

7 police impersonators held in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detective Branch (DB) of Police has arrested seven members of a gang of police impersonators from the capital's Uttara area.

They also recovered a wireless set, handcuffs and a microbus from their possession.

The arrestees were Md Gazi Helal Uddin, Abu Bakkat Siddique, Ripon Miah, Abdul Berek, Titu Miah, Mokbul Dhali, Maruf Hossain.

DB officials said the arrestees have been involved in various criminal activities like kidnapping, mugging and threatening people in the guise of detectives.

They used to carry wireless sets and handcuffs similar to those used by DB personnel, they said.

DB Additional Deputy Commissioner Ashiqur Rahman said they arrested the members of the gang when they were waiting outside a bank with a microbus to kidnap

people withdrawing money at Abdullahpur on Tuesday afternoon.

"The gang has informants who keep an eye on branches of banks and ATM booths," he said.

They used to kidnap the people who withdrew money from the banks or ATM booths; and put them into their car identifying themselves as DB personnel, he said.

Later, they used to drop the people on footpaths from the moving vehicle after the money is snatched, he added.

During primary interrogation, the arrestees said they collected the wireless sets from a shop at Baitul Mukarram market and the handcuffs from Polwel Super Market in Paltan, the DB official said.

Detectives have also detained a shop owner at Baitul Mukarram market for interrogation.

Last month police arrested four DB impersonators from the capital's Kakrail with handcuffs and wireless sets.

College of Leather Technology comes under DU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh College of Leather Technology has started its journey anew as a full-fledged institution under Dhaka University's Faculty of Engineering and Technology.

The institution started operating as the Institute of Leather Engineering and Technology after an agreement was signed on January 1 in this regard at the office of Dhaka University's vice chancellor.

Dr Kamal Uddin, treasurer of DU, and Sheikh Alamgir Hossain, director of Directorate of Technical Education (DTE), signed the agreement on behalf of their respective sides, said a press release yesterday.

DTE, under the education ministry, used to operate the leather college.

Land, structure, laboratory equipment, furniture, vehicles, financial liabilities, and manpower of the leather college were handed over to the DU authorities as per the agreement for operation of the new institute.

Terming the agreement historic, DU VC Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique said from now on this institute, like other institutes in the country, will be able to contribute in the progress of the country's leather industry.

BORDER KILLINGS Govt to see if BSF breached consensus on no firing: MKA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home Minister MK Alamgir yesterday said they would investigate whether India's Border Security Force (BSF) breached the consensus that the border forces of Bangladesh and India would not open fire except in the case of self-defence.

He made the remark in reply to a query of journalists after addressing the daylong 23rd anniversary celebration programme of the Department of Narcotics Control (DNC) at the capital's Tejgaon.

The journalists questioned the home minister about the killing of two cattle traders by BSF early yesterday inside Indian territory, which borders

Gomostapur upazila of Chapainawabganj. "In many cases, smugglers resort to firearms and that is why the border guards of both the countries have been directed to open fire only for their self-defence."

He said, "During a visit to India last month, I talked to the Indian home minister about border killings and agreed in principle that none of the border forces would open fire unless it is a case of self-defence."

However, the home minister said, "We are investigating the incidents. If it is found that the shooting took place for other reasons, we must take proper measures."



