Postal services to be modernised

Minister tells parliament

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Postal services will be modernised to provide new facilities to people across the country, said Posts and Telecommunications Minister Rajiuddin Ahmed Razu at parliament yesterday.

Replying to a question he said touch and pay system will be introduced at the post offices so that people can pay their utility services bills there.

Besides, communication system will be introduced at the post offices to provide information to people, he added.

"Postal sector has been neglected for decades," said the minister, adding, "But now the present government wants to strengthen it to serve people in a better way."

He said his ministry has already started a process to appoint 2,850 manpower for the vacant posts of the postal department.

"The establishment ministry has given clearance to fill-in vacant posts at the post offices across the country and the process has already begun," he said.

On the present structure and manpower of the post offices, the minister said there are 8126 post offices across the country where 23,021 extra departmental agents are working.

The cabinet has also approved a proposal to amend the Post Office Act 1898 and it will be placed in parliament soon, he added.

Newspaper holiday on Sept 20-22

UNB, *Dhaka*

The offices of all newspapers and news agencies will remain closed from September 20 to 22 on account of Eid-ul-Fitr.

Therefore, there will be no newspaper on September 21, 22 and 23, said a press release of Newspapers Owners' Association of Bangladesh (NOAB).

If, however, Eid is celebrated on September 22, holiday will also be observed on September 23 as well, in which case no newspaper will be published on September 24, the release added.

Inter-ministerial meeting on BDR trial mode today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An inter-ministerial meeting scheduled for yesterday will now be held today to decide the trial mode of the BDR mutiny.

The meeting could not be held yesterday as Law Minister Shafique Ahmed, who was scheduled to chair the meeting, attended another meeting of the parliamentary standing committee on home affairs to scrutinize the Mobile Court Bill 2009 at that time, Information Officer of the law ministry Mizanur Rahman said.

The meeting will now be held at the conference room of the law ministry at 10:30am on Tuesday (today), he said.

Home Minister Sahara Khatun, State Minister for Law Qamrul Islam, Attorney General Mahbubey Alam, Additional Attorney General Murad Reza, representatives of Bangladesh Army and Bangladesh Rifles, prosecutors and government high officials concerned will attend the meeting.

On Sunday, the law ministry convened the inter-ministerial meeting after receiving the Supreme Court opinion on the presidential reference on the issue.

Invest more to reduce trade imbalance

President urges Japan

UNB, *Dhaka*

President Zillur Rahman yesterday sought more Japanese investment to reduce the existing trade imbalance between the two countries.

"Japanese entrepreneurs can invest in Bangladesh, as an investment friendly atmosphere is prevailing in the country," the president said lauding the Japanese role in continuing its economic cooperation and assistance for socioeconomic development of Bangladesh.

He made the remarks when the newly appointed Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Tamotsu Shinotsuka presented his credentials to him at Bangabhaban.

Welcoming the new envoy, he said, "Bangladesh attaches great importance to its relations with Japan."

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Newly appointed Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Tamotsu Shinotsuka presents his credentials to President Zillur Rahman at Bangabhaban yesterday.

Praising the Japanese government, he said it is the biggest development partner of Bangladesh.

He said Japan is continuing its assistance to Bangladesh for its socio-economic development although Japanese Oversees Development Assistance (ODA) is shirking due to world economic recession.

He emphasised the importance of increased exchange of high-level visits by academic and cultural delegations for strengthening people-to-people contacts between the two countries.

Describing Bangladesh as a peace-loving country, Zillur said Bangladesh and Japan are working together in international arenas to fulfill mutual interests.

The president congratulated the Democratic Party of Japan for wining the last general polls. Through the Ambassador, he also invited the King of Japan to visit Bangladesh at his convenient time.

Tamotsu expressed his satisfaction over the existing bilateral relations and told the president that he would try his level best to further bolster the relations.

He said the two countries are dealing with many common issues, including adaptation to the adverse affects of climate change. "Both the countries can work together on the common issues," he added.

Referring to his country's ancient cultural heritage, Tamotsu said Bangladesh has been carrying on a rich culture for ages.

Paying his respect to Father of the Nation Bangabhandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the new envoy congratulated the new government for assuming state power through a free, fair and credible election.

Foreign Secretary Mohamed Mijarul Quayes was present on the occasion.

SHOLAKIA EIDGAH

HC orders status quo on appointment of imams

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a status quo on the appointment of imam (religious leader) for conducting Eid congregations at Sholakia Eidgah ground in Kishoreganj, where the country's biggest Eid congregation takes place every year.

