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Perpetrators to be brought to justice
 PM tells families of 9 martyred army officers

UNB, Dhaka

Reaffirming her resolve, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the perpetrators would be brought to justice after quick inquiry into the massacre in the BDR headquarters.

She said this when bereaved family members of nine martyred army officers met the prime minister at her official residence Jamuna yesterday evening.

The officers are Col Shawkat Imam, Lt Col Lutfar Rahman, Lt Col Kazi Ruby Rahman, Maj Abdus Salam Khan, Maj Maqsumul Hakim, Maj Rafiqul Islam, Maj Kazi Ashraf, Maj Azizul Hakim (missing) and Maj Gazzali (missing).

Hasina said the country suffered irreparable loss at the death of brilliant army officers in the February 25-26 carnage at the BDR headquarters.

"Such a loss, especially suffered by the members of the martyr families, cannot be compensated," she said while consoling them.

She assured them of all assistance from the prime minister and her government.

The PM assured them of government's necessary assistance, including educational expenses of the children of the martyr families.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina places wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Dhanmondi in the city yesterday on the occasion of the historic March 7. (Related story on Page 1)

Historic March 7 observed

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Different socio-political organisations observed the historic March 7 yesterday with a series of programmes across the country.

On March 7, 1971, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman called on all to get ready to fight against the Pakistani occupation forces to achieve their rights.

Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote marked the day through placing wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu at Dhanmondi in the city.

Joint General Arun Sarkar Rana and Organising Secretary Zebunnessa Akhter Munni led the programme.

Speakers at a discussion at Gulshan highlighted the significance of the day.

Bangladesh Jatiya Hindu Moitree Parishad also held a discussion at Ram Sita Temple.

Leaders of Titas Gas Employee's Union in a statement said utilising the spirit of the day, the killers of Bangabandhu must be executed and militants be rooted out from the country.

They also placed wreaths to the image of Bangabandhu at 7:00am led by Jatiya Sramik League, held a rally and discussion at the Engineers' Institution auditorium at 3:00pm.

Bangladesh Awami Swachhha Shebak League, Bangabandhu Lekhok Parishad, Jatir Janak Adarsha Parishad, Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad, Amra Muktiyoddhar Santan and Bangabandhu Society also marked the day through different programmes.

Bangladesh Awami Jubo League will hold a discussion today at the Engineers' Institution auditorium at 3:00pm where political analyst Abdul Gaffar Chowdhury, law makers Matia Chowdhury, Syed Ashraf Islam, Jahangir Kabir Nanak and Mirza Azam will speak.

