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# Corruption grips edn in Matlab

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MATLAB (Chandpur), May 30:—Corruption of a serious dimension has sapped the vitals of education sector in this upazila as the Thana Education Officer is allegedly patronising it. Great resentment among the teaching community and students is prevailing here as the officer reportedly refuses to run the affairs on honest lines.

The primary education has virtually been left to the backyard since hard coins and nothing else determine the appointment and transfers of teachers in primary schools. The teachers have been made reliant on the whims of the Thana Education

Officer, who according to informed sources, returned to Matlab again after being transferred elsewhere atleast two times. "He has close links with the Primary Education Directorate in Dhaka," the sources revealed.

The time of teachers' recruitment appears to be a bonanza for the Thana Education Officer, according to a teacher. One has to pay Taka 25,000 to Taka 30,000 for a job as a teacher in primary school, he said, adding: "It's like manpower export to the Middle East."

The schools in this busy upazila wear a sad look because of a virtual free-for-all by the Education Officer. The Adhara Primary School in Nayergaon North Union Parishad has no chairs, no tables and no benches for the students, who sit on the ground for pursuing studies.

The teaching community in Matlab has demanded an impartial enquiry by the Education Ministry into the affairs of education here. The transfer of the Thana Education Officer brooks no delay as the enquiry body, if any, could also be memberised by him, an educationist of the area observed.