

AL presidium meets today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A meeting of the Awami League Presidium will be held at party's Dhamondi office in the city at 5 pm today.

At president and leader of the Opposition in parliament Sheikh Hasina will preside over the meeting.

1141 more held

BSS, Dhaka

Police recovered four firearms and three rounds of bullets in different drives across the country during 24 hours ending at 6 am yesterday. During the period, police also arrested 1141 persons on various charges, an official handout said.

Of the arrested, four are identified criminals, 607 wanted and 530 are accused of different cases under investigation, it said.

Release of Khulna Jubo Dal leader Foreigners threaten to stop work at RBCP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Release of Tariqul Islam Zahir, secretary of Khulna city Jubo Dal, has created mixed reaction among the persons concerned with Rupsha Bridge Construction Project (RBCP) and leaders and activists loyal to city BNP secretary Nazrul Islam Manju.

"We are extremely scared after the release of Zahir who again threatened us on Wednesday night to take revenge of police action against him," two sub-contractors of RBCP said on condition of anonymity.

Foreigners involved in the project said they would stop their work if tolls are again demanded from them.

Zahir was arrested on Tuesday night from the residence of the

City Mayor on charges of creating obstruction to RBCP works failing to realise tolls from contractors and consultants.

Sources said Zahir had a comfortable stay in the office of the officer-in-charge (OC) of Khulna thana till 3.30pm on Wednesday. Later, he was sent to the court from where he was released on bail at the request of an influential central leader of BNP.

He was arrested at the order of high-ups of the government to help continue the construction work of the bridge smoothly, the sources added.

Meanwhile, Zahir and his followers stormed into the BNP office on Wednesday evening and abused Manju in filthy words. They also threatened him with dire consequence, it is learnt.



Sammlito Sangskritik Jote brought out a procession in the city yesterday to mark its fifth conference.

Need for uniform education system stressed

BSS, Dhaka

Shipping Minister Lt Col (Retd) Akbar Hossain yesterday stressed the need for uniform education system in the country.

"We should introduce uniform education system up to elementary or secondary level with compulsory religious education," the minister said while distributing certificates and scholarship grants among the talented students of different educational organisations at the Supreme Court Bar Association auditorium.

The Scholars Forum, a philanthropic organisation, arranged the function.

Presided over by noted surgeon Dr Matur Rahman, the function was also addressed, by vice chancellor of Bangladesh Open University Dr Ershadul Bari, vice chairman of Scholars Forum Abul Bashar and Professor Chowdhury Mahmud Hasan of Dhaka University.

The minister said character building along with the educational career is the most important job of a student.

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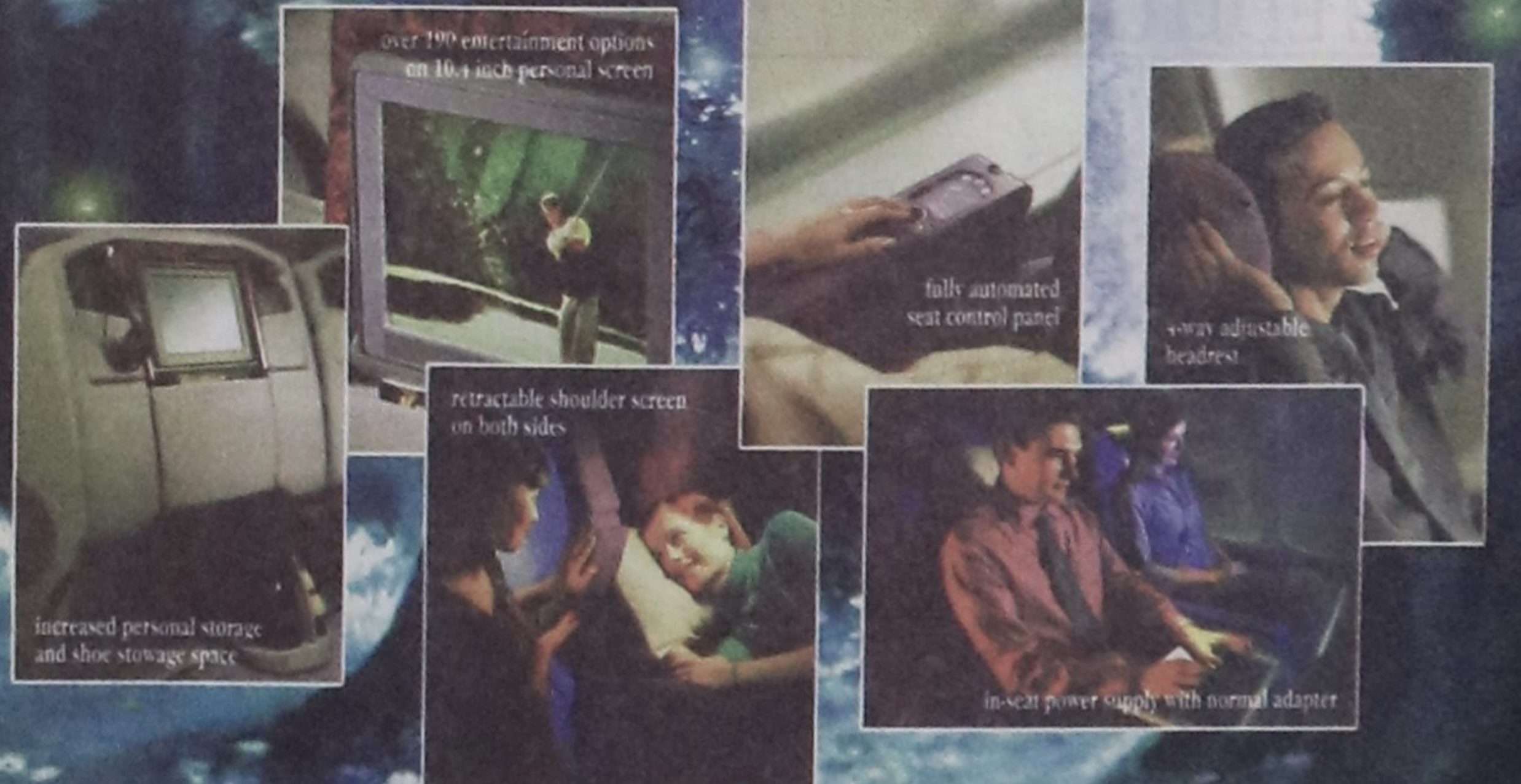
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