'Tackle challenges posed by global climate change'

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Different development organisations at a convention in the city yesterday urged the government to tackle the challenges posed by global climate change.

The convention was held at the Central Shaheed Minar prior to UN Climate Change Conference being held at Poznan in Poland from December 1 to 12.

Campaign for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods (CSRL), a network of national, regional and international development organisations, urged the government to move forward towards an effective treaty to serve the interests of the developing countries.

Expecting that the outcome of Poznan conference would build momentum towards an agreed result at Copenhagen in December 2009, CSRL demanded of the rich countries to reduce emission of harmful gases by 40 percent within 2020.

With the slogan 'Stop harming, Start helping' the speakers at the convention also urged the developed countries to extend their helping hands to resource poor countries who would be the worst victims of climate change.

They also demanded technology transfer to developing countries for adaptation of climate change and adequate fund so that they can afford those modern technologies.

They also urged the political parties to speak about their stand and strategies regarding fighting against the odds of climate change in their election manifestos.

President of Karmojibi Nari Shirin Akhter presided over the convention which was also addressed by Hasanul Haque Inu, president of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD), Mahbub Hossain of Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB), Dr Ahsan Uddin Ahmed of Centre for Global Change, AM Badrul Hasan and Sharmind Neelormi.

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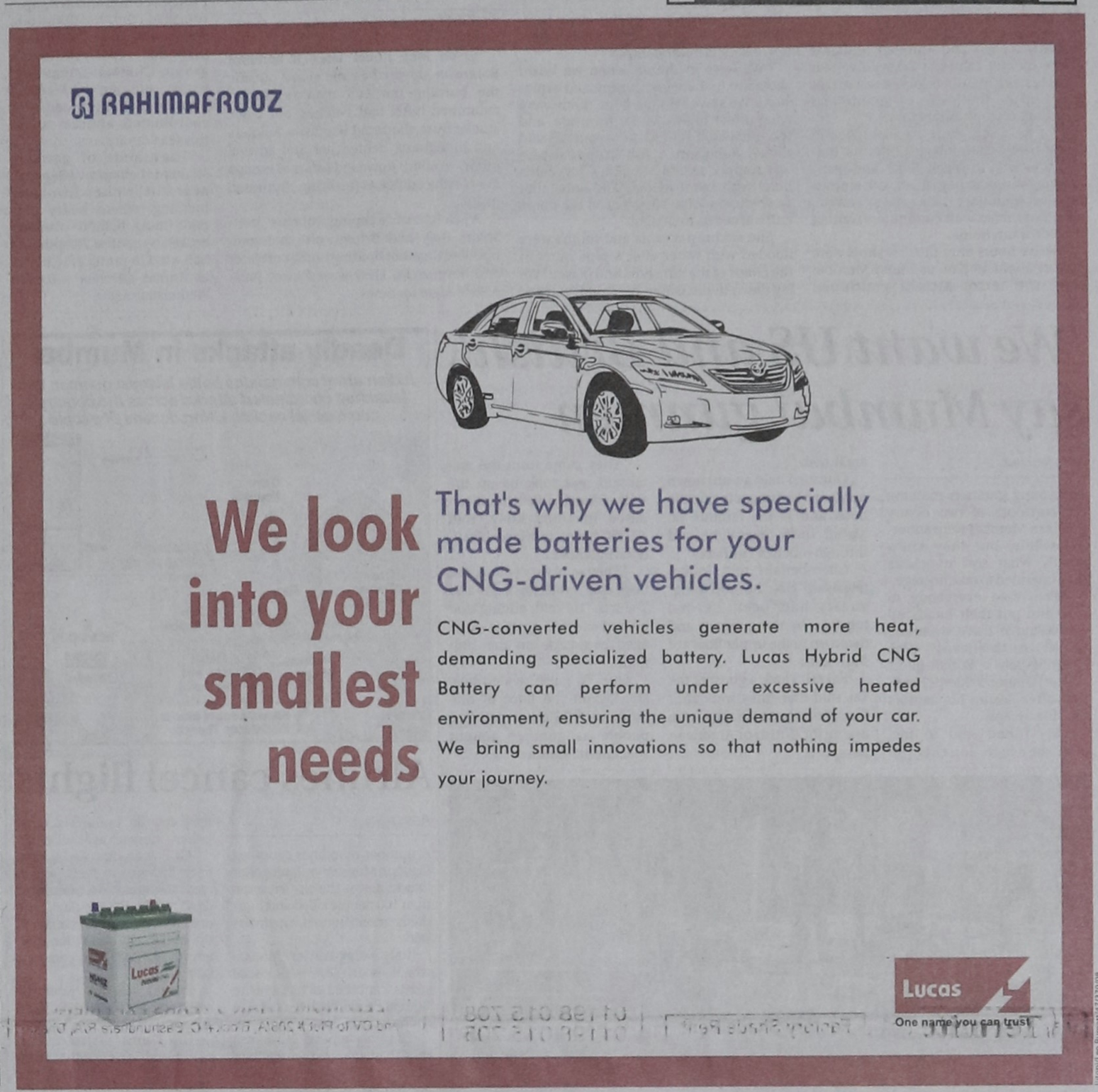

