

# NEWSIN brief

## University student 'commits suicide'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A private university student allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself at her hostel in the capital's Dhanmondi yesterday.

Asifa Aktar Puthi, 20, was a second semester student at the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh in the area, said police.

Her roommate and the hostel staff found the body hanging from the ceiling fan, Mainul Islam, officer-in-charge of Dhanmondi Police Station, quoted them as saying.

Police could not identify the reason behind the death, said the OC.

## BSF hands over four traders to BGB

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kustia

Indian Border Security Force handed over four Bangladeshi cattle traders to Border Guard Bangladesh in Damurhuda upazila of Chuadanga on Thursday night.

The four are Iyamin Hossain, Babul Akter, Milon Hossain and Abdur Rahim.

Company commander of Thakurpur BGB Subedar Sahid Sarwar Tareq told journalists that around 10 cattle traders illegally crossed the border to Indian territory on Thursday evening.

Four of them were detained by BSF and handed over to BGB about three hours later at a flag meeting, he added. The four were sent to jail yesterday.

## Zaman appointed as SC registrar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SM Kuddus Zaman, a senior district judge and special officer at the High Court, was appointed as registrar of the Supreme Court on Thursday.

The law ministry made the appointment as per desire of Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain, a law ministry notification said.

Kuddus Zaman has been acting registrar of the SC since its then registrar AKM Shamsul Islam retired on September 12.

## Painting exhibition begins in Galleri Kaya

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 15-day long solo exhibition, titled "Looking Up and Above" of renowned artist Ranjit Das began at Galleri Kaya in the capital's Uttara yesterday afternoon.

Sandeep Chakravorty, Indian deputy high commissioner in Dhaka, inaugurated the painting exhibition featuring 46 artworks, said a press release.

Barrister AKH Morshed, former foreign secretary, also attended the exhibition which is being sponsored by ADN Group and will remain open from 11:00am to 8:00pm till December 19.



Artist Ranjit Das along with guests at his exhibition at Galleri Kaya in the capital yesterday. PHOTO: COURTESY

## Intolerance hurting women's progress

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He also said, "I think the trial of sexual and domestic violence cases should be held in camera." In several cases, the International Crimes Tribunals had taken testimonies of victims of sexual violence in camera where only judges, prosecutor, defence counsel, witness and testimony writer were present, he said.

Turning to women's legal rights, Justice Nazmun Ara said, "...in reality the women of Bangladesh are facing multipronged problems and discriminations in many areas including the justice sector."

She said a victim of violence faced the first hurdle at the police station while registering a complaint. "They often meet with abusive treatment at

police stations. Women who were raped or physically assaulted often find that they are insulted and treated as if they are the guilty, not the victims."

Calling for training of judges and prosecutors, Justice Nazmun Ara cited an example of a trial in which an accused rapist was set free because the victim did not sufficiently resist the man during the rape.

## Marine graduates threaten 'tough' movement

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least Tk 15 to 16 lakh to complete their education under private institutions while those in public Tk 3 or 4 lakh," said Imat Tanvir, who attained his bachelor's degree in marine science two years ago.

"But there is no job guarantee," he said at a human chain the graduates formed before the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