The court also issued a rule upon the government to explain within six weeks why the decision to appoint Md Fariduddin Masud and Md Khalilur Rahman as imams of Sholakia Eidgah replacing Abul Khair Mohammad Saifullah sho

The HC issued the order upon a writ petition filed by imam Saifullah challenging the legality of the government decision.uld not be declared illegal.

When asked who will now conduct the next Eid congregation at Sholakia following the HC order, Attorney General Mahbubey Alam and the petitioner's lawyer Advocate Khandaker Mahbubuddin Ahmed gave different opinions on this issue to reporters.

Khandaker Mahbubuddin said there is no bar on Saifullah conducting the upcoming Eid congregation, as the HC issued a rule seeking explanation for the legality of the appointment of two imams.

Mahbubey Alam, however, said the government decision regarding the appointment of two new imams will remain as usual and that they will now conduct the Eid congregations at Sholakia, as the HC issued the status quo on the issue.

He also said that his office might file an application with the Supreme Court to settle the dispute on the appointment of imam, since it is a sensitive matter.

In his petition, Saifullah stated that he had been conducting Eid congregations at Sholakia since 2004, as Mutwali of Waqf of Sholakia appointed him following due process of law.

The petition also said the deputy commissioner of Kishoreganj on September 2 appointed Md Fariduddin Masud and Md Khalilur Rahman as imams of Sholakia replacing Saifullah without any lawful authority.

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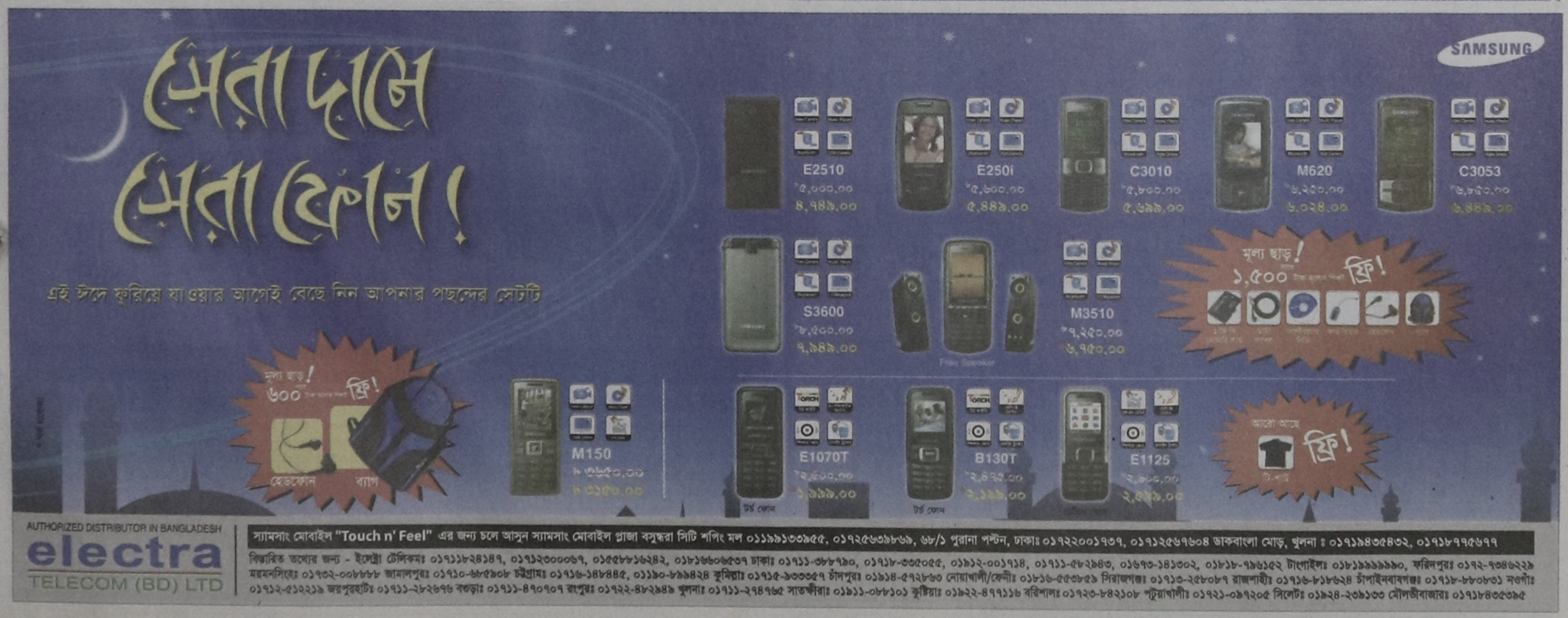
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