

Syndicate helps Rohingyas get NID, passports

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Some Rohingya refugees are making Bangladeshi passports with the help of local and Rohingya brokers, who manage all the required documents in exchange of large amount of money, police and passport officials said.

This syndicate collects the National ID card, citizenship certificate, birth registration and police verification from relevant government offices using their link as well as by bribing officials.

Police and passport officials say the Rohingya people are using fake names and addresses while applying for passports.

In the latest such discovery, Chittagong police arrested three Rohingya men with three Bangladeshi passports against their names from the city's Kattoli area on Thursday night.

The trio, all of whom took shelter in refugee camps in Cox's Bazar with their families in 2017, were on their way to Dhaka. Two of them got their passports in December 2017, just months after their arrival, and the other in January this year, police said.

They were identified as Yusuf, 25, his younger brother Musa, 20, and Aziz, 25.

They made their passports from Noakhali and were going to the Turkish

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Attendants of patients sleep under mosquito nets on the compound of Dhaka Shishu Hospital to protect themselves from dengue fever. People are worried about the mosquito-borne disease as the country has seen a huge increase in dengue cases this year. The photo was taken at 6:30am on Thursday.

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Locals speak up against SI Khairul

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The husband of the Jashore woman, who was raped allegedly by a police officer and his informant, was planning to open a shop with Tk 1.5 lakh the family arranged by selling a piece of land.

But his attempt to start a small business shunning drug smuggling drew sub-inspector Khairul's attention. The officer, who is the in-charge of Gorpara Police Camp in Jashore's Sharsha upazila, called the woman's husband to his camp around 12 days ago and demanded Tk 50,000, the woman told The Daily Star yesterday.

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100pc literacy still a far cry

Five years gone after the target year; experts blame poor planning, lack of capacity of the implementing agency; donors' lukewarm interest holds back projects

MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR

Around 26 percent of adults in Bangladesh are still illiterate though the ruling Awami League in its 2008 election manifesto had promised to eradicate illiteracy from the country by 2014.

The National Education Policy 2010, framed by the AL-led government in 2009, also set a similar target of ensuring 100 percent literacy by the same timeframe.

But the literacy rate for people aged 15 and above stands at 73.9 percent, shows Bangladesh Sample Vital Statistics 2018 released by Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics in May.

The rate was 48.8 percent among the same

age group in 2008, according to BBS Literacy Assessment Survey 2008.

Educationists have blamed absence of proper planning, lack of will and financing as well as incapacity of implementing agency Bureau of Non-Formal Education (BNFE) for the failure to eradicate illiteracy.

They have also pointed out little interest among donors in financing literacy projects because of mismanagement in previous projects.

"Donors hardly show any interest in financing the initiatives for reducing illiteracy due to mismanagement in previous projects," said Manzoor Ahmed, professor emeritus at BRAC University.

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LITERACY RATE

2008	48.8 %
2011	47.9 %
2014	61.4 %
2018	73.9 %

SOURCE BBS

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AFP, New Delhi

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