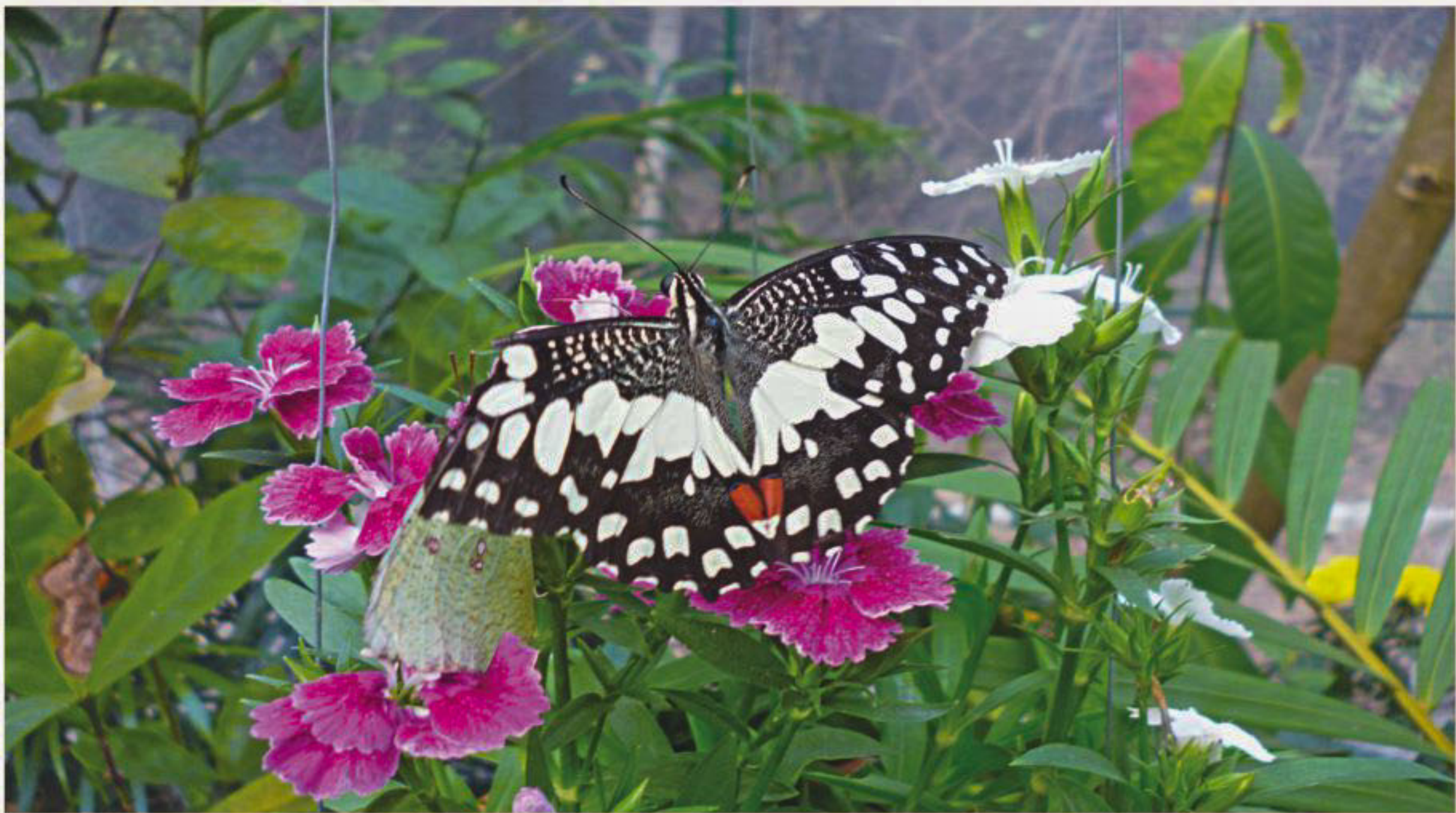
India is ensuring jobs in foreign-flag ships for its 14,000 graduates every year. But in Bangladesh, at least 33 private recruiting agencies are handling all the job offers, charging a minimum of Tk 2 to 3 lakh, said Imat.

Among the job-offering countries, including Malaysia and Singapore, the Middle Eastern ones are currently not issuing visas, they said.

"Marine cadets, except those from

Bangladesh, can travel and seek jobs in any country with their seafarer identity cards. But we can not do so if we fail to secure work visas," added another graduate, Abdullah Al Mamun.

Every year 800 people are graduating, 300 from public and 500 from 18 private institutions, while there are only 88 relevant government posts, said Bangladesh Marine Academy graduate Shershah.



