

Tk 50,000 to
get into DU!

Syndicate selling 'B' unit entry
exam questions; authorities
warn not to fall for scam

DU CORRESPONDENT

A group has been offering to sell "exam questions" for Tk 50,000 ahead of today's admission tests for Dhaka University's undergraduate programmes.

The university administration said the law enforcers were notified about the matter and warned parents and students not to fall for the scam.

DU will hold entrance exams for B unit -- arts, law, and social sciences faculties -- from 11:00am to 12:30pm today.

To find out the truth behind the allegations, this correspondent found that a member of the alleged racket can be contacted on Telegram through a QR code.

The question paper gang has been active on social media recently, and their activity has gone viral.

When someone sends this person a message asking about question papers, he replies through a voice message, "If you want to get question papers before the exam, send the admit card for the admission test first. I will inform you about the procedure."

Then the person sends a message that reads, "Condition: Total asking price is Tk 50,000 -- Tk 20,000 in advance and Tk 30,000 after taking the test..."

The person also said they would get the question paper yesterday evening.

Calling it a scam, DU Proctor Maksudur Rahman told The Daily Star, "We are aware of this matter. The cybercrime unit of the police has already been informed to take necessary action. They verified and informed us that this group is trying to scam the students."

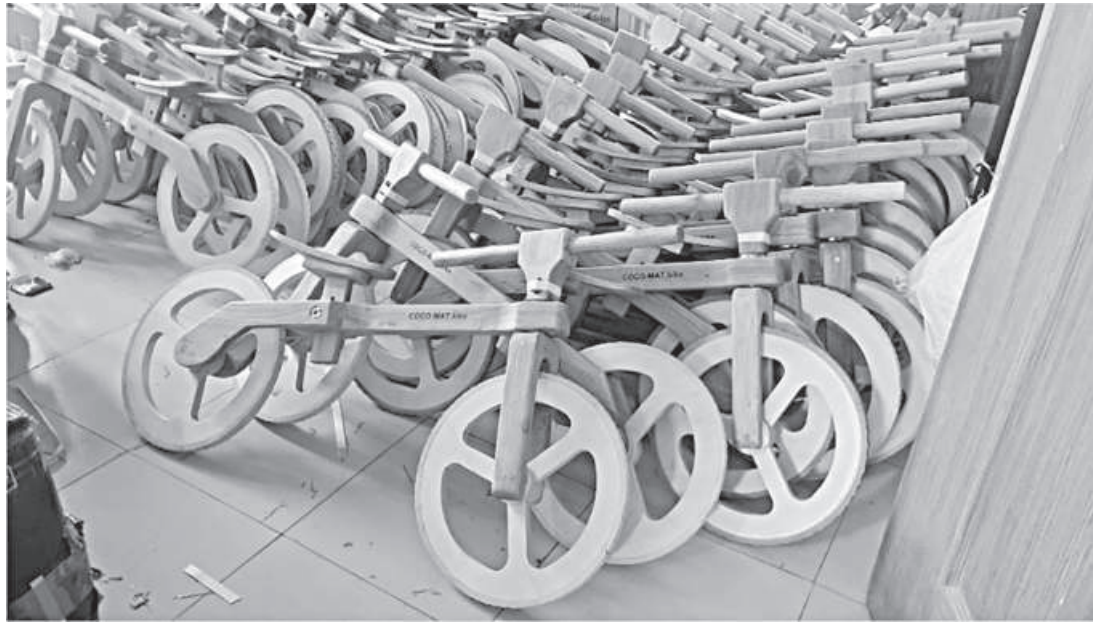
Talking to The Daily Star, the university's Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Prof Sitch Chandra Bachar said, "We have come to know that this gang wants to scam students. We urge aspirants and their parents not to fall prey to such scams."

"Examination will be conducted normally, like other years. Students will get a chance based on their merit. There is no other way," he added.



Made in Bagerhat,
for Europe

Eco-friendly bicycle production changing lives



PARTHA CHAKRABORTY, Bagerhat

Kept in a row, unique two-wheelers will captivate the attention of any visitor once they enter the workshop of Natural Fiber, a company located at the BSCIC industrial zone near Bagerhat town.

Known as the "Baby Balance Cycle", these two-wheelers are made entirely of wood -- from the frame to the wheels.

Manufactured by 30 skilled workers -- both men and women -- these children's bicycles are exclusively exported to Europe, said Abbas Ali, supervisor of the factory.

