

# 13,000 unused SSC answer scripts seized from school

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Khulna*

Jessore Education Board officials on Wednesday recovered 13,000 pieces of unused additional answer scripts (loose sheets) of this year's SSC examinations from storeroom of Jessore Government Girls' High School on Wednesday.

On receipt of secret information, Controller of Examinations Mohammad Selim and Deputy Controller of the same department Ajmal Gani went to the school to investigate the matter.

When asked, Headmistress Morsheda Begum denied the allegation of keeping any unused additional answer scripts in her possession and asked the board officials not to disturb her on the basis of false information.

The two officials, sent to the school by Chairman Abul Bashar Molla of Jessore Education Board, challenged the headmistress and asked her to unlock the

storeroom.

When unlocked, the board officials were stunned to see that 26 packets containing 13,000 pieces of unused additional answer scripts have been kept hidden in the storeroom of the school. The officials recovered the unused loose sheets and took them to the board office.

Contacted, Chairman Prof M Abul Bashar Molla said a three-member probe committee, headed by ex-inspector of Schools Prof Mostafizur Rahman, has been formed in this regard.

Two other members of the committee are Deputy Director of Education in charge of Khulna division Md Zakir Hossain and Associate Prof Shailesh Kumar Roy of Jessore Govt M M College. The committee has been asked to submit its report as soon as possible.

Besides, the board chairman served a notice on the headmistress Wednesday afternoon, asking her to explain within the next three

days why she had kept these unused additional answer scripts hidden in the storeroom instead of sending them back to the board office after end of examinations.

The chairman told this correspondent that the education board had supplied 22,000 loose sheets to the girls' school centre during this year's SSC examinations.

After repeated reminders, Headmistress Morsheda, who acted as secretary of the examination centre, deposited only 2,000 out of 22,000 unused answer scripts on March 28, he said.

She submitted a false report to the board authorities on that day, saying that 20,000 out of 22,000 additional answer scripts had been used at the examination centre, the chairman added.

Headmistress Morsheda Begum, when contacted, said she would make her position clear in reply to showcase notice.



FOOD CRISIS TURNS THEM MIGRANT! Four monkeys with their cubs have come to Nishchintapur village in Kaliganj upazila of Jhenidah district in search of food, leaving their earlier abode in Keshobpur upazila of Jessore district. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: AZIBOR RAHMAN

# Handcuffed drug peddlers snatched

## Family members, accomplices attack, injure cops in Gournadi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Barisal*

Two handcuffed drug peddlers were snatched from law enforcers at Kataskhal village in Gournadi upazila on Wednesday noon.

Three law enforcers, who arrested the criminals, were also injured in an attack by their accomplices.

Shahnewaz, Additional Director, Directorate of Narcotics Control (DNC) Barisal office, said a six-member plainclothes unarmed team of DNC in disguise of buyers contacted two brothers -- Abul Bashar Akon and Zafar Akon -- notorious drug peddlers of Gournadi area.

Later, the two drug peddlers were arrested and handcuffed at their

house at Kataskhal about 1:30pm when they were handing over a packet of heroin to the team, said Inspector Sirajul Islam, leader of the DNC team.

All of a sudden, the male and female family members of the arrestees attacked the DNC team with lethal weapons.

They snatched Bashar and Zafar from the motorbike of the law enforcers and fled from the scene after beating up a few members of the team.

DNC team member Mizanur Rahman, motorbike driver Shahidul Islam, DNC source Shihabuddin were severely injured in the attack.

Three cops also sustained minor injuries.

Later, the police and DNC team

jointly raided the area for four hours and arrested Jewel Akon and Zahid Hossain, two associates of Bashar-Zafar gang.

The law enforcers also recovered four pieces of yaba tablet, 21 pathedine injection, 12 bottles of phenisidyl and 60 empty bottles of phenisidyl from around the house of Bashar-Zafar gang.

Inspector Sirajul Islam filed three cases for assaulting law enforcers, snatching handcuffed accused and another for drug peddling.

In Comilla, four drug peddlers were arrested and two policemen injured in a clash between police and drug peddlers at Kodalia village of Bakshimul union in Burichang

upazila Tuesday night, reports UNB.

Golam Shah Newaz, OC of Burichang PS said, the clash ensued when they had arrested drug peddler Ramiz Uddin. He was wanted in a case.

After the arrest, Ramiz's family members and drug peddlers of the area attacked a CNG auto rickshaw carrying police. The police informed the PS of the attack, and SI Nasir Uddin was sent to the spot with force. Later, SI Nasir and a policeman were injured in the clash.

The law enforcers again raided the area and arrested three drug peddlers. They were sent to jail on Wednesday.

Police also filed a case against 22 people and unnamed 20-25 others.



PHOTO: STAR

The bailey bridge at Gumai on Netrakona-Kalmakanda road collapsed under the pressure of a loaded truck on Wednesday night.

# Another bailey bridge collapses in Netrakona

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Netrakona*

Road communication of the district with two upazilas and rest of the country remained snapped as a bailey bridge at Gumai on the Gumai river in Kalmakanda upazila collapsed on Wednesday night.

The 150-foot-long bridge on Netrakona-Kalmakanda Road fell down when a goods laden truck was passing through it at around 10:00pm, sources said.

Local people said they were facing immense trouble due to disruption of road links between the bordering Kalmakanda upazila of the district and Dharmapasha upazila in Sunamganj district and Netrakona district town and rest of the country.

A large number of people, who used this bridge on Kalmakanda-Netrakona

Road, are now crossing the river by boats.

The Department of the Roads and Highways is yet to take any steps to restore communication between the upazila and the district headquarters or arrange any alternative means for movement of light vehicles, locals alleged.

