

# Scramble for train tickets ahead of Eid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Huge number of home-bound passengers stood in long queues at Kamalapur Railway Station in the city since early morning yesterday to buy advance tickets of intercity train services of different routes to celebrate Eid festival with their near and dear ones.

Many of the passengers returned empty-handed, as the demand for tickets was more than the seat capacities.

"We have sold all the tickets of all the routes of Sept 17 by 4:00pm and many passengers returned empty-handed," said Shamsul Haque, station-master of the railway station.

The crisis of tickets would further intensify in the next three days, as the demand is on the rise, he added.

The railway authorities started selling advance tickets since Sept 7, which would be continued until Sept 20.

The tickets of Sept 18 would be sold today, while those of Sept 19 be sold tomorrow and Sept 20 tickets on Sept 13.

Mostadul, an official of Bangladesh Bank who lives at Maniknagar, came to the railway station at 3:00am to get the tickets of Drutojan Express to go to Dinajpur, but failed to get the tickets till 12:30pm.

"I came to Kamalapur just after taking my sehri (meal taken before dawn for fasting) at 2:30am and found me behind around two hundred people in the queue," he said.

Faruk, a resident of Mugda, came to Kamalapur at 3:00pm to buy a ticket of Drutojan to go to his village home at Santahar, but to no avail till 1:00pm.

A resident of Kakrail Farhana came to Kamalapur

at 6:00am and was sitting on the floor of the station, keeping her brother in the queue as she became tired standing on the queue for over six hours.

Sheikh Nur A Alam, a resident of Moghbazar, said the authorities should have increased the number of booths of selling tickets to reduce the suffering of the home-bound passengers.

"I came to buy a ticket to go to Dinajpur at 8:30am, but

failed to book it," said Shajahan, a resident of Mirpur.

The stationmaster said they would operate four special trains on four routes for three days from Sept 18 to 20 to ease the pressure of passengers ahead of the largest religious festival of the Muslims.

The routes are Dhaka-Rajshahi, Dhaka-Mymensingh, Joydevpur-Santahar and Dhaka-

Dewanganj, he said, adding that three or five extra compartments would also be added with a train to reduce the pressure of growing number of passengers.

There is no scope for selling tickets in unscrupulous ways as members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), railway police, Ramna police and railway officials are on duty to check it, he said.

"We can carry 20,000 passengers, including standing ticket holders, in a day during an Eid festival. Of them, 93

percent tickets are sold to general passengers," he said.

The sale of advance tickets of luxurious coaches and non-AC chair coaches of northern districts has already finished, although there is a huge demand for tickets, alleged passengers who failed to buy tickets.

Many passengers complained that the tickets, which are not being sold now, would be sold in dishonest ways just few days ahead of the Eid.

Selling of advance tickets of launch service also started few days ago.

## Four JS committees reconstituted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Jatiya Sangsad reconstituted four parliamentary standing committees yesterday.

Chief Whip Abdus Shahid proposed the reconstitution of the committees and the House passed it unanimously.

AL lawmaker Muhammad Shah Alam of Brahmanbaria-4 was made the chief of the parliamentary standing committee on Chittagong Hill Tracts affairs ministry. The post fell vacant after its chief Promod Mankin had been appointed a state

minister.

Another AL lawmaker Israfil Alam of Naogaon-6 was made the chief of the parliamentary standing committee on labour and employment ministry. He replaced Shajahan Khan who had been appointed a minister.

Former state minister for home Tanjim Ahmad Sohel was made a member of the parliamentary standing committee on the foreign ministry while BNP lawmaker and former speaker Jamiruddin Sircar was inducted into the parliamentary standing committee on home ministry as a member.



Home-bound passengers wait in long queues at Kamalapur Railway Station in the city to buy tickets of intercity trains.

## BCL men confine recruiting agency official to DU hall room

DU CORRESPONDENT

A group of leaders and activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) kept an official of a recruiting agency confined to a room at AF Rahman Hall at Dhaka University (DU) overnight into Thursday, accusing him of cheating.

The group led by NS Ferdous Sabuj of AF Rahman Hall picked up Mohsin Siddique, chief executive officer of Anwar International at Fakirapul, on Wednesday evening and confined him to Room No. 505 at the hall.

