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UNB, Dhaka
A gang of hoodlums shot and wounded a man grievously and snatched Tk 41,000 from him at Shahjahan road in City's Mohammadpur area yesterday.

Witnesses said about 4 hoodlums waylaid Amir Hossain at about 2.00 pm and sprayed bullets on him in front of his house and fled the scene with the money.

The victim was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital in critical condition.

Pvt University Law being planned

BSS, Dhaka

Education Minister Dr Osman Farruk said here yesterday that efforts would be taken to introduce a Private University Law based on the report of education commission to ensure the quality of education in the private universities.

"There should be some systems to keep up the standard of education in the private universities because questions have been raised regarding the standard of education in these institutions," he said.

He stressed the need for constituting a coordinated accreditation council of all private universities while addressing a memorial discussion on Dr Syed Ali Ashraf at the CIRDAP auditorium here.

The discussion titled "Bangladesh's Private University Management: Role of the Concerned and Recommendations" was organised by Universal News Agency and Monthly Asia Digest.

Justice Abdur Rouf presided over the discussion while Justice Habibur Rahman Khan, former Vice Chancellor Prof. Muniruzzaman Mia, National Professor Dr Nurul Islam, former Education Minister Majid Khan, Prof KM Mohsin and Mahabubullah took part in the discussion.

The education minister also underlined the need for taking up faculty development programme at the private universities. He said there are lot of scope for establishing private universities outside Dhaka.

Justice Abdur Rouf stressed the need for improvement of the system of national education.



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A member of Girl Guides administers polio vaccine to a child in the city as the second round of special National Immunization Day (NID) was observed across the country yesterday.

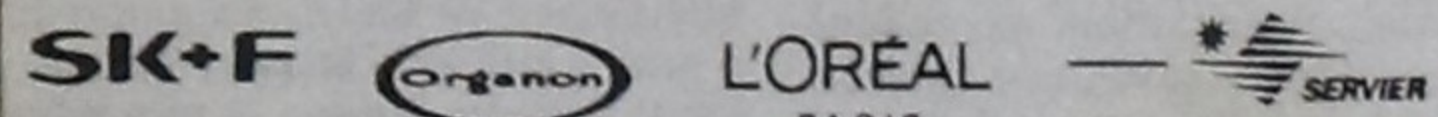
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'O' level exam centres at Rajshahi, Khulna soon

UNB, Dhaka

As the number of 'O' and 'A' level students is increasing in the country, the British Council authorities decided to make arrangements for holding examinations at Rajshahi and Khulna soon.

This was disclosed by the officials of the British Council and Edexcel (Education Excellence), one of the three largest examinations and assessment bodies in the UK, at a press conference in the city yesterday.

Edexcel was formed in 1996 with the merger of two leading examinations and assessment boards in the UK - the BTEC (Business and Technology Education Council) and ULEAC (University of London Examinations and Assessment Council).

The officials said they are planning to expand services outside Dhaka as the number of Bangladeshi students is growing day by day. Besides, Bangladeshi students are securing top positions in the merit list in the 'O' and 'A' levels.

British Council is currently offering examinations in Chittagong and Sylhet. "Every year around 8,000 students are enrolled to sit for examinations in Bangladesh," council's teaching centre manager Mark Bartholomew told the reporters.

Edexcel's business development manager Nick Sansome also addressed the press conference while regional management centre adviser JJ Nandi and British Council official Saidur Rahman were also present.


Swedish envoy meets Bhuiyan

BSS, Dhaka

Swedish Ambassador to Bangladesh Borje Mattson called on LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan at his office yesterday.

They discussed matters relating to the ongoing projects in the country financed by the Swedish government, besides exchanging views on bilateral issues of mutual interests, said an official handout.

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