



A girl is engrossed in drawing pictures at an anti-child labour drawing competition at the National Press Club in the city yesterday. Bangladesh Labour Welfare Foundation organised the event.

## AUGUST 21 GRENADE ATTACK CASE Statement of witness recorded

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday recorded the statement of one more prosecution witness of the August 21, 2004 grenade attack cases.

Iqbal Atahar Tutul, a resident of Khilgaon area, appeared before the Speedy Trial Tribunal-1 and gave his deposition.

Judge Mohammad Masdar Hossain recorded the statement of the witness and fixed February 18 for next hearing of the cases.

The court also summoned four other prosecution witnesses - Kabir Uddin Shikder of Narayanganj, Mohammad Akkas of Khilgaon, Mohammad Salam of Kotwali and Mohammad Solaiman of

Comilla -- to appear before the court on the scheduled date.

In his deposition, Tutul mentioned that on August 21, 2004 he learned that his friend Shamim's father was injured in the grenade attacks carried out on the Awami League (AL) rally at Bangabandhu Avenue. On hearing the news, he went to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) to see Shamim's father Rafiqul Islam at around 8:30pm and learnt that Islam had already died.

The next day Sub-Inspector Sharif Faruque Ahmed, also the complainant of the cases, prepared an eight-page inquest report on the eight victims, including Shamim's father. Witnesses signed this report, Tutul said.

## 'Take steps for welfare of tea industry workers'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar yesterday said the government and industrialists must take an initiative to ensure betterment of the tea industry and its workers.

Oxfam and Tradecraft jointly organised the seminar at Cirdap auditorium in the city to discuss a research work titled 'Diagnostic study on the Tea sector and livelihood of the tea workers in Bangladesh'.

Azizur Rahman, joint secretary of labour and

employment ministry, said, "Not only the government but also individuals as well as industrialists must come forward to save the tea industry. Tea workers suffer from physical ailments very often."

Speaking as the special guest, he further said that the government must pay a special attention to address the problem.

Executive Director of Manusher Jonno Foundation Shaheen Anam said, "The government must come forward to ensure

education for tea workers so that they cannot be deprived of equal rights."

The research showed that total production in the sector was 57.96 million kilograms in 2007 which has a share of 1.68 percent in the world production.

There are 1,17,728 tea workers working in 163 tea estates contributing 0.81 percent to GDP and one percent to export earning, it revealed.

The research also mentioned that over 40 percent to 42 percent workers are

above 40 years old and lack required education and desired level of motivation. 30 percent children over five years of the workers never attended school while 47 percent of the respondents are illiterate.

It observed that housing condition of the workers is unsatisfactory in general with five people living in a room in some cases and often rainwater dips into the room through holes in the roofs.

Regarding health, the research said workers are

generally unhappy with medical services and the quality of breakfast and dinner is generally very poor.

It also mentioned that most of the workers do not know the role of trade union and labour laws.

Representatives from Bangladesh Tea Board, Bangladesh Cha Sangsad, Tea Garden Owners' Management Authority, Tea Labour Union, ILO and different NGOs working on the issue took part in the programme.

## Five bookshops fined for selling notebooks

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A mobile court yesterday fined five bookshops in Satkhira town for selling notebooks with the textbooks of class one to class eight.

The mobile court led by Executive Magistrate Tabibur Rahman fined Alam Library, Boimela, Poppy Library and Popular Library Tk 500 each while Sarkar Book Depot was fined Tk 300.

The team also seized over 125 notebooks from the shops.



