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People are pretty heated up over the recent scandal of the HSC question paper leaks. Students, teachers and guardians are all blaming government bodies for their inability to catch those behind this. But to my complete surprise, I have realised that some of my classmates, who are candidates for the HSC exams to be held next year, are in favour of this immoral act of leaking questions and have practically given up preparing for tests. When asked why, their answer was simple, "Why bother? We will get the questions on Facebook and get A+ anyway!" It is really shocking that students have forgotten the true meaning of education because of the negligence of the authorities concerned. Achieving success through hard work does not seem to motivate them, as they know that they can pass an exam by taking the help of these leaked papers. Our government should take steps to punish the culprits as soon as possible and help some derailed youngsters to regain the belief that cheating on exams may give them good grades but they will only suffer in the long run.

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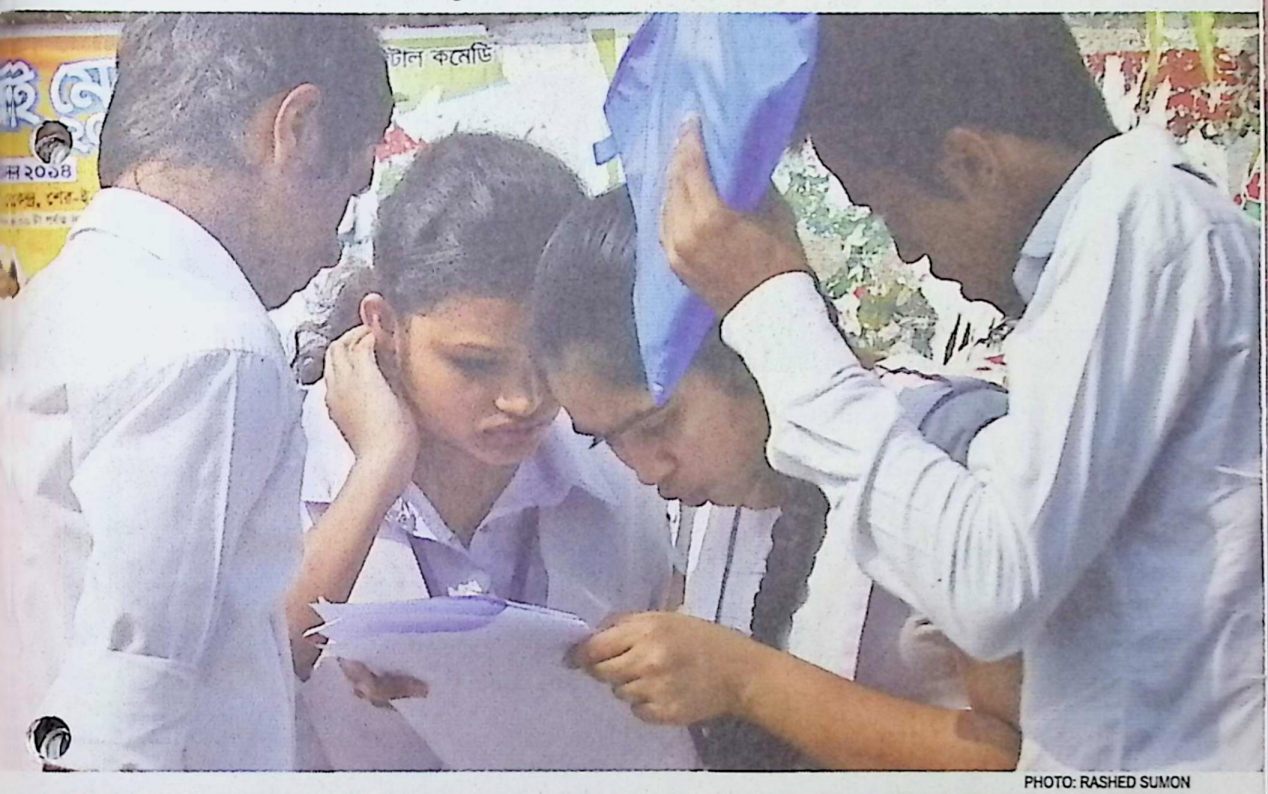


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Brutes and Monsters

After our Fajr prayers, my friend and I went on our regular morning walk when we came upon a group of men crowding a small boy. They were brutally hitting and kicking the boy. When asked for a reason, they answered that the boy had stolen shoes a nearby mosque and was trying to flee the scene but one of the "devout" men caught him red handed. I wasn't too astonished to hear the story, as this is a common scene in our poverty-stricken country but shocked me was the behaviour of these well-dressed men of the society. One of them kept kicking and slapping him repeatedly while another hurled crude abuses at him. Someone even threatened to chop his hands and send them back to his mother! If all of that wasn't enough, the "decent" men searched him, and snatched everything belonging to him, even a twenty taka note from his pocket. He kept trying to convince them that this money was his but who would pay heed to him. The boy had undoubtedly committed a crime by trying to steal those shoes but how will such ruthless punishment help? If anything, it can only make matters worse. And to be honest, aren't these so-called gentlemen criminals themselves for beating up a small child in such a cruel manner?

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