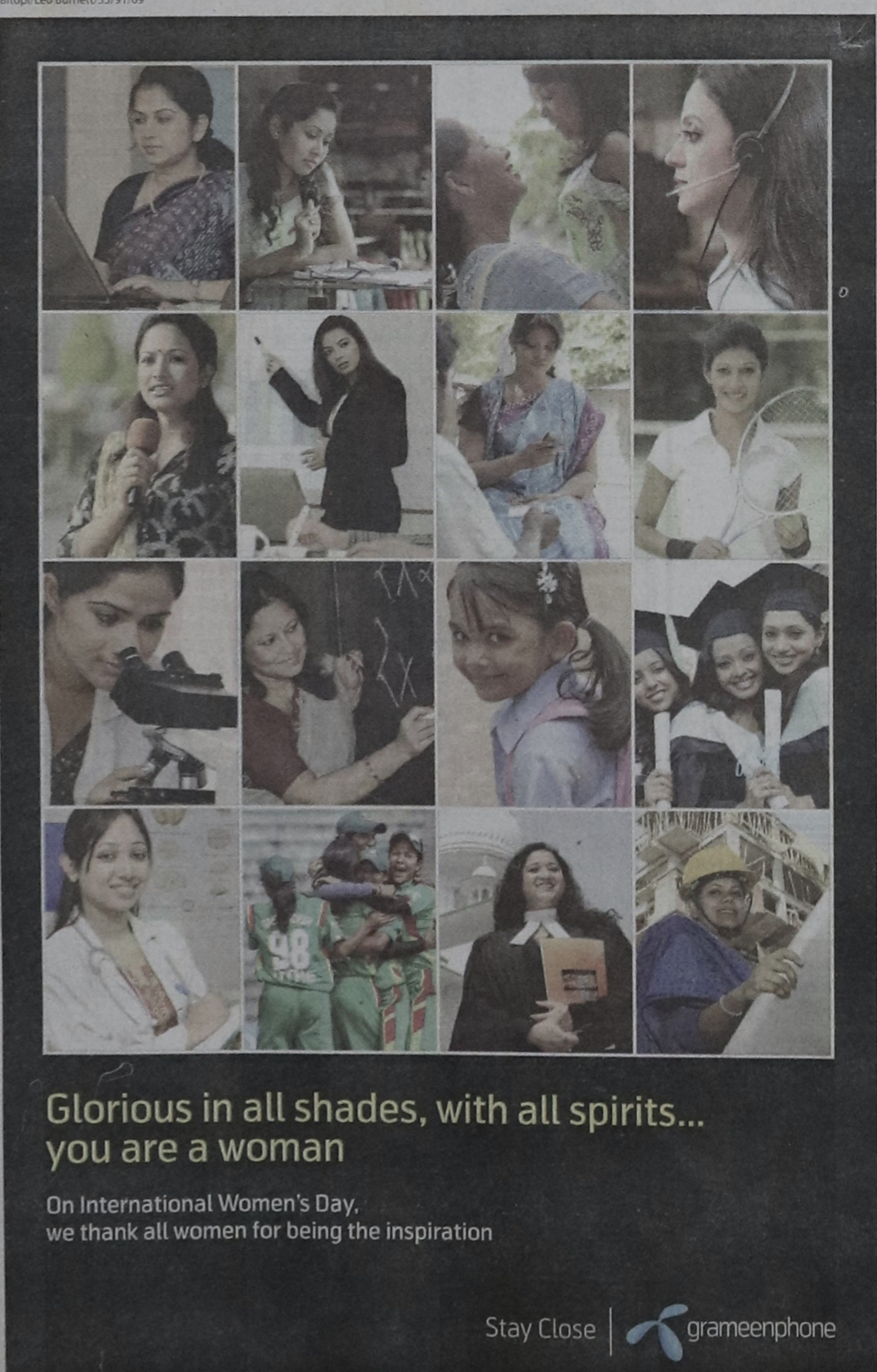
World Scout Bureau secy general in city

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World Scout Bureau Secretary General Luc Pannisod arrived in the city in a four-day visit to Bangladesh yesterday, says a press release.

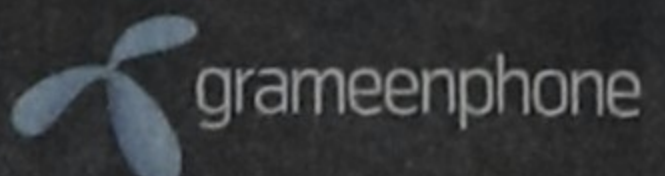
He will meet President Zillur Rahman at Bangabhaban today and present at the oath taking ceremony of the president as chief scout of the country.

