

World Food Programme (WFP) Bangladesh organises a walk in the city yesterday.

'END HUNGER- WALK THE WORLD'

## 50pc under 5 children underweight

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hundreds of children, UN officials and their partners yesterday global efforts to end hunger and hungry everyday. malnutrition of children.

lions of children who attend in recent years, it added. schools hungry everyday.

and Unilever.

release, about 50 percent children IDB Bhaban to Chandrima Udyan. of Bangladesh under the age of five

results in a reduced mental capacity and physical development.

The global campaign aims at walked the streets of the major raising resources for WFP to procities, including the capital of the vide school meals for some 59 country calling for national and million children who attend school

Hunger continues to be the Holding colourful festoons and greatest threat to health worldwide, banners and wearing T-shirts that killing a child every six seconds, carried slogans 'End Hunger-Walk while high commodity and fuel the World', they walked to raise prices coupled with an increase in awareness and funds for WFP to natural disasters threaten to wipe provide school meals to the mil- out any gains made against hunger

In the capital, the children The walk was organised by accompanied by the officials and World Food Programme (WFP) employees of WFP, its partners Bangladesh and its partners TNT Helen Keller International (HKI), Standard Chartered Bank and TNT According to a WFP news Express also joined the walk from

Similar walk programmes were

are underweight and stunted that also held in Chittagong, Jessore, Comilla, Gazipur, Khulna, Chandpu and Narayanganj.

Talking to newsmen after the end of the walk near Chandrima Udyan, WFP Acting Representative in Bangladesh Edward Kallon said, "We are here to stop hunger, especially of the children."

Bangladesh achieved good success organiser in 2007. in Boro production this season, butrice price is not likely to come down shortly, he said, adding that safety net programmes should be there to help poor people and children.

In collaboration with the government, the WFP under its school feeding programme provides a 75 gram packet of biscuits fortified with vitamins and minerals to six lakh poor children in six districts.

"WFP has plans to expand the programme for five million children," Edward added.

Standard Chartered Bank Chief Executive Officer Osman Murad, TNT Country Manager Turab-ur Rahman and WFP Head of External Relations Enamul Haque also spoke.

End Hunger-Walk the World was evolved from an initiative of TNT employees in Asia in 2003, with Unilever joining as key

Over the past five years, the event mobilised around one million participants and raised funds to feed over one lakh children in schools for one year.

