

Five arrested for swindling students promising better grades

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Detectives claimed to have arrested five persons for swindling students of secondary and higher secondary levels in the name of leaking public exam questions and changing their grades.

Two of the arrestees developed their own app to clone phone numbers of the education board officials, said Abdul Baten, joint commissioner of Detective Branch of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, at its press briefing yesterday.

Md Al-Rabit alias Shubho, Md Riaz Bhuyan, Md Mehedi Hasan, Md Nazrul Islam alias Raju and Asaduzzaman, alias Galib were arrested in the capital's Shahbagh Saturday.

Asaduzzaman and Raju, who work in IT companies, developed an app "Magic Call" to clone phone numbers and sold it to Riaz and Mehedi who along with Rabit used it to cheat students, said Baten.

When calls were made through the app, the persons on the receiving end saw whatever name or number the caller wanted them to see, he said, adding, students were easily confused, when they saw that the chairman of the education board or some top official called them and offered to change their grades.

He said the arrestees, through the app, also sent text messages to students, who believing the claims to be true gave them the money.