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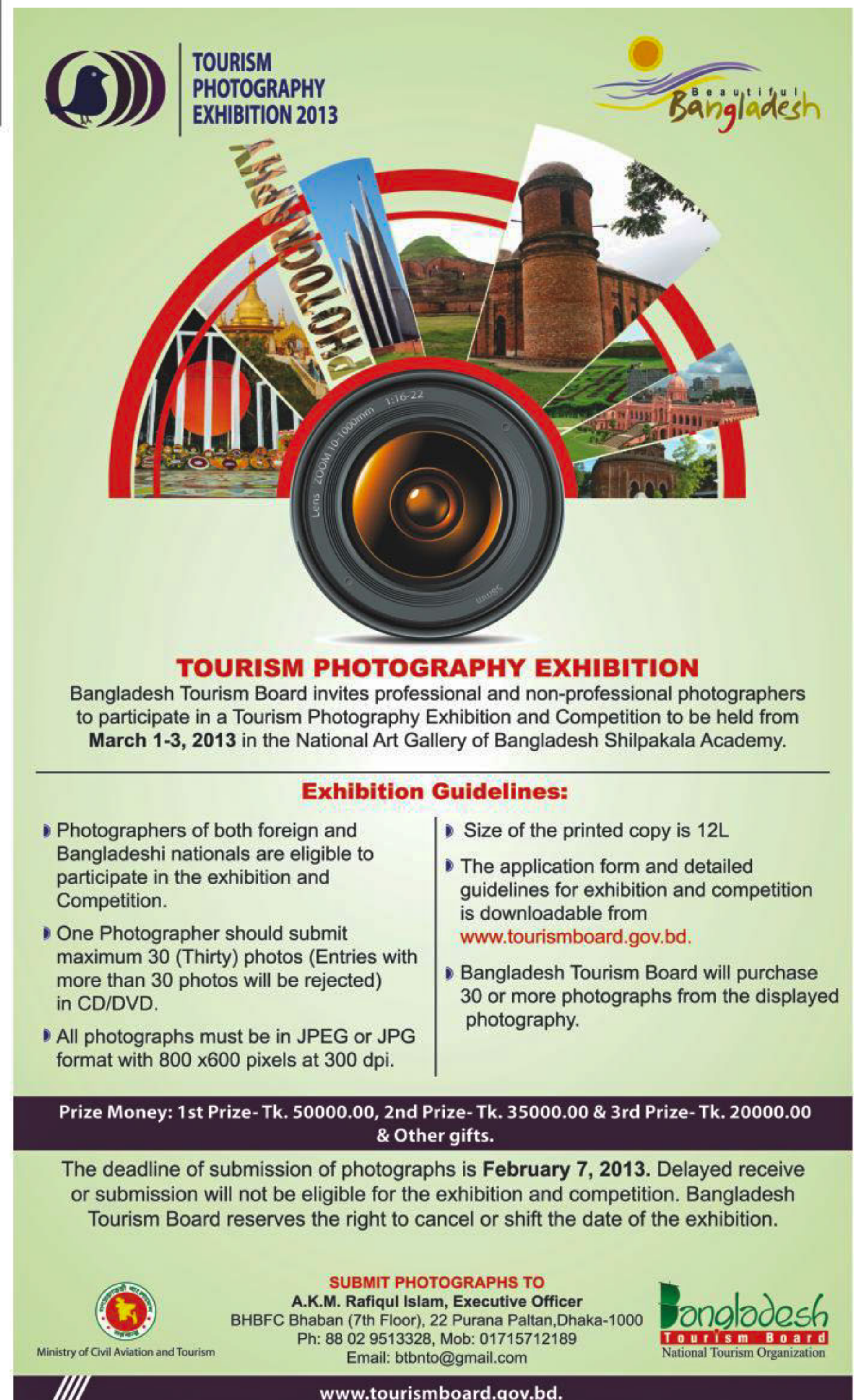
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Exhibition Guidelines:

- Photographers of both foreign and Bangladeshi nationals are eligible to participate in the exhibition and competition.
- One Photographer should submit maximum 30 (Thirty) photos (Entries with more than 30 photos will be rejected) in CD/DVD.
- All photographs must be in JPEG or JPG format with 800 x 600 pixels at 300 dpi.
- Size of the printed copy is 12L
- The application form and detailed guidelines for exhibition and competition is downloadable from www.tourismboard.gov.bd.
- Bangladesh Tourism Board will purchase 30 or more photographs from the displayed photography.

