

PABNA MENTAL HOSPITAL

Six of a pvt clinic arrested while luring patients

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Detective Branch (DB) of police yesterday arrested four brokers along with the owner and the manager of an 'illegal' mental clinic on charge of misleading the patients coming to Pabna Mental Hospital.

The arrestees are Motiur Rahman, Fakrul Hasan and Bazlu Sheikh of village Hemayetpur, Omar Ali of village Kismatpratappur, Mojibar Rahman of village Chatiani and Majnu Pramanik of village Chatiani in Pabna Sadar upazila.

Motiur Rahman is the owner of 'Rudra Mental Clinic' situated near Pabna Mental Hospital, Fakrul Hassan is manager of the clinic while the four others are brokers engaged in trapping patients coming to Pabna Mental Hospital to divert them to the private mental clinic.

As a mobile court led by Additional Deputy Magistrate (ADM) Md Emam Uddin Kabir along with DB policemen went to Pabna Mental Hospital premises under the guise of patients, Bazlu, Omar, Mojibar and Majnu

insisted that they go to nearby Rudra Mental Clinic for 'better treatment'.

The team members then went to the clinic and arrested the four brokers, the owner and the manager.

The arrestees were handed over to Pabna Sadar Police Station.

"After being sure that the brokers were misleading the patients we arrested them along with the clinic owner and the manager," said the acting officer-in-charge of Pabna DB police.

Mental patients coming from different places of the country are often misled and cheated as brokers allure them to get admitted to a few illegal mental clinics set up around Pabna Mental Hospital, the only specialised mental hospital in the country.

"Four mental clinics are running without permission. They do not have any specialist doctors. Mental patients are often cheated by them. Earlier law and order meeting of the district administration took decision to stop activities of the illegal mental clinics," said Pabna ADM Md Emam Uddin Kabir.



Twenty-one Rohingyas, detained on Tuesday in Bandarban for intrusion into Bangladesh, were taken to Naikkhongchhari on Wednesday to push them back to Myanmar.

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QUESTION PAPER LEAK SSC test put off in 55 schools

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Magura district administration yesterday postponed SSC test examination in 54 non-government high schools in Magura Sadar upazila following alleged leak of mathematics question paper.

Meanwhile, acting upazila secondary education officer yesterday issued show cause notice on the headmaster of Nabagram High School in Kalkini upazila under Madaripur district as the question papers of the SSC test examinations in the school were leaked, reports a correspondent from Madaripur.

The UNO ordered suspension of mathematics examination scheduled for yesterday. It was also decided that the remaining test examinations in the school will be held with fresh question papers.

Several guardians met Magura Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Dilwar Bakht with allegation of leak of mathematics question paper and produced a 'leaked out' question paper yesterday morning, reports our Magura correspondent.

The DC instantly sent a team led by Additional District Magistrate (ADM) Gazi Mohammad Rejaul Karim to Abdul Gani Academy High School centre in Magura town to probe the allegation.

As the question paper

produced by the guardians resembled those kept with the school authorities, the ADM ordered postponement of the examination.

School authorities concerned usually get the question papers for SSC test examinations prepared but this year the Magura Sadar Upazila Secondary Education Officer (USEO) himself set the question papers of English and mathematics.

The questions of other subjects, however, were set by teachers of the schools concerned, the source added.

Talking to this correspondent, USEO Abdur Rahim said he composed the question papers according to the decision taken at a meeting held at Dudh Malik Girls School on August 17 where all the teachers of 54 schools were present.

When asked why he took the responsibility of composing question papers defying the existing system, he said he did it only to prevent question leakage by a section of dishonest teachers.

Regretting the incident, he said probably some teachers leaked the questions after he handed it over to the relevant school authorities on October 8.

Some three thousand students appeared at the test examination from different schools in the upazila, official sources said.

Chandpur police to identify Rasu's victims in Tongi

A CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

A three-member committee formed by Chandpur district police administration will soon visit Tongi under Gazipur district to know the identity of seven women killed by Rasu Khan as they all hailed from Tongi.

Disclosing this to local newsmen, district Police Superintendent Krishnapada Roy said the law enforcers will also arrest if any of Rasu's accomplices are found.

Serial killer Rasu Khan, who confessed to killing 11 women, was yesterday placed on a three-day fresh remand by the Chief Judicial

Magistrate's Court, Chandpur.

On expiry of his two days remand, police produced Rasu in the court, seeking a five-day fresh remand but the Chief Judicial Magistrate Md Mozammel Haque granted a three-day remand for the killer.

Sub-Inspector Nazrul Islam of Chandpur Model Police Station said police appealed for five days remand for Rasu in connection with the killing of Shahida in Sobhanpur area of Dakatia River on December 18 last year.

Police arrested Rasu at Nirashpara in Tongi on October 7.