A butterfly feeding on nectar in a tent where 80 species of the insect were displayed on the Jahangirnagar University campus yesterday. The daylong fifth butterfly fair was organised by the zoology department. PHOTO: STAR



Who would have thought that this is the same Shitalakkhya river where the monsoon brought in translucent waters a couple of months ago. Continuous and unabated discharge of untreated effluent and the longstanding presence of solid waste littering the riverbed have again turned it into an eyesore, signified by a horrible stench enveloping the surrounding area. The photo was taken at Kanchpur, right outside the capital, yesterday. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## Ctg ambulance strike holds patients hostage

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

When Faruk Hossain asked his mother to get into the CNG-run auto-rickshaw, she looked reluctant—it hurt folding the broken leg. He felt the pain in her eyes but he had no choice.

"I have waited four hours after mother was released from the hospital but could not hire an ambulance," he said, while talking to The Daily Star in front of Chittagong Medical College Hospital, where she was treated for a broken left leg and had it bandaged.

"Now I have found an auto-rickshaw but I don't know whether I would be able to take

mother home safely," he said, before heading for home in Rangunia upazila on Tuesday.

After Rafiul Quader ranged up the ambulance driver, he took the call, expressed sympathy for the caller's ailing mother, but refused to make a trip on hire.

Rafiul finally availed a microbus from Katalganj, 1.5km from CMCH, and set off for home in Satkania upazila that evening. His elderly mother is suffering from kidney diseases.

"I called three drivers... but each of them regretted their inability," said Tanmoyz Bhowmick.

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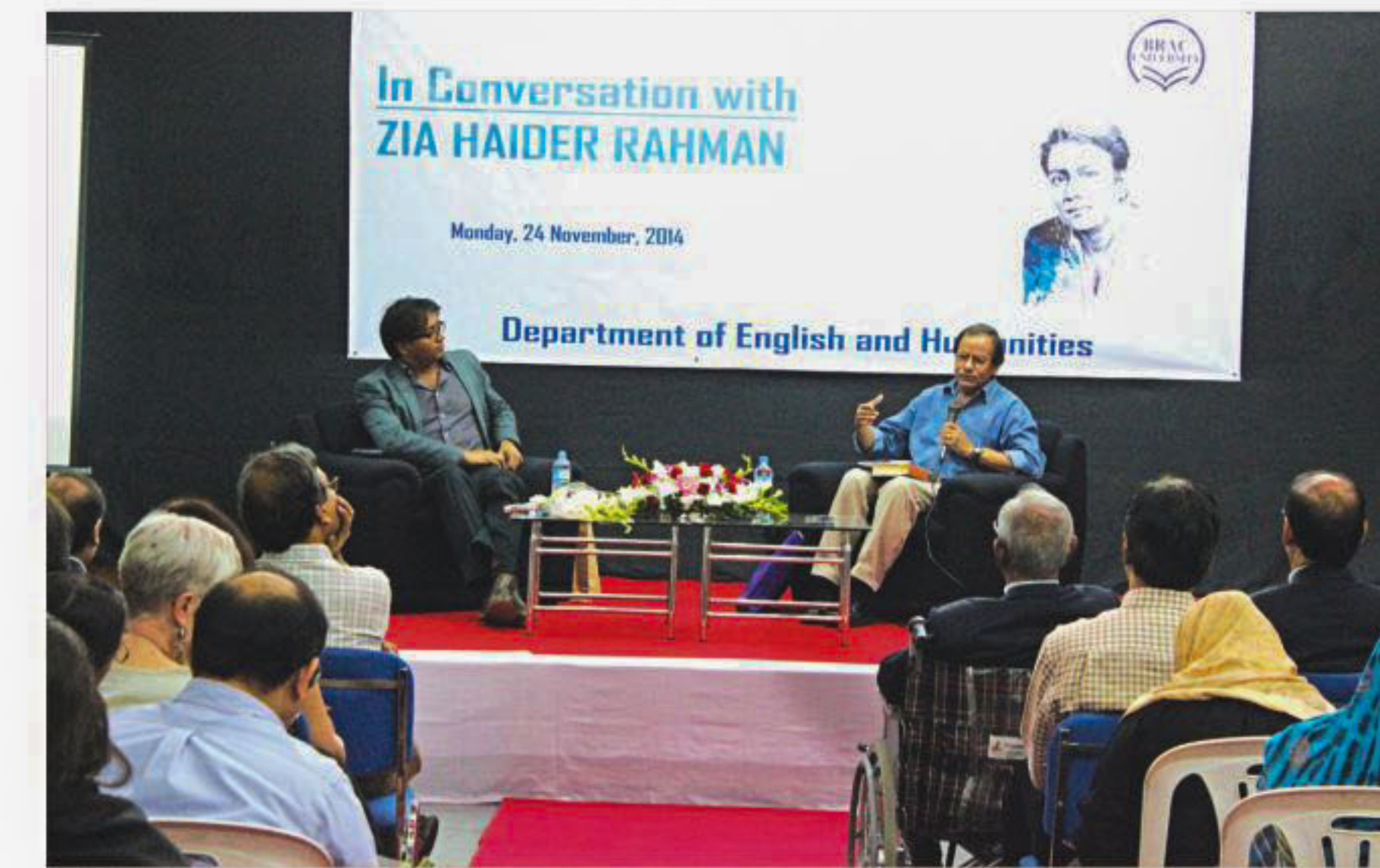
## Family carrying body in ambulance robbed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A family carrying the body of one of their members in an ambulance was attacked and robbed of money and valuables by muggers at Gazipur city's Sataish early yesterday while they were returning home from a Dhaka hospital.