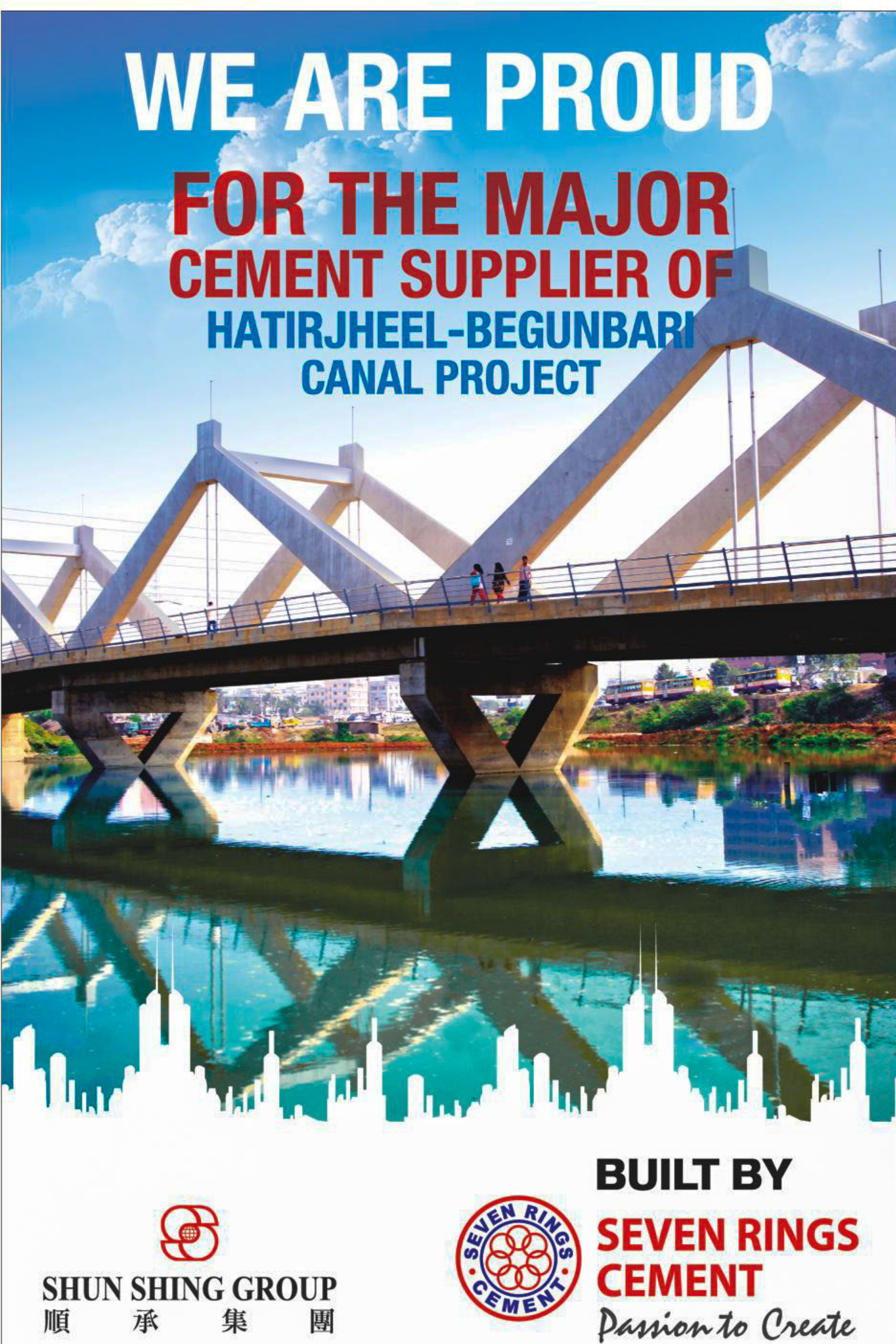
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