The BCL men alleged that Mohsin, on behalf of his organisation, took Tk 72 lakh from three persons and assured them of sending them abroad but did not send them. So, the BCL men confined him to the hall to put pressure on him to pay back the money, BCL sources said.

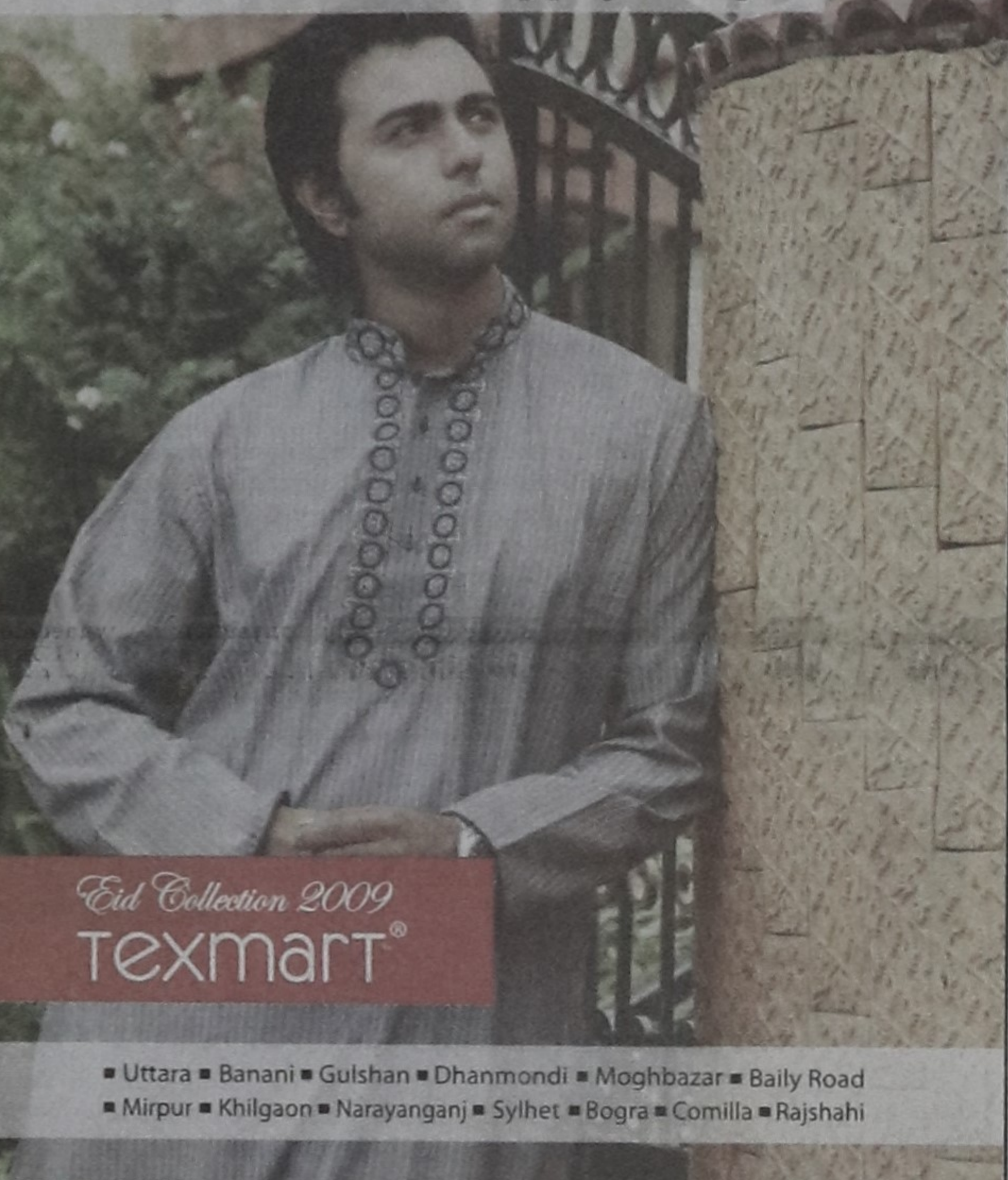
However, the BCL men handed over Mohsin to the Shahbagh police at around 4:00am at the instruction of DU Proctor Dr KM Saiful Islam, the sources added.