Brandishing sharp weapons, around seven muggers looted three gold chains and two pairs of gold earrings from the widow and sisters of the deceased, Shahjahan Talukder, said the family. Three cellphones, Tk 10,000 and the death certificate were also snatched from the other members, they said.

Shahjahan Talukder died at a hospital in Dhaka on Thursday night.



Zia Haider Rahman, writer of the book "In the Light of What We Know", shares his life history and transition from an investment banker and a human rights lawyer into a fiction writer with the students of Brac University at a programme anchored by Prof Syed Manzoorul Islam and organised by the university's Department of English and Humanities recently. PHOTO: COURTESY

## Eight reservoirs change scenario of Char Kukri Mukri

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bhola

The last lap of the travel to Char Kukri Mukri, the southern most settlement of Bhola, evokes the feelings of a cruise in the Sundarbans. It is also one of the country's largest wildlife sanctuaries.

But this picturesque, sequestered island in Char Fasson upazila is home to 8,000 poor people, who only seven months ago had

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## Butterfly fair held at JU

JU CORRESPONDENT

The fifth butterfly fair was held at Jahangirnagar University yesterday.

The zoology department organised the fair in association with Cute Ltd, Prokriti O Jibon Foundation, IUCN, and Channel i.

Live butterflies were displayed at a tent made of a large white net in the JU botanical garden.

Prof Farzana Islam, the JU vice chancellor, inaugurated the fair where Mukit Mozumder Babu, chairman of Prokriti O Jibon Foundation, among others, was present.

A book titled "Butterflies of Bangladesh-Inventory Third Phase" written by Prof Monawar Hossain of zoology department and former professor of Chittagong University Shafique Haider Chowdhury was unveiled

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## Four convicted for early marriage

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A mobile court on Thursday convicted four persons, including a bridegroom and a wedding conductor, on the charge of being involved in an early marriage in the city three months ago.

Md Alam, 26, the bridegroom; and Mohiuddin, the wedding conductor, was sentenced to a one-month imprisonment while Jinnah, the 12-year-old bride's father; and Shahinur Begum, her mother, were fined Tk 1,000 each.

Mohiuddin conducted the marriage verbally without any registration on August 15, said Sadar Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md Gausul Azam, who passed the order.

Azam was informed of the matter by a person invited to the marriage ceremony which was supposed to be held at the girl's home yesterday, he said. Alam got married twice before, Azam said.

## Robbery attempt at Sonali Bank foiled in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Unidentified miscreants attempted to break into a Sonali Bank, Rajshahi court branch in the city by digging a tunnel on Thursday night.

Police said the attempt was foiled when some locals raised alarm. Police recovered the digging tools and found the tunnel, which was two feet in diameter and two feet deep, adjacent to the west wall where the vault is located.

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