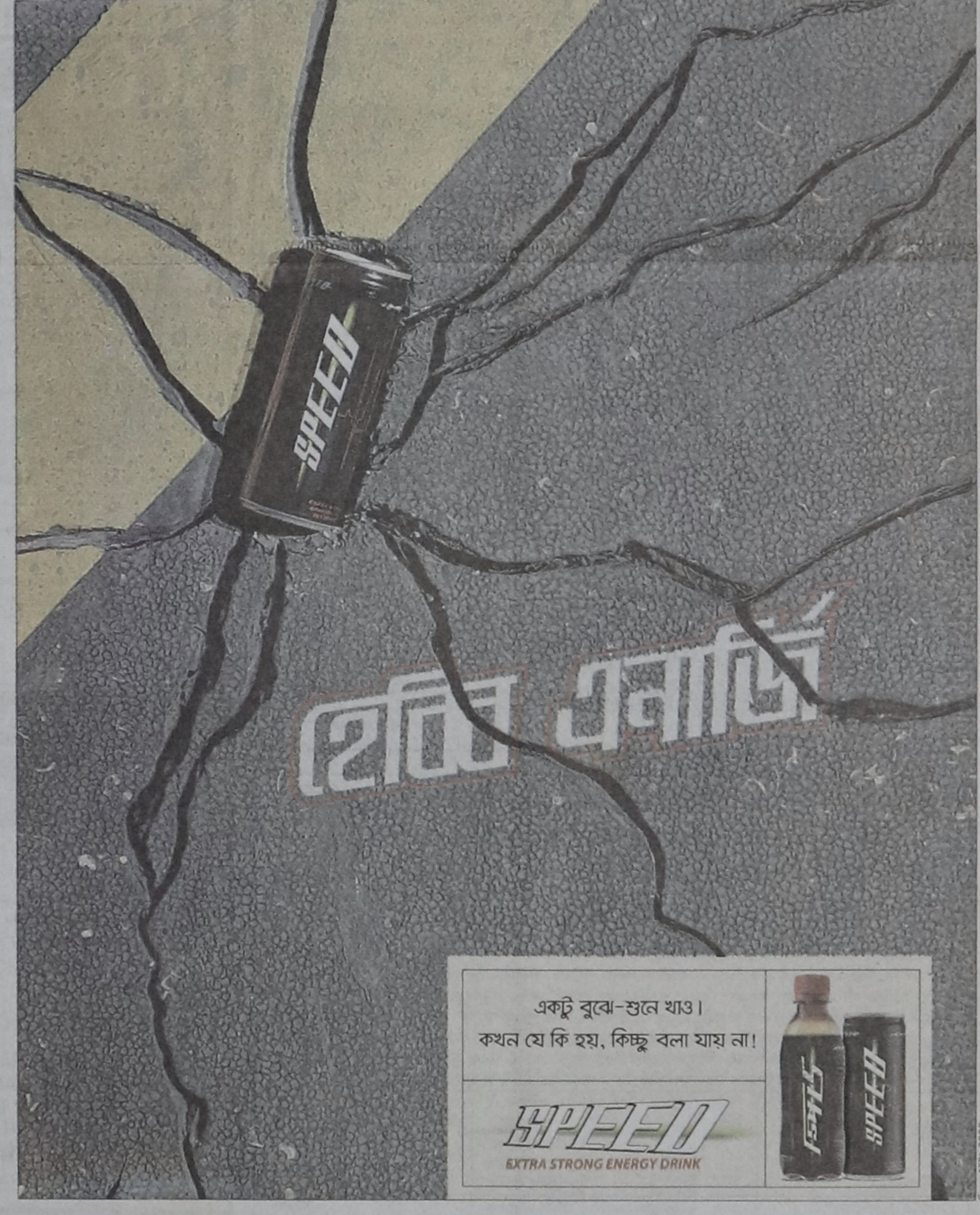
Pannisod will observe the activities of Bangladesh Scouts and visit some places.



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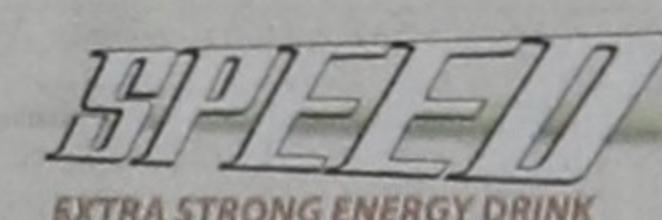
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