

Mass psychogenic illness: 34 more students fall sick

STAR REPORT

Some 34 students fell sick during outbreaks of mass psychogenic illness (MPI), also known as mass hysteria, in

different parts of the country yesterday.

Our Correspondent in Kushtia reports: At least eight female students of Mominpur Secondary School in

Meherpur Sadar were attacked by mass hysteria.

Later, they underwent treatment at Meherpur General Hospital.

A Correspondent at Noakhali adds:

A total of 26 students of Badherhat High School at Noakhali Sadar also fell victim to MPI.

Mass hysteria has continued to break out at schools in different parts

of the country for the last few days, causing panic among the students.

The experts said an outbreak of mass psychogenic illness is a time of anxiety and worry. The illness is aggravated by malnutrition, tension and lack of tolerance. The victims are mostly students aged between 13 and 25.

The experts also assured that the illness has no long-term effects on the victims and there is nothing to worry about.

Goods worth Tk 17.55 lakh seized

Members of Bangladesh Coast Guard seized goods worth Tk 17.55 lakh over the past 15 days in different raids on the coastal areas, says a press release.

The seized items, including 1600 kg of Hilsa, 20 tons of urea fertiliser and 150 cft Sundari wood, were handed over to the authorities concerned for taking necessary steps.

Correction

Bangladesh Association for the Aged organised a campaign to raise awareness about elderly people at Agrani School and College in the city on July 31. But the venue of the event was inadvertently mentioned as 'Azimpur School and College' in the caption of a photo of the event published in The Daily Star the next day.