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INDUSTRIES INSIDE BHAWAL NATIONAL PARK

Green light to 300 units

PINAKI ROY
 The Awami League-led government is issuing environmental clearance certificates for industries on "private land" inside the Bhawal National Park in Gazipur, backtracking on its stance and lifting a ban imposed in 1999 during its previous tenure.

September 16 last year took this decision and a gazette to that end has already been issued. The committee decided that the industries on "private land" would get clearance certificates if they don't pollute environment.

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Here comes the spring, *Basanta*, king of all seasons. City people, especially women dressed in symbolic yellow sari, celebrate *Pahela Falgun*, first day of the joyous and colourful season, singing and dancing at the Institute of Fine Arts of Dhaka University yesterday.

City dances to Falgun beat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 The city put on a colourfully festive look yesterday celebrating Pahela Falgun, the first day of spring. Socio-cultural organisations and educational institutions held a wide range of programmes to mark the day.

PHOTO: ANSIBUR RAHMAN

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EU MEMBERSHIP

Khaleda pulls for Turkey

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 Leader of the Opposition and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday said Bangladesh would be happy if Turkey became a member of the European Union.

Dhaka seeks help for rail, river projects

PM meets Turkish president
BSS, Dhaka

Turkey will provide support for power generation, transport, information and communication technology, road infrastructure and other development sectors of Bangladesh. The assurance came when Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina called on visiting Turkish President Abdullah Gul at his hotel suite here yesterday.

Opposition returns to JS today

Will place one demand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 The BNP-led opposition lawmakers will return to parliament today with the demand for expunging the home minister's recent remark on late president Ziaur Rahman.

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133 more picked up

At least 60 injured as BCL, Shibir clash in Nilphamari; district Jamaat chief held

STAR REPORT
 Police yesterday arrested at least 133 more cadres of Jamaat-e-Islami and its associated student organisation Islami Chhatra Shibir in the ongoing country-wide combing operation.

Sources in Dhaka Metropolitan Police said the law enforcers arrested 27 more Shibir activists in the capital. With this, the number of arrestees in Dhaka in the last two days has risen to 88.

In Chittagong University, the law enforcers picked up 24 Shibir men and recovered several books on jihad. On information that Shibir cadres were gathering to create anarchy, police raided the Shibir-controlled cottages and rented houses on and around the campus from 1:00am to 4:00am.

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Rejoinder

The Rajshahi University authority has sent a rejoinder to a report of The Daily Star's February 11 issue headlined "Shibir grows under teacher-admin care".

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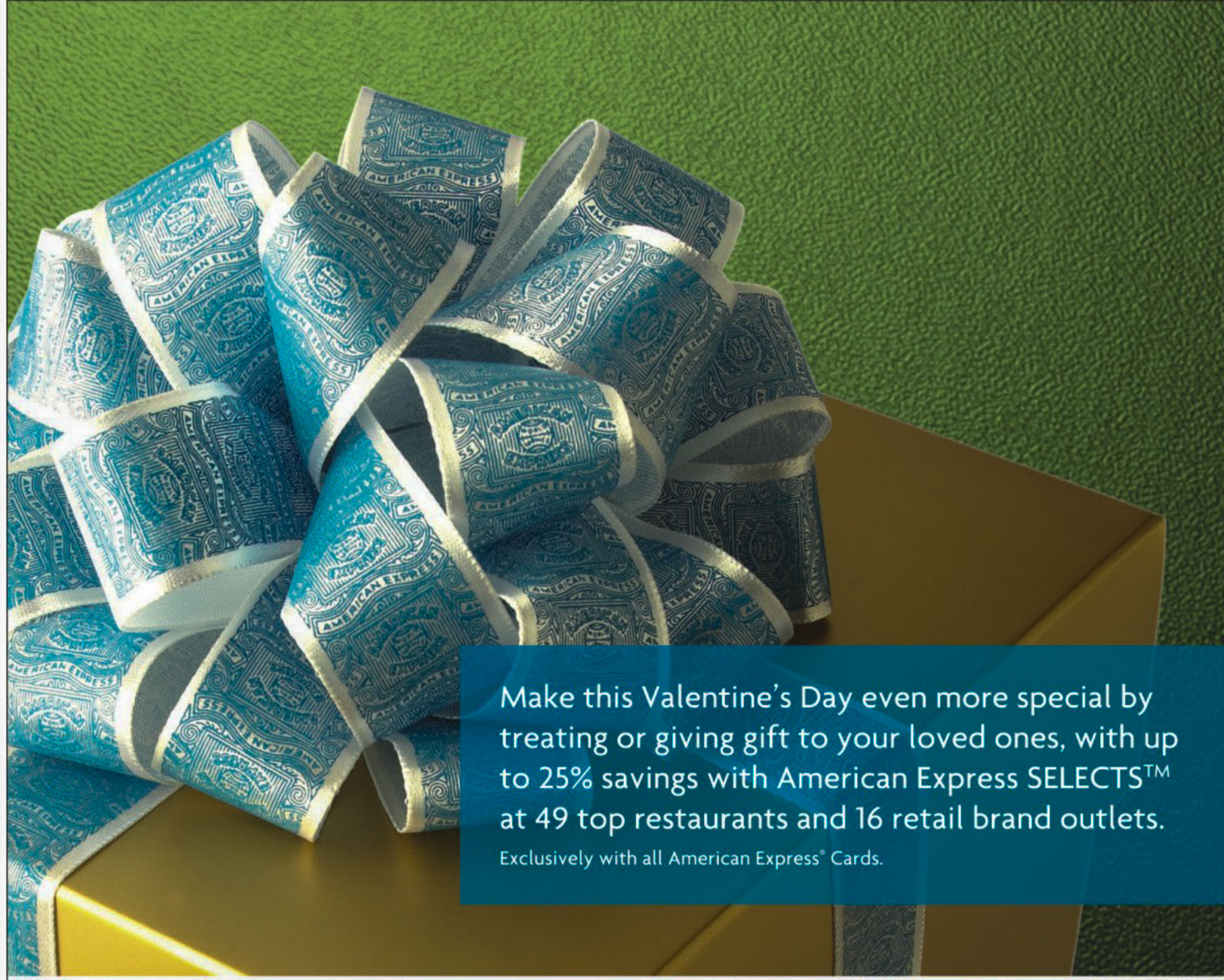


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