"Designed for Greece and Belgium, the product is made from high quality woods like Akashmani,

Mahogany and Gamari. It takes about a day or two to make each bicycle, starting from crafting the wheels, frames and handles, to assembling its 11 components and polishing it," he added.

Working round the clock, the workers are able to ensure a daily production of 30 two-wheelers. Alongside this product, beds, toys for pets, and other wooden furniture items are also made in this factory, mentioned Mamun Sheikh, a worker.

With Europeans, especially a company named Cocomet, being highly interested in this eco-friendly product, the company has already exported products worth Tk 3.5 crore, said Muzahid Ahmed, CEO of the company.

"We have also secured an order for 40,000 bicycles, half of which have already been delivered," he said.

"The government used to give a 10 percent incentive for exports. A recent reduction in this incentive has made it difficult for us to survive in the market. The authorities need to step forward, offering us better incentives and promotional opportunities," he added.

Sharif Sardar, promotion officer of BSCIC in Bagerhat, said, "The product is unique. Many local jobs will be created if entrepreneurs continue to come up with such ventures. Export of such products not only helps create a good reputation for the country, but also yields economic growth."

Set up sexual

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The speakers also highlighted the need to eradicate political influence in addressing sexual harassment incidents, urging university administrations to be prepared to impose exemplary punishment to offenders, including dismissing teachers involved in such incidents.

Presiding over the event, the platform's president Fauzia Moslem said repeated incidents of sexual harassment at different universities have plunged Bangladesh's educational environment into deep embarrassment, compromising students' safety.

"It's imperative for the society to unite against sexual harassment in

educational institutions. Moreover, political interference in such incidents must be halted, and the sexual harassment prevention committees, mandated by the High Court, should be empowered to function independently," she added.

The speakers stressed that incidents of teachers sexually harassing students in educational institutions have raised widespread concerns across Bangladesh.

With educational institutions becoming increasingly unsafe, 90 percent of female students who endure such harassment do not report it due to various reasons including threats to their academic careers, they added.

It's like adding salt

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"People are living in extreme hardship, with some facing hunger and malnutrition. The government's decision to raise the prices of electricity and fuel will push the people into danger," he added.

If the prices of electricity and fuel increase, it will

have a negative impact on the people through a chain reaction, said the BNP leader.

BNP strongly condemns the plan to hike the prices of electricity and fuel, he said, adding that if the government increases the prices, the party will announce protest programmes.

Cox's Bazar becoming

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turtles, while the administration should be more sincere in stopping gill nets," he added.

Prof Dr Towhida Rashid, director general of BORI, said they were investigating the deaths of ocean turtles

and dolphins.

"The number of deaths is very high, which is alarming. Building awareness locally and regionally could be a key to save marine lives and ecosystems," she added.

Take stern actions to curb graft

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launched through the banks which was mentioned in their [Bangladesh Bank] report. What have they done so far? Why Bangladesh Bank could not control the commercial banks? Don't they know the price of any

item? Don't they know whether under-invoicing or over-invoicing is taking place?" he said.

"If ministers concerned including finance and commerce ministers do not look after these, who else will? Where will we go?" he also said.

"If the government does not become tough and handle this firmly, we have nowhere else to go..." the JP lawmaker further said. "I hope the government will strictly control them [financial institutions] and take actions in this regard," he added.

Trial of narcotics case

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the HC disposed of the rule, saying the allegations brought against Pori Moni will be settled by the trial court on the basis of evidence and depositions from witnesses.

Meanwhile, Pori Moni's lawyer ZI Khan Panna told

reporters that the trial court may have to frame fresh charges in the case as the HC has omitted the main allegation of possessing alcohol.

Details of the HC observations will be known when the full text of its verdict will be released.

7 killed in road

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The deceased are Md Enamul, 26, and Amir Hosain, 14, son of Bazlu Mia of Nabinagar, said OC Mahbub Alam of Nabinagar Police Station.

On Wednesday afternoon, a 50-year-old man was killed when two buses collided in the capital's Jatrabari. The deceased, Mohammad Rakibul Hasan Nasir, was the counter manager of Bonphool Paribahan.

The deceased's colleague Md Sumon Mia said the

buses collided in front of Jatrabari Narail counter, leaving Rakibul critically injured. He was taken to the DMCH, where doctors declared him dead.

On Wednesday evening, two people were killed when a truck hit a motorcycle in Jashore's Monirampur upazila.

The deceased are Nur Mohammad, 42, and Sabuj Hossain, 27.

The accident occurred in Basudebpur Pattri area of Manirampur-Jhikargacha road around 6:30 pm, said OC ABM Mehdi Masud of Manirampur Police Station.

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