Auto-rickshaw driver killed in Chittagong

Pirate arrested

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Criminals strangled a CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver on Gohira-Heyako Road under Fatikchhari upazila of Chittagong district on Wednesday night, while police arrested the ringleader of a gang of pirates in Hathazari upazila of the district yesterday morning.

Police sources said a gang of criminals hired an auto-rickshaw from Kazir Hat area under Fatikchhari upazila at around 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday and attacked its driver Zakir Hossain, 40, when the vehicle reached Joginighat on Gohira-Heyako Road, according to our staff correspondent from Chittagong.

The gang strangled driver Zakir, son of late Musa of Bhujpur village under the upazila, and took away his vehicle, sources added.

Hathazari police arrested Badsha Miah alias Kala Badsha, 32, ringleader of a gang of pirates, at Burishwar village yesterday morning, reports UNB.

He hails from Nijhum Dwip in Hatiya upazila of Noakhali district. Acting on a tip-off, police raided Burishwar village at around 6:00am and arrested Badsha. He was wanted in 16 criminal cases.

3 held on charge of abduction

UNB, Jhalakati

Police on Tuesday arrested a man and his two sons at Bikna on the outskirts of the district town in connection with a schoolgirl abduction case.

Arrestees Ripon Howlader, 22, his brother Bellal Howlader, 30, and their father Mansur Howlader, 55, are residents of Bikna.

Earlier, Shumi Akhter, a Class V student of Government Poura Ideal Primary School, was kidnapped from in front of the school in the morning of July 5.

Victim's father Wazed Ali filed a case with local police station. The three accused went into hiding though the girl was rescued five days after the incident.

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS



PHOTO: STAR

Women bring out a procession in Rangpur town marking International Day for Rural Women yesterday. Similar programmes were also held in other districts across the country.

Seven women awarded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Seven women were honoured yesterday for their outstanding role in the fields of education, business and social reforms in Khagrachhari hill district. The awards were announced at a function jointly organised by the local NGOs at an auditorium in Sadar upazila. The seven women are Rozi Akhter, Golapi Chakma, Rasheda Khatun, Sunita Chakma, Enu Chakma, Tani Marma and Surobala Chakma. Earlier, a discussion was held at the auditorium to mark the International Day for Rural Women. NGO personality Nomita Chakma presided over the discussion while Khagrachhari Government College Principal Prof M Mozibur Rahman attended as chief guest. Among others, Sadar Upazila Chairman Mohammad Shanay Alam, Upazila Nirbahi Officer Mohammad Rashed Hossain, educationist Madhu Mongal Chakma and Putul Chakma spoke.

Extortionists attack NGO men

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Extortionists on Wednesday attacked and injured two staff of a local non-government organisation (NGO) failing to realise illegal toll from them. They, however, snatched away a mobile set and Tk 12,000 from the NGO staff, sources said. Injured Zahangir Alam and Utpal Dutta, staff of Tala-based NGO Uttaran, posted at Assassuni upazila headquarters, were admitted to the upazila health complex. Quoting local people police said local extortionists Yasin Ali, Pintu and Shahidul Islam attacked the NGO staff while they were preparing a list of the landless people near former Assassuni union chairman's house. Zahangir Alam filed a case with Assassuni police station accusing the three. Police later arrested Yasin Ali.

Thief electrocuted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

An alleged thief was electrocuted at Gonka Moholla in Chapainawabganj municipal area early yesterday. Locals and officer in-charge (OC) of Sadar police station said Saptam Chowdhury was electrocuted as he climbed an electric pole to steal wire at midnight. Locals found his body hanging from the pole in the morning. Police recovered the body and sent it to Sadar hospital morgue for autopsy. An unnatural death case was filed.

Smugglers arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Police on Wednesday arrested a man who is an accused in a case filed with Kalaroa police station by BDR authorities allegedly for launching attack on BDR jawans in a bid to snatch away the smuggled goods seized from a boat in the Sonai River at village Madra in Kalaroa upazila on October 8. Arrestee Abdul Latif, 28, is son of Wasihar Rahman of village Bhadiali in Kalaroa. He was rounded up from Bhadiali village. The BDR jawans seized 275 kilograms of powdered milk and a bagful of polythene from an Indian boat while being smuggled in on October 8. At this, the smugglers attacked the BDR jawans and pelted brickbats on them in a bid to snatch away the seized goods. The BDR jawans opened fire at the smugglers to disperse them.

College teacher attacked

UNB, Comilla

Criminals on Tuesday attacked and injured a teacher of Comilla Victoria College as he protested the teasing of college girls. Sources said members of local Setu Bahini attacked AKM Shahab Uddin, lecturer of Accounting department, with lethal weapons near a cycle stand of the college at noon, leaving him seriously injured. He was rushed to Comilla General Hospital. A case was filed with Kotwali police station. Students of the college later brought out processions in the town demanding arrest and punishment to the culprits. The gang used to tease the girls on the campus, the students said.



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