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QUESTION LEAK

Cops free 19 AL men hours after arrest

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Under pressure from the ruling Awami League men, Lalmonirhat police on Friday night released 19 of the 24 people, arrested for allegedly leaking questions of the examination held to recruit primary school teachers.

All the released people were members of either the Awami League or its youth front Jubo League or its student wing Chhatra League.

A number of officers of Lalmonirhat Sadar Police Station, where the arrestees had been kept, said they had to release them in the face of "immense pressure from local AL leaders". The officers, however, requested not to disclose their identities fearing repercussion.

After releasing the ruling party men, police filed two cases against the rest five, who had no political backing, in connection with the question paper leak.

The 24 were arrested on Friday from different parts of Lalmonirhat. Two of them were held while selling question papers before the exam and the others while preparing answers.

All the arrestees were from Hatibandha and Patgram upazilas, the constituency area of AL lawmaker and former state minister for primary education Motahar Hossain.

Following their arrest, around 300 ruling party men led by district AL general secretary advocate Motiar Rahman came to the police station around 7:30pm that evening and started "negotiating" for their release, sources said.

And they only left around 12:30am when the 19 were released unconditionally.

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Children, who lost their parents in the Rana Plaza collapse, draw pictures at Dhaka Zoo in Mirpur. Sneha Foundation, a social organisation, took 130 children to the zoo yesterday, ahead of the first anniversary of the worst-ever industrial disaster in the country.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Bashir Ahmed passes away
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Legendary singer Bashir Ahmed is no more. Aged 75, he died at his Mohammadpur residence

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Stick to my plan

Biman's first foreign boss suggests before leaving

WE APOLOGISE... In the second edition of yesterday's issue, we published a different report under the headline "Stick to my plan". We publish the report today and apologise to our readers for the inadvertent error.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Kevin Steele

The first foreign managing director and chief executive officer of Biman, Kevin Steele, left Dhaka yesterday with an advice for Biman to stick to his plan and make Biman profitable in 2014-15 fiscal year.

Sharing his experience in a recent interview about working in Biman, he had said it was not easy to work for Biman with a civil service unwilling to work.

He said, "What is killing Biman is the lack of knowledge among the senior management, like the level of directors, general managers and deputy general managers."

Steele was appointed in March last year with a two-year contract but he resigned citing medical reasons in January. He had a mild heart attack and was

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Schools closed for minister's reception

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Palma

Primary school teachers of Ishwardi closed all primary schools in the upazila to host a reception for Land Minister Shamsur Rahman Sharif yesterday, just three days ahead of the first terminal exams.

The upazila unit of Bangladesh Primary Teachers' Association organised a meeting on upgrading the quality of education, but the programme was meant for hosting a reception for the land minister.

A total of 627 teachers of 96 government primary schools joined the

programme at the Ishwardi upazila parishad auditorium around noon, according to the association.

"Being government employees, we can't accord reception to political leaders. Our lawmaker Shamsur Rahman Sharif has been appointed as a cabinet minister. To host a reception for him, we have organised the view-exchange meeting," said Md Wahidur Rahman, secretary of association's Ishwardi upazila unit.

"We gave the minister a gold lapel pin as a token of love for him," added Wahidur, also

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ABDUCTION OF SIDDIQUE

Khaleda sees govt link

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday accused the government of involvement in the recent abduction of businessman Abu Bakar Siddique. The husband of

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PRAYER TIMING

April 20

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-25	5-00
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-27	6-31
Esha	8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

Only Bible sold more copies than his book

TNN, Mexico City

Widely considered the most popular Spanish-language writer since Miguel de Cervantes in the 17th century, the deceased Nobel laureate Gabriel Garcia Marquez achieved literary celebrity that spawned comparisons to Mark Twain and Charles Dickens.

His flamboyant and melancholy fictional works — among them "Chronicle of a Death Foretold", "Love in the Time of Cholera" and "Autumn of the Patriarch" — outsold everything published in Spanish except the Bible. The epic 1967 novel "One Hundred Years of Solitude"

PHOTO: AFP

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A man lights a candle outside the former home of Gabriel Garcia Marquez at Cartagena of Columbia. The 87-year-old Nobel Prize winner died on Thursday.

DHANMONDI PLAYGROUND

Greens vow to continue protest illegal occupation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Intimidations like abduction and case against green activists would not be able to thwart the ongoing movement against the illegal occupation of Dhanmondi playground, said leading environmental activists at a press conference in the capital yesterday.

Some 50 environmentalist groups, including Bangladesh Poribesh Abdolon (Bapa), Bangladesh Environmentalist Lawyers Association (Bela) and Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), organised the press conference at Dhanmondi to protest the occupation of the playground by Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club.

On Friday, Arifur Rahman, general secretary of the club, filed a case with Dhanmondi Police Station accusing former president of Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) Mobassher Hossain, Joint Secretary of Bapa Iqbal Habib, architect Salma A Shafi, Kamrunnahar Dana, general secretary of Bangladesh Women's Sports Association, and some unnamed others of entering the playground and vandalism on the "private property". The case was filed a few hours after some green activists staged demonstrations protesting the illegal occupation.

Interestingly, Dana was not even at the venue during the demonstrations as she was ill at home.

Speaking at the press conference, eminent civil engineer and environmental activist Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury said, "Dhanmondi playground is a public property by any

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বাংলাদেশ মেডিকেল এন্ড ডেন্টাল কাউন্সিল

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