at Nashipur village under Dinajpur sadar upazila

leaving 15 injured.

The injured were rushed to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital where Aminul and another unknown person succumbed to their injuries.

Our Kushtia Correspondent adds: Two people, including a rickshaw van puller, were killed and two others injured in a road accident on Kushtia-Khulna highway at Swastipur under Sadar upazila in the district on Friday night.

The dead were identified as rickshaw van puller Sujon, 18, son of Ismail, and Sumon, 24, son of Azhar Uddin, of Alampur under Sadar upazila in the district.

The accident occurred when a sand-laden truck hit a rickshaw van from behind leaving two people dead on the spot.

Afghanistan detains 68 Pak nationals

AFP, Kabul

The Afghan army detained 68 Pakistani men soon after they entered the country over suspected ties with Taliban-linked rebels, the defence ministry said yesterday.

Prior to the mass detention Friday near the border in the southern province of Kandahar, the ministry received intelligence that a group of Pakistanis with possible links to "terrorists" was entering the region, it said.

"The army ... detained yesterday 68 unarmed Pakistani nationals. They are being investigated," the ministry said in a statement.

General Mohammad Zahir Azimi, chief spokesman for the ministry, told AFP the army had reports that dozens of Pakistanis linked to Taliban-led insurgents were entering the troubled region.

"We had intelligence reports that a group of Pakistanis possibly linked to terrorists were entering. When our units encountered these Pakistanis, they detained them to find out if they're linked to terrorists," he said.

Authorities were trying to determine if the men were linked to the Taliban or if they were workers or Pakistani traders.

"When they were detained, they had no travelling documents," he added.

The border is porous and it is not uncommon for people to cross without documents.

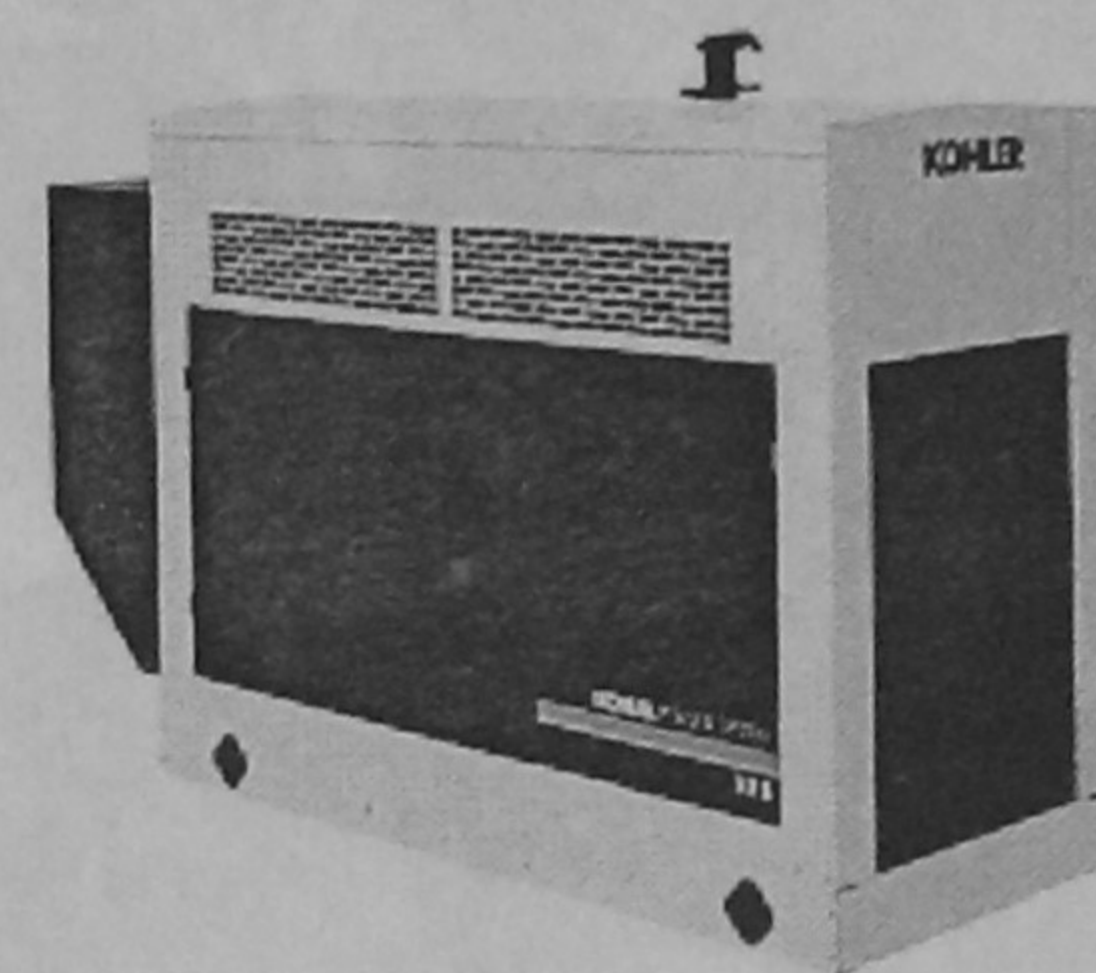
Afghanistan, with the support of tens of thousands of foreign troops, is fighting a fierce insurgency led by remnants of the Taliban militia that was in government between 1996 and 2001.

Afghan authorities have long said the Islamic rebels have bases on the Pakistani side of the border that send militants, some of them Pakistanis, across the frontier to launch attack on Afghan targets.

Islamabad denies the allegations. There are also scores of Pakistanis working in Afghanistan as labourers, engineers and road workers.

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 - Initiate and implement sales promotional activities, identify key customers and extend personalized service.
 - Monitor credit realization
- Requirements:** 1. BBA/Graduate in any discipline from any reputed university. 2. About 2-3 years hand on selling experience. Preference will be given having Commercial Vehicle Industry background. 3. Age should not exceed 28 years. 4. Decision making and leadership quality. 5. Self motivated and able to work under pressure in a fast-paced working environment. 6. Excellent knowledge on Microsoft Office application.

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- Achieve sales target to ensure market share.
 - Forecast future sales through market analysis.
 - Create key customers and extend personalized service.
- Requirements:** 1. Graduate in any discipline from any reputed University. 2. About 1-2 years experience hand on selling experience. 3. Age should not exceed 28 years. 4. Self propelled and able to work under pressure in a fast-paced working environment. 5. Must be conversant with computer literacy.

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