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The famed Indian writer, now 96, says he's penned his last novel.

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Beckham has all but signed a deal for a move to English league.

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Chaos mars WC cricket ticket sale

RAKIB AHAMMED

It was never ending wait for thousands, heartbreak for hundreds, brutal beating for many and triumphant faces for a few as the most sought after tickets for the cricket World Cup went on sale across the country yesterday.

The cricket fans of Dhaka bear the brunt most while trying to obtain the cherished tickets for any of the eight World Cup matches to be held in Bangladesh.

Despite standing in long

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A young cricket fan sits glumly after failing to get a World Cup ticket from the City Bank branch near Science Laboratory in the capital yesterday. He had been queuing since Saturday afternoon.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

HILL CUTTING IN COX'S BAZAR Fine slapped on realtor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A real estate company has been fined about Tk 3 crore for wiping out hills and forests on an area of 100 acres to develop a housing project at Jhilongja in Cox's Bazar.

The Department of Environment in a drive yesterday slapped the fine on Uttaran Grihayan Samabai Samity and shut down the project only two kilometres off the Cox's Bazar town.

A huge quantity of construction materials and equipment were seized from the project area. No arrests could be made as all company officials and workers had already fled the place before the drive, said DoE officials.

They said the realtor had sold 600 people housing plots under the project, about 80 feet above the sea level.

Frequent hill cutting in Cox's Bazar has posed a threat to ecology and caused a series of mudslides in and

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PM warns culprits

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued a strong warning against the evil cliques, who maim children and force them to beg as a means of earning money.

The premier said the present government

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GANG MAIMING CHILDREN

HC spurs govt

Asks to implement rule, stop begging in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday expressed concern over an incident of maiming a child to force him into begging by a gang in the capital and issued a suo moto rule on the government to stop such incidents.

The HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin

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MANPOWER EXPORT TO KOREA

Mishandling costs 500 jobs

PORIMOL PALMA

Around 500 Bangladeshi jobseekers will not get jobs in South Korea allegedly for inefficient handling of their applications by the government recruiting agency, BOESL.

They have been waiting for visas for over two years after completing all the initial procedures including

passing a Korean language test.

Bangladesh Overseas Employment Services Limited (BOESL) in a notice on December 19 last year said Korea's Human Resources Department (HRD) has deleted names of 493 successful candidates from the list sent by BOESL.

Some were excluded as the two-

year period of their Korean language test certificate expired and some others for being overage, the BOESL website read.

The jobseekers, however, say nearly 1,500 other jobseekers who passed the same test in October 2008 are still on the list.

They said they have evidence that

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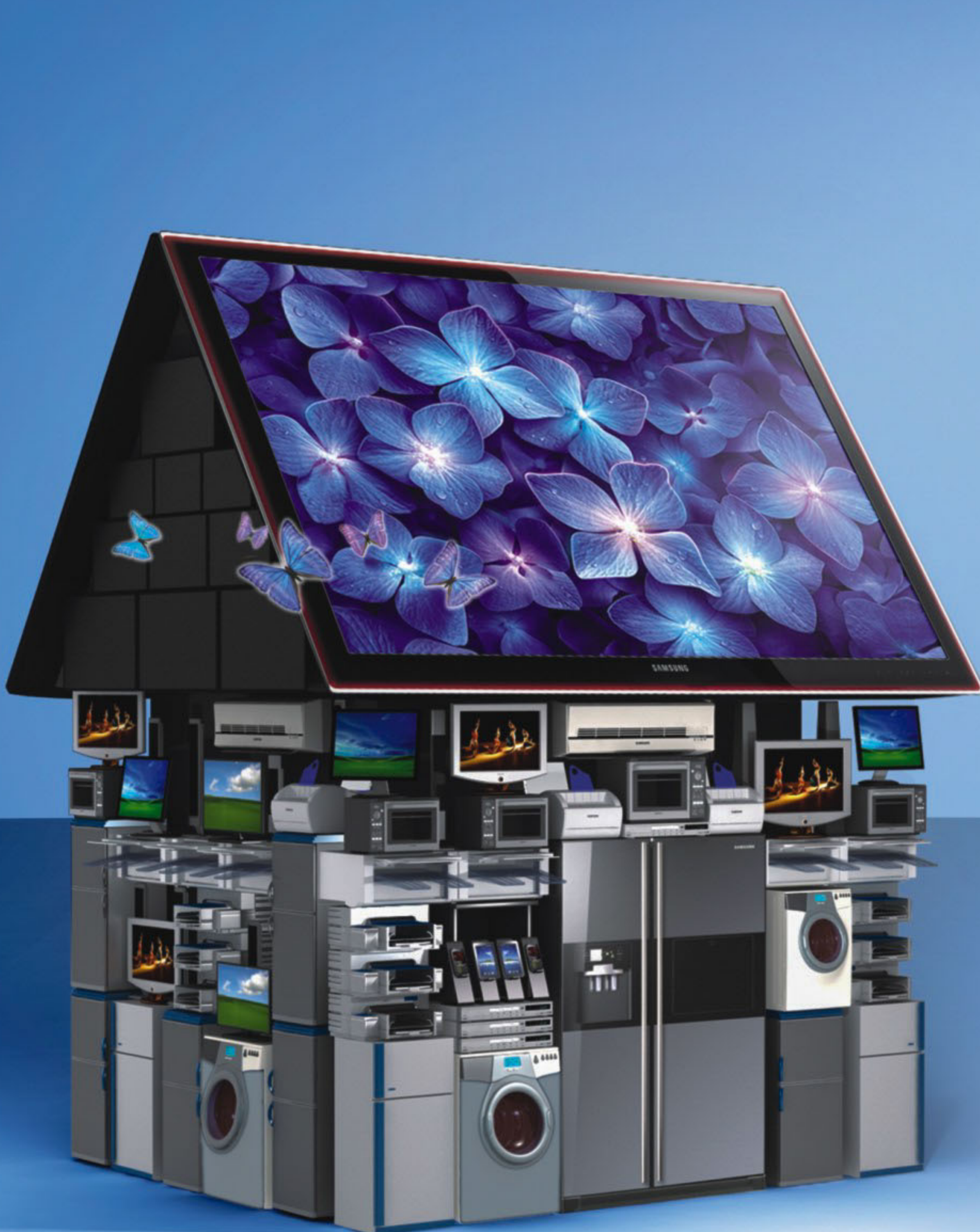
HANGING CABLE DRIVE

Net providers calls one-hr strike Tuesday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Internet Service Providers Association of Bangladesh yesterday called an hour's strike from 11:00am tomorrow to protest the removal of overhead

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