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HASAN JAHID TUSHER

In an effort to beautify the urban neighbourhoods of the country, the cabinet yesterday approved the Wall Writing and Poster Setting (Control) Act, 2011.

None will be allowed to deface walls with graffiti and posters, according to the act adopted by a weekly cabinet meeting, with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

People or organisations will only be allowed to put up posters in the government-designated spots by paying required fees, prime minister's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad told newsmen after the meeting.





NUISANCE CONTINUES: Top, Placards placed at Zero Point in the capital to mark the 62nd founding anniversary of Awami League on June 23 were still covering the road signs when the photo was taken on Saturday. Bottom, photos taken yesterday show wall adverts at Motijheel and a flood of banners in front of BNP office at Naya Paltan.

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Teacher makes confession

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Porimol Joydhor, the sacked Bangla teacher of Vigarunnisa Noon School and College, yesterday confessed to sexually assaulting a class-X female student of the school's Bashundhara branch.

He made the confessional statement before Metropolitan Magistrate Shahriar Mahmud Adnan at his chamber, said Investigation Officer Shahadat Hossain. "He [Porimol] has confessed to violating the girl

twice," Shahadat said adding that the accused, however, denied taking any picture of the girl.

After recording his statement, the Dhaka Chief SEE PAGE 19 COL 4

Bomb rips thru' train 100 injured

in Assam OUR CORRESPONDENT,

New Delhi

At least 100 people were injured, 20 of them seriously, as a powerful bomb ripped through a passenger train late on Sunday in north-eastern Indian state of Assam, said officials.

The explosion took place at about 8:30pm when the Guwahati-Puri Express train was nearing Ghograpara in western Assam's Nalbari district,

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING Cabinet for death penalty

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The cabinet yesterday approved in principle the draft of the Human Trafficking Prevention and Curb Act, 2011 with a provision of death penalty.

It also endorsed the draft of the Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Act, 2011 in a bid to prevent all kinds of terrorism in the country. SEE PAGE 19 COL 4

Population target stiff

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government's goal of reducing the country's population growth rate from 1.39 percent to 1 percent by 2016 is very hard to achieve, say officials and population experts.

While the nation observed the World Population Day yesterday, the experts said the acceleration in growth of population seen over the years suggests that the goal set in 2009 is highly ambitious.

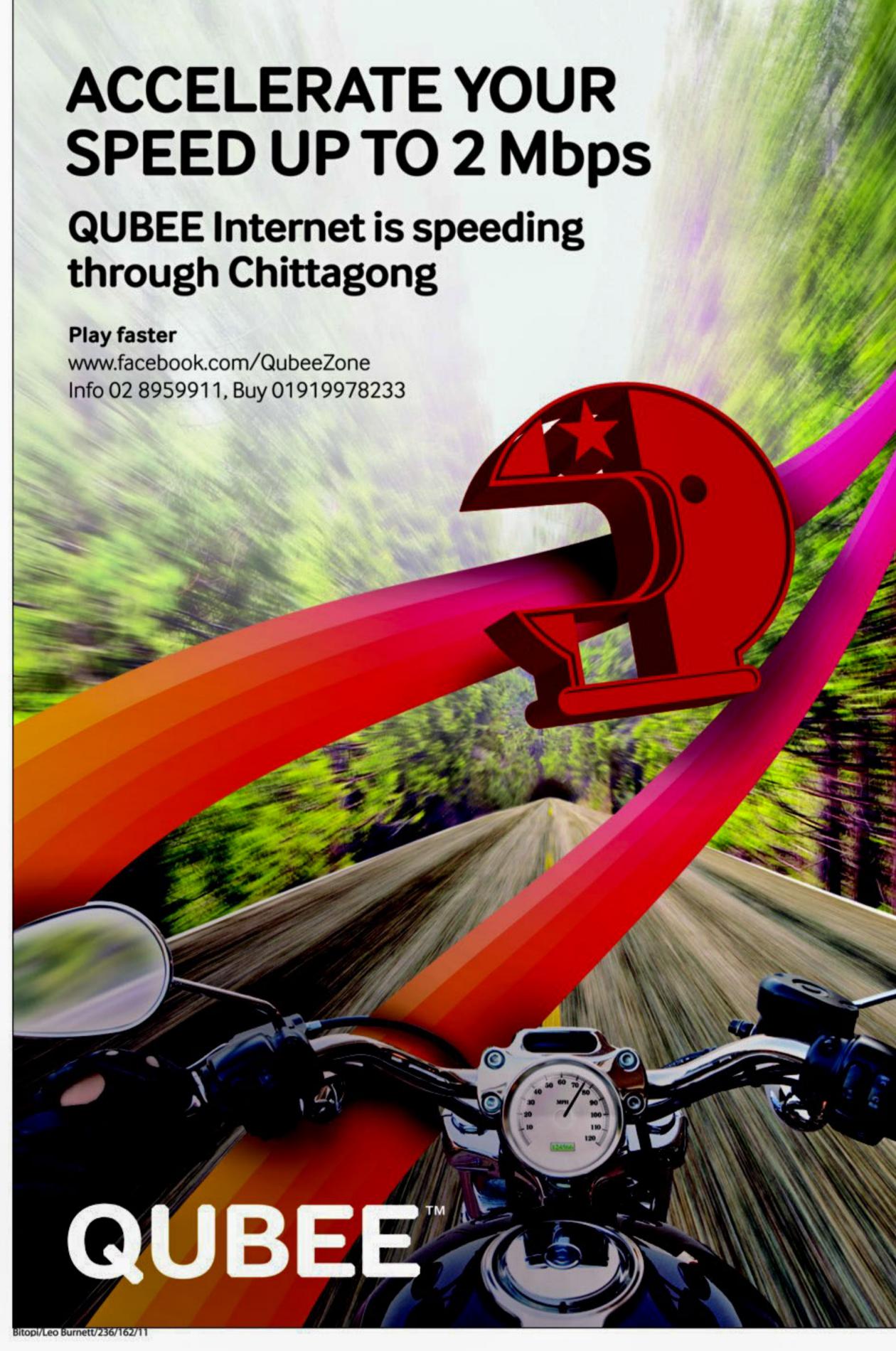
This year the slogan of the day was "The World at 7 Billion". Ahmed Al Sabir, a former director (research) of National Institute of Population Research and Training,

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War crimes

SAYEDEE

charges

including genocide and rape against Jamaat-e-Islami leader Delwar **SEE PAGE 6 COL 7** PRAYER TIMING



Garments division of KDS awarded Supplier of the Year-2010 by George



Jashim Uddin Chowdhury, GM-Sales & Merchandising ,KDS (left) received the award from Jack Curran, Director-Global Sourcing, George, UK (right). Keren Long, Sourcing Director, George Bangladesh (extreme right), presided the conference.



BCL votes for young leaders

Porimol Joydhor

Badiuzzaman Sohag president, Siddique Nazmul Alam general secretary

RAKIB AHAMMED

Bangladesh Chhatra League at its 27th national council yesterday elected Badiuzzaman Sohag the central committee president and Siddique Nazmul Alam the general secretary.

A total of 16 candidates, all aged no more than 29, ran for the two posts.

Sohag won 1,690 votes and his nearest competitor Manwar Hossain Masud secured 521. Nazmul, bagging 1,571 votes, went ahead of his closest contender Shamsul Kabir Rahat who got 546.

Abul Kalam Azad, one of the election commissioners,

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