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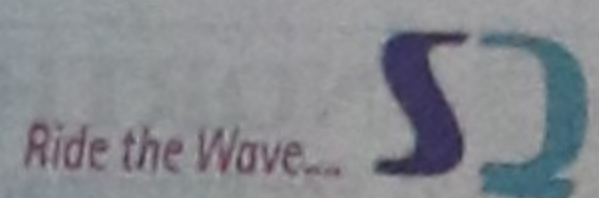
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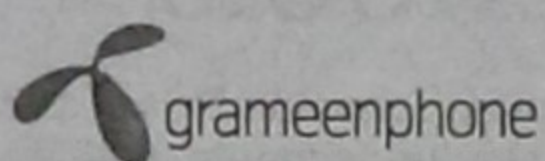
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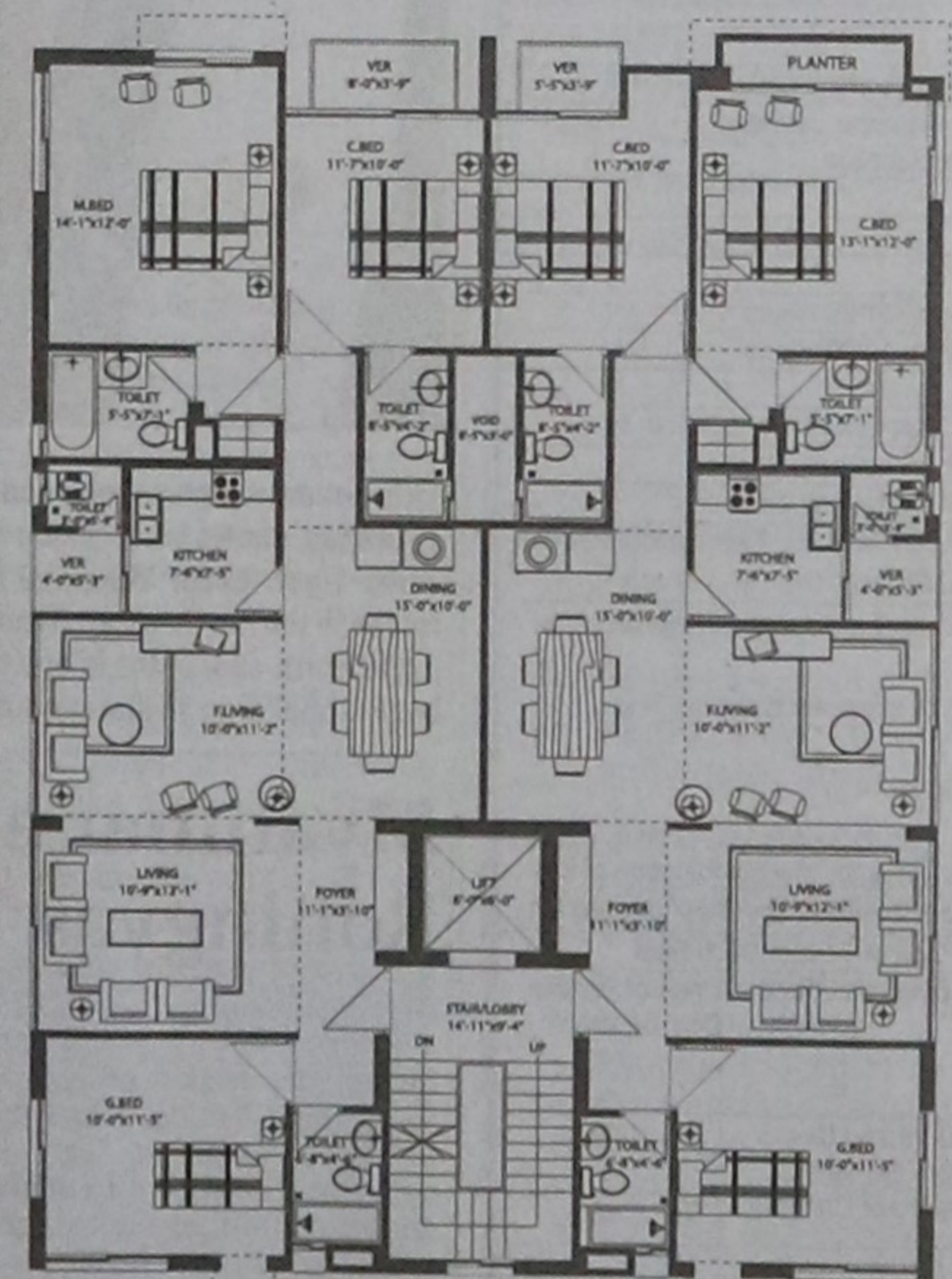
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