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New schedule for Biman's Sylhet flight

To avert rough weather and ensure on-time services to passengers, Bangladesh Biman has revised the schedule of its evening flight to and from Sylhet, reports UNB.

Under the revised schedule, the last flight to Sylhet now departs at 4:30 pm instead of 7:30 pm and the last flight to Dhaka leaves Sylhet at 5:30 pm instead of 8:30 pm.

The national flag-carrier, which had to cancel several evening flights due to bad weather early this month, has already started operating the flight according to revised schedule.

The new timetable came into effect from April 9.

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Dhaka will get continued Swiss support

Swiss envoy presents credentials

Bangladesh will get continued Swiss support for economic and social development in a framework of good governance, accountability and social justice, reports UNB.

The newly-appointed Ambassador of Switzerland to Bangladesh, Walter Gyger, made this assurance while presenting credentials to President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday.

Welcoming the Ambassador, the President recalled Switzerland's recognition to Bangladesh in March 1972 and mentioned that Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Rahman wanted to turn Bangladesh into the "Switzerland of the East". Bangladesh is striving to that end.

Bangladesh has been giving emphasis on literacy, women empowerment, institutionalisation of democracy and improvement of quality of life of the people, he mentioned. The president appreciated

Secretary to the President Muhammad Ismail Hussain, Foreign Secretary C M Shafi Sami and MPS Major General Jalaluddin Ahmed were present on the occasion.

Earlier on his arrival at Bangabhaban, the Ambassador was given a guard of honour by the President's Guard Regiment. He took the salute and inspected the guard.

Walter Gyger reciprocated the views and said Bangladesh has many sympathisers in Switzerland. He also appreciated the economic reforms initiated by Bangladesh.

Police arrested two persons

on charges of trying to mug a rickshaw passenger near Nilkhel crossing on Sunday night.

Labbagh police identified them as Munjurul Islam and Mujibullah Farhad. They also recovered a *chapati* and two knives from their possession.

Both of them half from Faridganj thana of Chandpur and are staying at Sergeant Zahirul Haq Hall of the Dhaka University. Police could not confirm whether they are students or not. The arrested however claim that they are resident students of the hall.

They demanded modernisation and full operation of the six industries, adequate gas supply to the industries, realisation of outstanding bill of Tk 16 crore from the Roads and Highways Department and permission of exporting the additional ammonia of the Chittagong Urea Fertilizer Factory.

As part of their programmes, they will arrange press conferences in Khulna on May 3, Sylhet on May 10 and Dhaka on May 15.

They will also announce their next course of action at the press conference in Dhaka.

According to police the three youths stopped a rickshaw on Palash-Nilkhel link road at about 1 am and tried to snatch valuables from the passenger.

On duty police in the area

rushed to the spot, chased and arrested the two from near Nilkhel crossing. One of their accomplices managed to run away.

The accused were produced to CMM's court yesterday with a prayer for remand. The court granted one-day police remand for interrogation.

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The Refund Warrants will be distributed on April 25, 2000 from the registered office of the Fund at Chandashila Suvastu Tower (5th Floor), 69/1 Panthopath (East), Dhaka between 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Any undistributed Warrant will be dispatched by mail/courier after office hours on that day to the address registered with the Fund.

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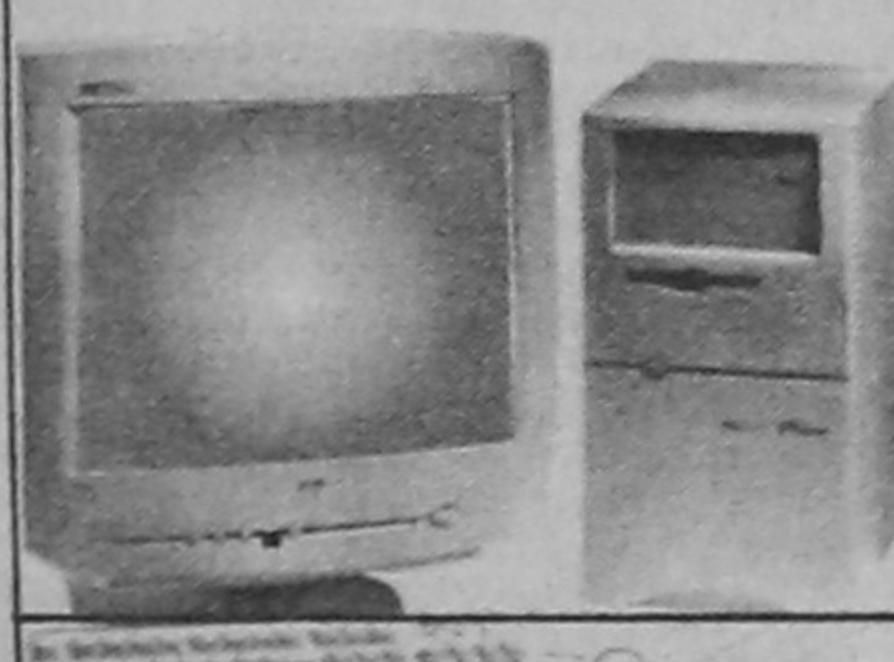
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