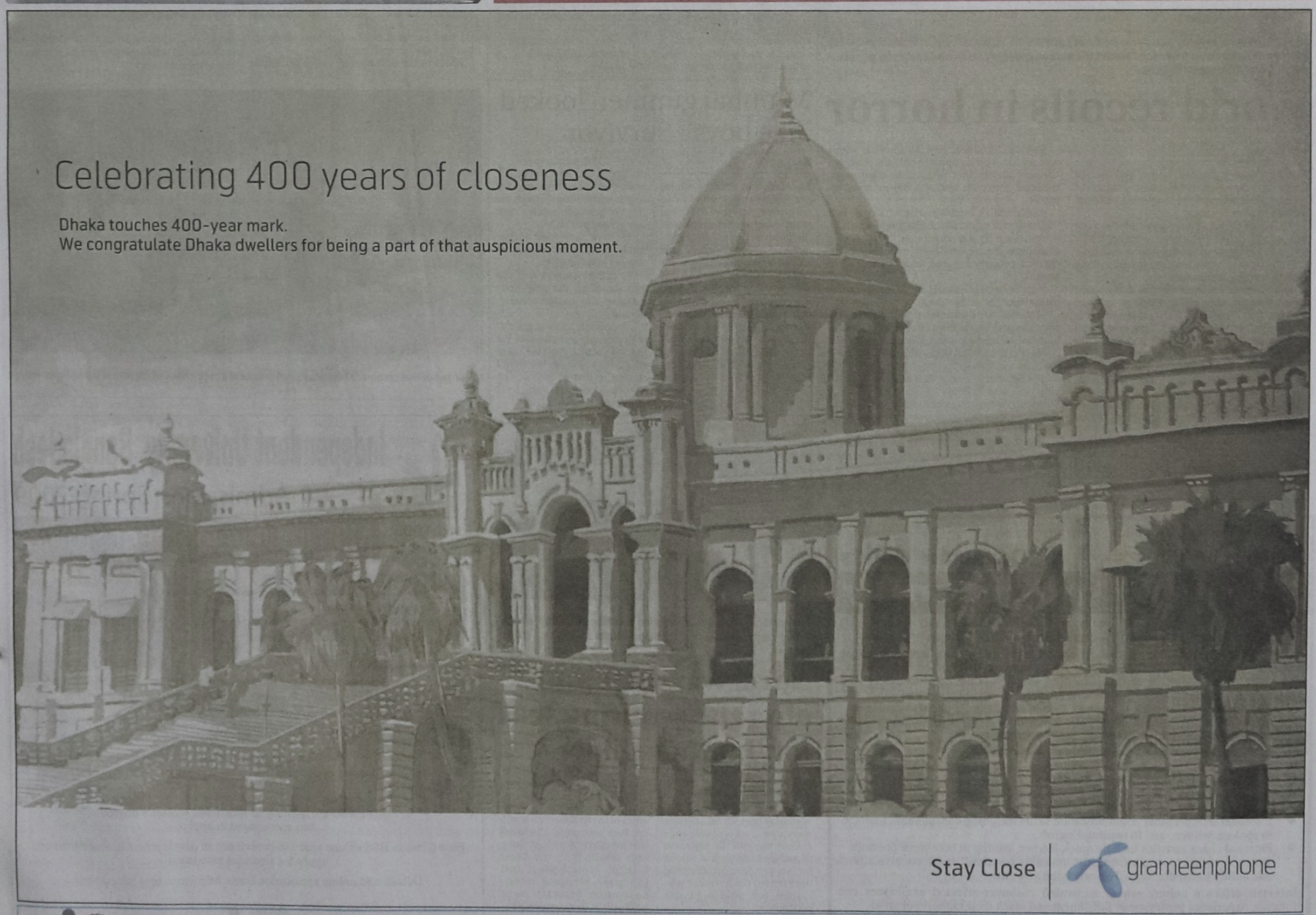

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