

PRIMARY TEACHER RECRUITMENT 16 held for proxy exams, cheating

STAR REPORT

Law enforcers arrested 10 people in Rajshahi yesterday for allegedly attempting to provide examinee impersonators of the government primary school assistant teacher recruitment exam and another six in Gopalganj on Thursday for selling fake question papers.

Directorate of Primary Education (DPE) held the test, to recruit the teachers for pre-primary section of the primary schools, simultaneously in 61 districts, except the three hill districts, from 10:00am yesterday.

Dismissing allegations of the question paper being leaked, DPE Director General Shyamal Kanti Ghosh told The Daily Star yesterday, "After the test, our district exam committees compared the originals and the fakes and found no similarity."

In Rajshahi, Rapid Action Battalion (Rab)-5 members made the arrests while raiding Sukonnya Hotel at Sona Dighi intersection around 5:00am, reports our Rajshahi correspondent.

The arrestees used to illegally offer services of the impersonators, who used cellphones, designed as wristwatches, during exams to get correct answers from the latter, says a Rab press release.

For the past five years, the arrestees have been selling fake question papers, claiming those were leaked, for government jobs and public university and medical college admission tests, said Rab-5 Director Lt Col Anwar Latif Khan.

In Gopalganj town, Detective Branch of police made the arrests and seized 29 fake question papers and one photocopier while raiding Mina Computer and Photocopy Shop in Square Plaza and Rodhela computer at Post Office area.



Chairperson of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) Sultan Kamal addresses a press conference organised by the organisation at Brac Centre Inn in the capital yesterday. On her right is TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman and left is Trustee Board Member M Hafizuddin Khan.

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Language Movement activist Nadera passes away

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Nadera Begum, a pioneering activist of the Language Movement and former English teacher of Dhaka University, passed away early yesterday at her residence in the capital's Uttara due to old age complications, says a press release.

She was 84.

Nadera Begum, widow of former finance secretary and auditor general Gholam Kibria, is survived by two sons and a daughter. She was buried in Uttara Sector 4 Graveyard.

Nadera Begum joined the Language Movement in 1948, when she was a student of Dhaka University. She was sent to jail for her role in the movement in 1949 and was freed in 1951.

Nadera had joined the Language Movement, inspired by her second brother Shaheed Munier Chowdhury. She was the third of the 14 children of Afia Begum and Abdul Halim Chowdhury.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

AK Fazlul Haque, former manager of Bangladesh Ispat or Prokossal Sangstha, died on Tuesday.

He left behind his wife, two sons, a daughter, a son-in-law and two grandsons, said a press release.

Fazlul, a social worker, was also a member of Lions Club International, Dhaka Officers Club, Chittagong Club, Khulna Club, and Moitri Samity.