The police released him in the afternoon.

Sub-Inspector of Shahbagh Police Station Brajen Das told reporters that there was no specific allegation against Mohsin and that some other persons might have taken the money in the name of Anwar International.

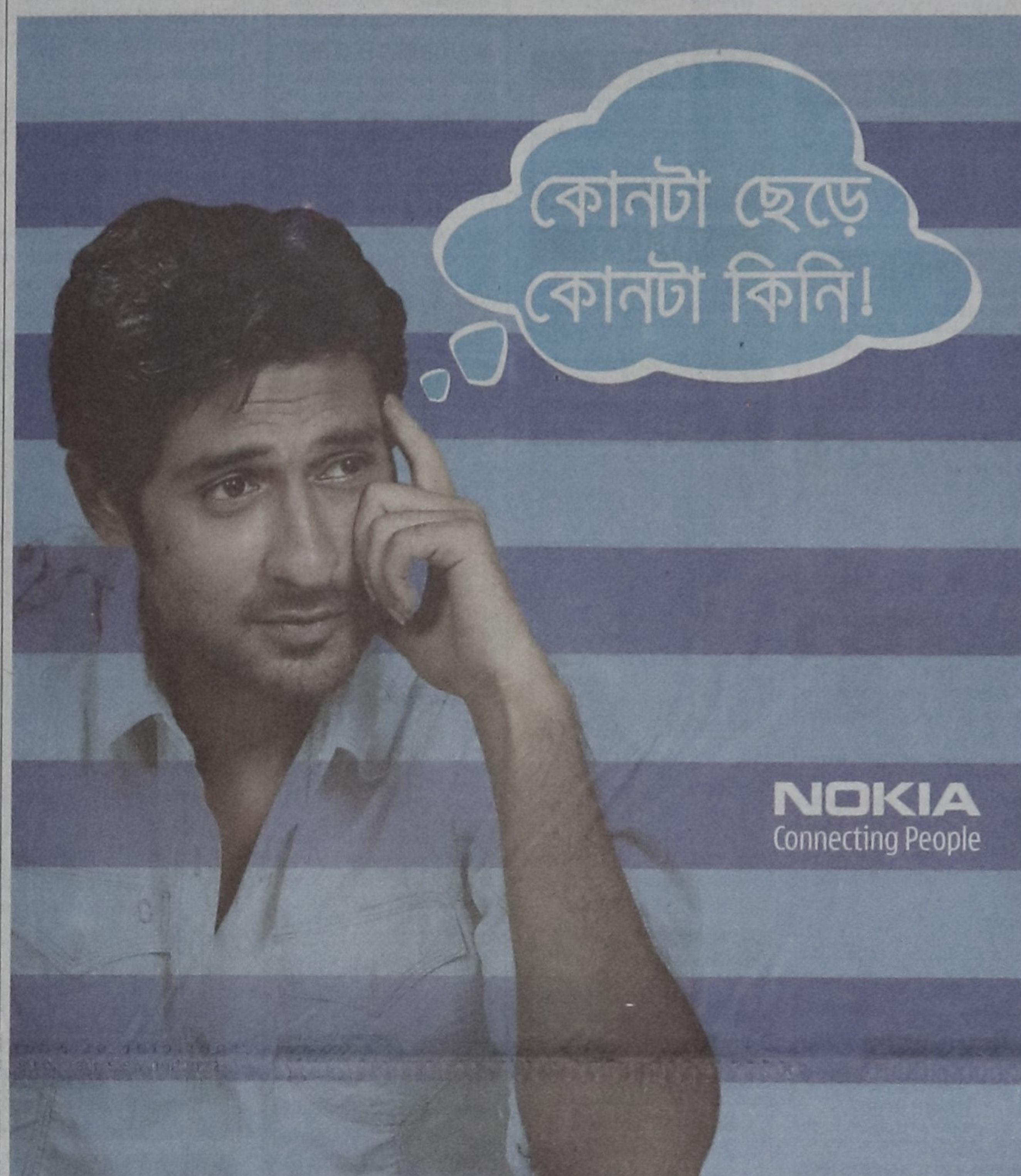
BCL activist Ferdous Sabuj told reporters that he has evidence that the agency concerned took the money.

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