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BCS questions 'leaked' again: 4 arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Questions for the preliminary test of the 24th BCS examinations, which was cancelled earlier for leakage, were reportedly leaked out again Thursday night.

And four persons were arrested in the capital yesterday morning on charge of photocopying leaked questions.

The test taken on February 28 was cancelled after the Public Service Commission (PSC) that runs the Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) exams, found allegations of leakage of questions true.

A total of 1,21,000 candidates sat for the preliminary test for 5,000 posts in different BCS cadres in 100 centres across the country at 9:30am amid raging rumours that the questions have been leaked out.

Photocopies of hand written questions that matched most in the original sets sold like hot cakes in the city and many places in the country including Rajshahi and Chittagong.

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Four young men, arrested on charge of leaking out the question paper of the preliminary test of Bangladesh Civil Service examinations, try to hide their faces from press photographers at the Dhanmondi Police Station yesterday.

Some ministers back UPDF men: Larma

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

President of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) Jyotindra Bodhipriya Larma alias Santu Larma has said, "Backed by some ministers, the United People's Democratic Front (UPDF) is trying to foil the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) peace accord in the name of autonomy of the CHT."

Larma, however, did not name any minister. The UPDF is a terrorist

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Tongi industrial zone now a virtual dead city

RAFIQ HASAN

If you are planning to set up an industry in Bangladesh, avoid the Tongi industrial zone because it has become a virtual dead city.

Dozens of industries have already pulled out of the area and several others are on the verge of closure because of poor infrastructure, run-down and filthy lanes, pollution and rising crime, includ-

ing extortion.

For the same reasons, hardly any new industries are moving into the zone, which was established in the 1960s.

Tongi Pourasabha sources say more than 100 operations have been closed in the last decade, throwing one lakh people out of work.

Recent closures include Monno Textile, Satrang Textile, Olympia Textile, Nishat Jute Mills, Lira

Industries, Dhaka Steel, Metalex Corporation, Zinnat Textile, Meghna Textile and Kohinoor Battery.

Conditions are so bad that they are even tarnishing Bangladesh's image abroad, says Anwar Hossain, general secretary of the Industry Owners Association of Tongi, which represents businesses in an area of the zone set up by the Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries

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US\$1.72 lakh seized from Iraqi diplomat at ZIA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A huge amount of dollars was seized from the third secretary of the Iraq embassy in Delhi at Zia International Airport (ZIA) yesterday.

Omar Monir Shahab Ahmed was stopped at the customs checkpoint for trying to carry US\$ 1.72 lakh out of the country without declaration.

Ahmed came to Bangladesh on Thursday and was scheduled to fly out to Delhi by a Bangladesh Biman flight.

Customs officials at the brooding bridge No. 4 found the currency equivalent to Tk 1 crore and 75 thousand in his luggage.

The Iraqi ambassador to Bangladesh rushed to the airport and met high customs officials. The envoy told the customs officials that the Iraqi embassy in Dhaka was being shifted and the money was linked to the shifting.

Later, Ahmed was allowed to leave after the ambassador gave an undertaking to the customs officials there.

The seized dollars were deposited with the customs authority and a departmental case was filed.

Defence ministry tops audit defaulters

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The defence ministry tops the list of 20 ministries that had audit objections raised in the fiscal 2000-2001, a report of the Comptroller and Auditor General's Office (CAG) said.

According to the report submitted to the Estimate Committee of the Jatiya Sangsad on Wednesday, the organisations under the ministry drew 108 objections to the expenditure of Tk 198.56 crore.

The report dealt with 804 objections against the ministries involving 1,166.37 crore.

The defence ministry is closely followed by the housing ministry with objections to the spending of Tk 193 crore, the energy and mineral resources of about Tk 159 crore and the post and telecommunications ministry of about Tk 134 crore.

The objections were against a number of organisations under the defence ministry including the

army, navy and air force.

"This is not the full view of audit objections found in the public expenditures of 20 ministries," a CAG official said.

The report said audit objections were raised against almost all government, semi-government, autonomous bodies and corporations and companies.

Rajuk and similar organisations in Khulna, Chittagong and Rajshahi under the housing and public works ministry attracted 91 objections.

Sixty-three audit objections involving Tk 159.30 crore were made against different organisations under the energy and mineral resources ministry, including the Power Development Board, Dhaka Electricity Supply Authority, Dhaka Electricity Supply Company and Titas Gas.

Thirty-five objections involving Tk 133.68 crore were raised against the Telegraph and Telephone Board

and the Postal Department under the post and telecommunications ministry.

The Railway Division, BRTC, Roads and Highways Department under the communications ministry got 44 audit objections involving over Tk 130 crore.

Eighty-one objections involving Tk 69 crore were found against different organisations under the local government ministry, the Dhaka City Corporation, Rural Development Board, Dhaka and Chittagong WASA and the Public Health Engineering Department.

Sixty-one objections involving Tk 66.34 crore were found against the Internal Resources Department (IRD) and four national banks, Agrani, Rupali, Sonali and Janata, under the finance ministry.

The Civil Aviation Authority and its overseas stations, and Biman Bangladesh Airlines under the civil

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Robbery at Uttara

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Armed robbers looted cash, gold ornaments and other valuables worth Tk 6 lakh from a house at Uttara on Thursday night.

A gang of eight entered house No 8 at section-9 of Uttara at about 10pm through the entrance then open.

The robbers tied up the hands of the inmates and took away Tk 1.20 lakh, 45 tolas of gold ornaments, six mobile phone sets and other valuables.

The house owner, Hasibur Rob Jitu, filed a case with Uttara Police Station.

Businessman gunned down in front of city market

Young man murdered in Mohammadpur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A businessman and a young man were gunned down in two incidents at Elephant Road and Mohammadpur in Dhaka last night, police and witnesses said.

They said a gang of four to five unknown assailants sprayed Abu Zafar Mohammad Hossain alias Noman, 38, with bullets when he was talking to one of his friends in front of Multi-Plan Market on the New Elephant Road at about 7:45pm.

Noman was rushed to Dhaka

Medical College Hospital (DMCH) with bullet injuries to his chest and right thigh.

A young man, Roman, who was walking by the area, suffered bullet wounds in his right chest and is undergoing treatment at the DMCH.

Family members alleged that Noman did not get treatment for about two hours at the hospital as no doctor was there.

Angered by neglect of duty by doctors, scores of people who rushed to the hospital on hearing the incident beat up some hospital staff, DMCH sources said.

Police are yet to find out the motive for the killing.

Noman's sister Nilu told newsmen at DMCH that he went to the New Elephant Road on receiving a call from his friend Babu. She claimed that Noman told her before his death that Babu had killed him.

She said Noman had a feud with Babu, a Bangladeshi expatriate in the US, over business back home. Police allege that Babu was once a henchman of Imon, a top criminal of Mohammadpur on the police list.

A resident of 56 Elephant Road, SEE PAGE 11 COL 7

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