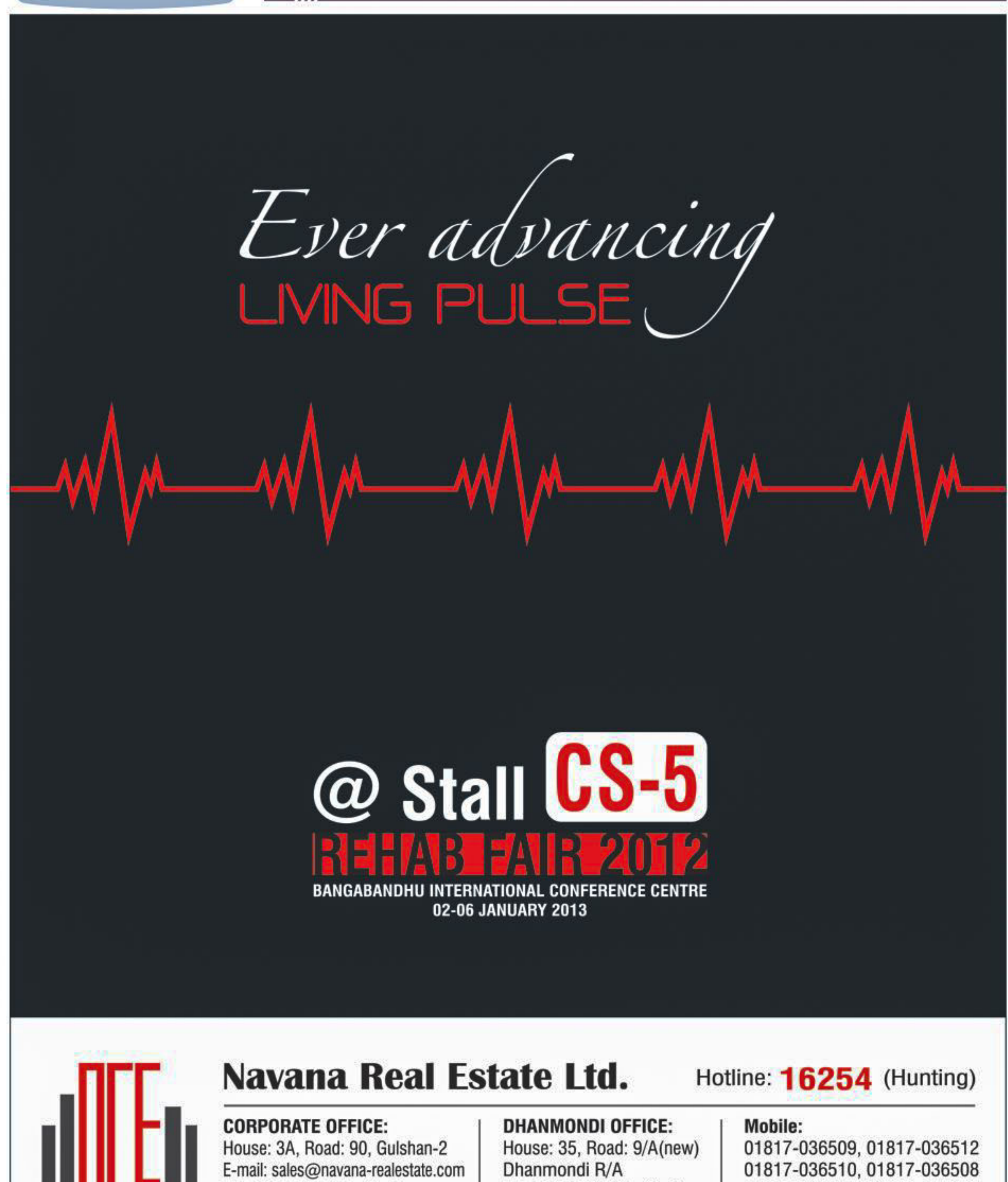
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