

## 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) Sultana 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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Nadere 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.

Nadere 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.

Nadere 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.

Nadere 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 Ispah o Prokoushal 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.

## Opposition holding 3cr students hostage: Nahid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The opposition parties were holding the future of the country's three crore students hostage and ruining the education system by enforcing frequent hartals, alleged Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday.

"The opposition parties and anti-liberation forces want to throw the new generation into darkness. They do not want our children to grow up as efficient citizens and that is why they are enforcing hartals one after another," he said.

Nahid was addressing a discussion organised by Bangladesh Besharkari Shikkha Protishthan Karmachari Federation in the capital's Azimpur Girls School and College.

He alleged that the opposition parties

were calling shutdowns apparently to save the war criminals.

The shutdowns were not only hampering education of the 10 lakh HSC examinees but also hindering the country's economic growth, he said, adding that the opposition parties were destroying government efforts to bring order into the education system.

"Today's students are our future," he said, urging all to be vocal to ensure uninterrupted education lives for students.

The federation President Shahjahan Khan presided over the discussion where Mostofa Jalal Mohiuddin MP, Education Secretary Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury, Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education's former director general Prof Noman-ur-Rashid and Shikkhakh Karmachari Kalyan Trust Member Secretary Shahjahan Alam Saju also spoke.

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