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DU question paper leaked through printing press: CID

Sports officer among 10 arrested

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THE Criminal Investigation Department of police on Thursday said that the question papers of Dhaka University 'D unit' admission test for the years 2015 and 2016 were leaked through a printing press at Indira Road used for printing the question papers.

Special superintendent of the department's organised crime unit Molla Nazrul Islam at a press conference at

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the department headquarters at Malibagh in Dhaka that they got the information while interrogating Natore sports officer Raqibul Islam, 29, a key suspect in the question leaks.

'We are still interrogating some others as a few suspects are still at large,' Molla Nazrul said.

The investigators said that they had so far arrested 23 people, mostly students in connection with the forgery.

Between December 7 and December 14, law enforcers made separate drives and arrested 10 suspects in the question leak, including Raqibul.

The law enforcers first arrested five Dhaka University students. Based on their information, two Rajshahi University students were arrested.

Later, they arrested Natore sports officer Raqibul, from whom they came to know about the involvement of printing press worker Khan Bahadur and

one Saiful in the question leaks.

Raqibul, who shared a room with Saiful at Uttara, came to know in 2015 that his roommate's friend Khan Bahadur was working at the printing press.

Raqibul, then a college teacher, requested Saiful to help him acquire the question paper to ensure the admission of his brother at the Dhaka University, leading Saiful to scheme a way to make money through this process.

This led to the question paper leaks of the D unit admission test of the Dhaka University in 2015 and 2016, said Molla Nazrul.

Five of the arrested have made statements before magistrates and three are in police custody for interrogation. The investigators sought the rest two in custody for interrogation.

Earlier on November 21, the department arrested seven first-year students of Dhaka University who allegedly committed fraud

in admission test to secure their enrolment in 2016.

The organised crime unit arrested the seven — Tanvir Ahmed Mollick, Muhammad Bayezid, Nahid Iftekhar, Fardin Ahmed Sabbir, Prosenjit Das, Rifat Hossain and Azizul Hakim — with the help of university authorities.

The university vice-chancellor, Md Akhtaruzzaman, told New Age that they had been in close contact with the CID team and would take necessary steps against the perpetrators following investigation.

Department's additional superintendent of police Minhazul Islam said that the students spent Tk 2-5 lakh during the admission test in 2016.

The unit earlier arrested Dhaka University student Navid Anjum Tonoy, 24, and Secondary School Certificate examinee Enamul Hoque Akash, 19, for assisting in admission fraud providing electronic devices.

The investigators said that arrested Navid and

Enamul had helped several admission seekers in admissions tests of various public universities, including Jagannath University.

They used to supply microchips to admission seekers in order to supply answers to them during the test.

On October 20, 2017, a CID team with the help of Dhaka University proctor's office detained Bangladesh Chhatra League assistant secretary Mohiuddin Rana, also a master's student of physics department at the university, and applied chemistry first year student Abdullah al Mamun from Shahidullah Hall with electronic devices hours before the 'D' unit admission test.

A case was filed with Shahbagh police in this connection.

Later, the Dhaka University syndicate suspended Mohiuddin and Abdullah while the BCL central committee expelling the two from the ruling Awami League-backed student organisation.