Contacted, RHD sub-assistant engineer at Netrakona office Uttam Kumer Da said, they are yet to get any instruction or support from the higher authorities in this regard.

Earlier on October 30 last, Ashalata bailey bridge, and on November 9 last, Thakurakona bailey bridge on the same road collapsed.

The RHD repaired the Ashalata bailey bridge but they are yet to start the repair work of Thakurakona bailey bridge.

# Constable killed as robbers' microbus runs over him

UNB, *Gazipur*

A police constable was killed as a microbus of robbers ran over him at Pubail Meerer bazar in Sadar upazila on Wednesday night.

The deceased was identified as Mamunur Rashid, 25, of Shyamnagar village in Kushtia.

Police and local sources said, a gang of robbers attacked a shop named Palash Electrics and took away goods worth Tk 1.20 lakh including fans and electric wires.

When the robbers were fleeing in a microbus a police team chased them while another police team put up barricade at Majhukhan on Tongi-Kaliganj highway.

The microbus ran over constable Mamun while the robbers were on a desperate bid to flee.

Mamun was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

STAR NATIONAL DESK

At least 29 people were rescued by border guards yesterday and the day before in Joypurhat and Jessore districts while being trafficked to India.

In Joypurhat, 17 people were rescued by the members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) at Atapara bazar in Panchbibi upazila yesterday noon, reports our Dinajpur correspondent.

All the rescued people hailed from Ukhia and Teknaf upazila of Cox's Bazar.

The BGB members also arrested human trafficker Md Hossain Ali, 35, of Ukhia upazila of Cox's Bazar from the spot.

The eight rescued children were identified as Anisur Rahman Anis, 2, son of Hakim Uddin of Kulupang village of Ukhia upazila, Amira Begum, 3, Morzina Begum, 5, Anar Koli, 3, daughters of Zakir Hossain of Kulupang in Ukhia, Jobayer Ali, 5, and Zohar Ali, 3, sons of Md Yunus Ali of Leda Natun village of Cox's Bazar. There were also Rafiqul Islam, 4, and Selim Mia, 5, but their details could not be known. The five rescued women are Nur Jahan Begum, 35, wife of Md Yunus Ali, Fatema Begum, 21, wife of Zakir Hossain, Latifa Begum, 19, daughter of Hakim Uddin of Leda Natun in Cox's Bazar, Parveen, 18, daughter of late Ershad Ali of Ukhia and Hasina Begum, 17, daughter of late Nur Ahmed of

Ukhia. Four other rescued men are Md Rafidullah, 36, son of late Ershad Hossain of Ukhia, Md Abdul Hakim, 25, son of late Yousuf Ali of Kulupang in Ukhia, Zakir Hossain, 33, son of late Sultan Ahmed and Md Yunus Ali, 28, son of Md Kutubuzzaman of Leda Natun village in Teknaf.

The rescued people told reporters that the traffickers were taking them to various places of India including New Delhi promising to give lucrative jobs.

In Benapole, Jessore, members of BGB rescued 12 more people while they were being trafficked to India through Boroachra border Wednesday night, reports our correspondent.

Acting on a tip-off, BGB men

raided the area, rescued the victims, and later handed them over to Benapole port police.

The victims are Nargis Begum, 14, Kulsum Begum, 19, Khalilur Rahman, 25, Ibrahim Sikder, 28, Amin Howlader, 28, Salim Sheikh, 30, Sarmin, 9, Nasir Talukder, 26, Abul Basher, 29, Sarwar Hossain, 32, Sumon Fakir, 31, and Hanif Mia, 34.

BGB Benapole camp in-charge Liakot Ali said, a gang of traffickers brought the aforesaid people from Bagerhat and Pirojpur districts to send them to India, promising good jobs.

None of the traffickers could be arrested as they fled the scene, sensing presence of the border guards.

# DEATH OF SYLHET ASI

## Second wife, her mother and neighbour held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Sylhet*

Following the death of an assistant sub-inspector (ASI) of Sylhet Metropolitan Police (SMP) on Wednesday night, Kotwali police picked up his second wife, mother-in-law and one of their neighbours from Bagorkhola area of Dakkhin Surma yesterday afternoon for quizzing.

They are Moni Begum, her mother Surma Begum and their neighbour Hasan.

CMP Deputy Commissioner Rezaul Karim said ASI Abdul Haque, 50, felt chest pain after taking dinner at his second wife Moni Begum's rented house at Bagorkhola at around 10:30pm on Wednesday. He was rushed to a private clinic in the city where

the doctors declared him dead.

Haque married Moni a month ago. His first wife along with their two children lives at Kashimpur in Habiganj.

Our Moulvibazar correspondent reported that Sub-Inspector (SI) Monir Hossain of Baralekha Police Station committed suicide with a shot in the head on the premises of the police station on Wednesday.

Hearing gun shot in the compound of the police station at around 3:00pm, the on-duty policemen rushed to the spot and found Monir Hossain lying in a pool of blood.

He was taken to the upazila health complex where the doctors declared him dead.

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# Hardrock miners stage sit-in

UNB, *Dinajpur*

Miners of Maddyapara Granite Mining Company Ltd (MGMCL) in Parbotipur upazila staged a sit-in in front of the mine gate to press home their 11-point demand yesterday.

Reinstatement of retrenched workers, payment of 30pc risk allowance and extension of service age from 57 to 60 are among their demands.

The leaders of the workers' union threat-

ened to go for tougher programme including one-hour work abstention for one week from today and two-hour from April 28 if their demands are not met within 12 hours.

On Nov 25, 2010 five workers were retrenched on charge of violating conditions and a case was filed against 25 workers, they said.

However, refuting the allegation, MD of the company Abul Bashar said contractor farm named Blu-Star retrenched the workers, not the mine authority.