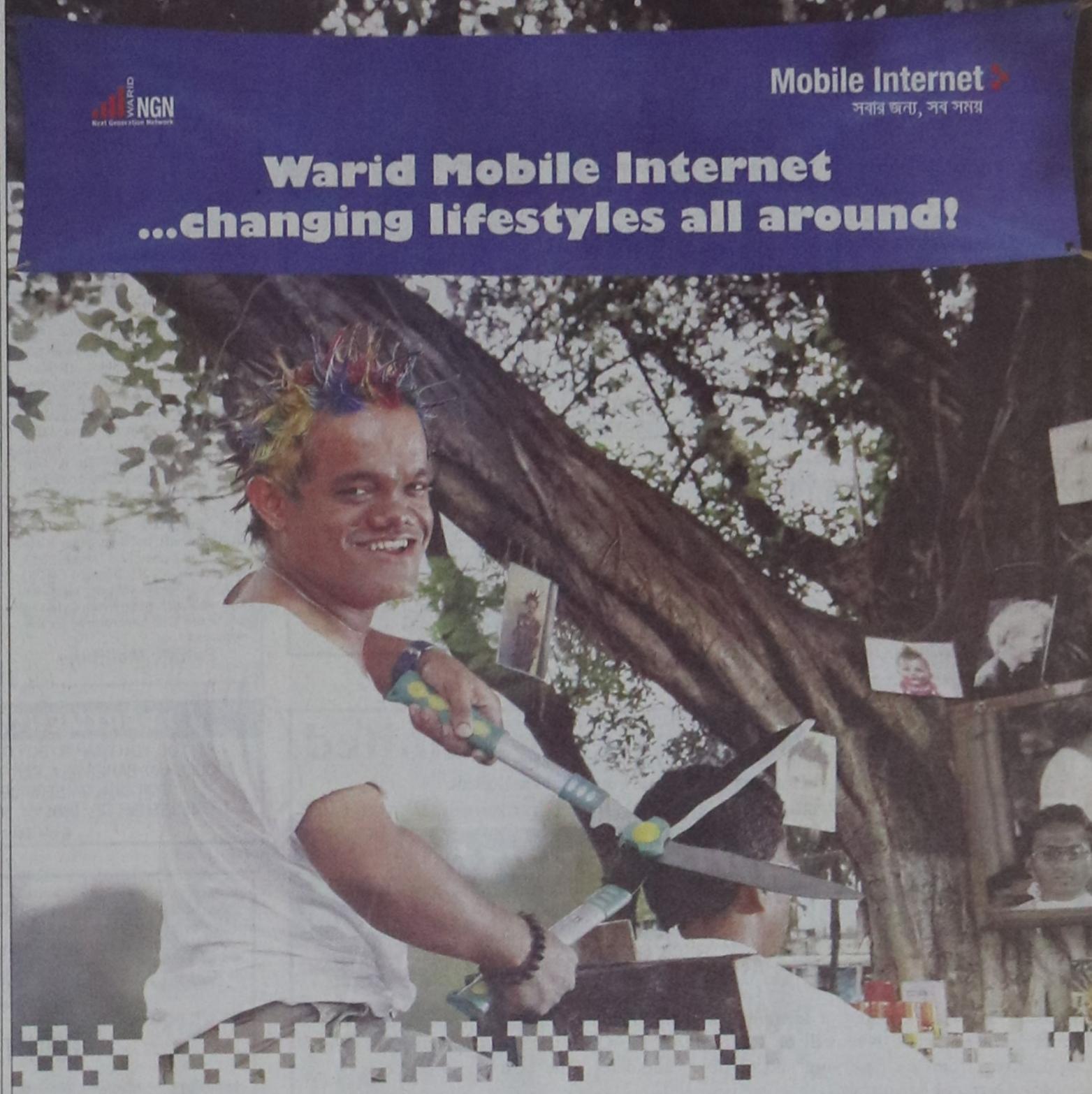
## Deputy attorney general resigns

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Deputy Attorney General Md Anwarul Azim Khair, who was appointed by the previous BNP-led four-party-alliance government, resigned from his post yesterday.

He has sent his resignation letter to the President through the attorney general.

In his letter, Anwarul said he tendered his resignation due to personal difficulties.



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## 1.5 lakh die of cancer a year

World Cancer Survivors' Day.

WORLD CANCER SURVIVORS' DAY OBSERVED

Experts tell discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Experts at a discussion yesterday said there are around 12 lakh cancer patients in the country and two ment of cancer is available in the lakh new patients are added annu- country and it can be cured if diagally of which 1.5 lakh patients die nosed early, still a large number of Khan as the special guests. due to the disease.

If detected earlier, 90 percent advance stage of the disease. cancer is curable especially in the case of cervical and breast cancer, people and absence of expert took partinit. they added.

sion organised by Dhaka Ahsania nosed and treated earlier, they

Mission (DAM) at the National added.

Presided over by DAM President Museum auditorium to mark the Kazi Rafiqul Alam, the discussion They further said though treat- was attended by Amsturdam University Prof Emeritus ABMF Karim and National Professor MR

Bangladesh Scouts, Girls people seek treatment at the Guides, Red Crescent, doctors, Lack of awareness among the nurses and civil society members

DAM has been observing the oncologists in peripheral areas Experts said this at the discus- hinder cancer patients to be diagday since the last five years with a view to building awareness in the society for the prevention and early detection of cancer and also to develop the treatment facilities for cancer patients.

World Cancer Survivors' Day is a worldwide annual celebration of cancer survivors. During the event, participants unite in a symbolic way to show the world that life after a cancer diagnosis even can be a hopeful reality, the speakers added.

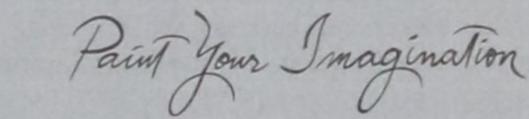
There is a scarcity of oncologists, well-trained nurses and technician and of course the instrumental support for the treatment of cancer patients in our

"The government has donated Tk 10 crore for establishing the Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital (AMCH). It has also planned to provide Tk 39 crore through a project to facilitate treatment of the poor people," said Brig Gen (Retd) MA Malek, adding that the well-off section of the society should also come forward to support the treatment of the patients.

The experts recommended to maintain personal hygiene, avoid the use of tobacco, take high fibrerich diet, avoid rich food, take green leafy vegetable, regular screening of breast and cervical cancer at appropriate age and take early step for the detection of can-

AMCH Senior Registrar Dr Subrata Mistry presented the keynote paper, while AMCH Joint Director Brig Gen Dr Syed Fazle Rahim and AMCH Managing Director M Fazlur Rahman also

The discussion was followed by a procession that started from in Bangladesh Scouts and Dhaka Ahsania Mission jointly take out a colourful front of the High Court Mazar and ended at the National Museum.









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