

Four arrested during robbery in bus

UNB, Comilla

Four robbers of an inter-district gang were arrested from Falgunkara area in Chouddagram upazila when they were committing a robbery in a bus on Dhaka-Chittagong highway on Saturday night.

Police said about six armed robbers, who boarded the Fenibound bus from Dhaka in the guise of passengers, suddenly swooped on the driver and passengers at about 9:30pm and started looting the belongings of the passengers at gunpoint.

The robbers also stabbed bus driver Abdul Mannan and four passengers indiscriminately when they tried to resist them.

Hearing the screaming of the passengers, local people encircled the bus and caught hold of four of the robbers, but two others managed to flee.

Later, police came to the spot and arrested the four robbers.

The arrested were identified as Rabiul Islam, 30, Abdus Salam, 35, Rafiqul Islam, 35, and Nalini Kumar Howladar, 30.

A case was filed with the police in this connection.



Students of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology stage a daylong sit-in at Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday demanding steps to restore congenial academic atmosphere in their university.

Doctor gets three yrs for negligence of duty

UNB, Chandpur

A court here Saturday convicted a physician and sentenced him to three years' imprisonment for negligence of duty that caused premature death of a minor boy.

Four other accused, however, were acquitted.

The convict was identified as Abu Taher Mohammad Golam Murtaza, a physician of Grameen Shasthya Kalyan Kendra in Shaharasti upazila.

District and Sessions Judge M

Abdus Sobhan Sikdar also fined the doctor Tk 1,000.

According to the prosecution, Habibur Rahman, 8, son of Jahangir Hossain, died of excessive bleeding on June 23, 2001, after he was circumcised by Dr Golam Murtaza.

Outraged, local people besieged the Shasthya Kendra. Later, the police brought the situation under control.

After examining the records and witnesses, the judge handed down the verdict in a packed courtroom.

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The Day is observed commemorating September 17 in 1962, when police shot Mostafa Babul, Wazirullah and some other students and people dead, as they were protesting against the Hamidur Rahman Education Commission.

Pragatisheel Chhatra Jote brought out a procession towards Prime Minister's Office at noon demanding postponement of the decision of granting Fazil and Kamil equal status as degree and master's.

Bangladesh Chhatra Union held a rally demanding introduction of a secular, scientific and unified education system in the country.

Biplobi Chhatra Moitree submitted a memorandum to Dhaka city mayor demanding a memorial to be set up in memory of the martyrs.

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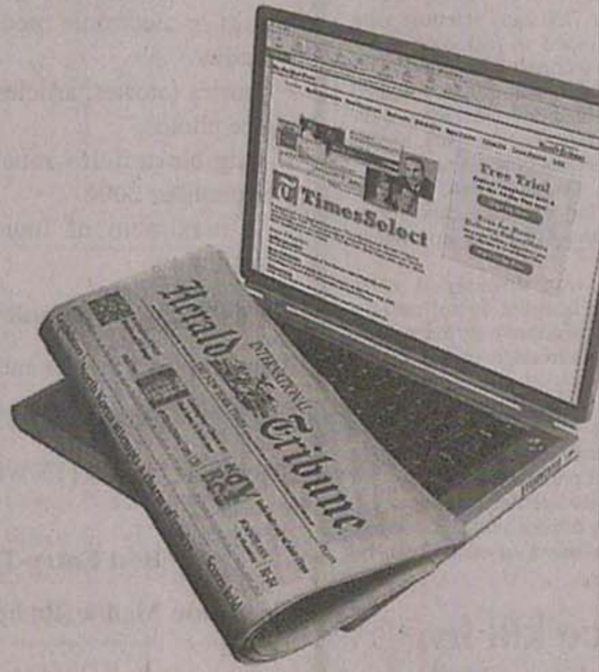
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