

QUESTION LEAK Math exams halted at 123 primary schools

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Question paper for primary school exams has been leaked again and this time in Natore.

The final exams of mathematics for class-I and class-IV were suspended yesterday in all the 123 primary schools of Natore Sadar as leaked question papers of the exams were recovered from students of a primary school.

Jesmin Aktar Banu, Natore Sadar upazila nirbahi officer, said the tests would be held after new question papers were prepared.

"We suspended the tests after locals showed us the leaked question papers. The papers were identical," she said.

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Ali Ashraf, Sadar upazila primary education officer, said he rushed to Agdigha Government Primary School yesterday morning after he was informed that the questions papers were leaked from the school.

President of the school managing committee, who was present at that time, handed over two sets of handwritten leaked question papers to him.

He then asked the headmaster of the school to give him two sets of original question papers of the tests. While comparing a set of original question paper with the leaked one, he saw that questions of two papers were the same.

Ibrahim Khalil, a guardian, said four college students told him that the question papers had been leaked from Agdigha Government Primary School and they collected those from a student of that school.

Teachers of the school often leak the question papers in collusion with tutors

and earn extra money, he alleged.

Khalil also demanded punishment of those involved.

Deputy Commissioner Shaheena Khatun of Natore said a probe committee had been formed to investigate the incident, and that they would take stern action against those involved after the probe.

Sipra Rani Datta, headmaster of Agdigha Government Primary School, denied the allegation of her school teachers' involvement in the incident.

On Wednesday, the question papers of class-I and IV in the school final examinations were leaked in Barguna Sadar, prompting the authorities concerned to postpone examinations in all 248 primary schools.

A day before, exams of class-II and -IV were postponed in all the 119 primary schools of Munshiganj Sadar upazila as question papers were leaked.

The question papers are usually prepared by teachers union at upazila levels.