

5 more held over cheating in DU admission test, abduction

DU yet to take action against offenders

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THE police on Sunday detained five more people, including an official of the Anti-Corruption Commission, in connection with the abduction of a student seeking admission to Dhaka University for ransom.

The police on Saturday detained eight students, including Ziaur Rahman Hall unit Chhatra League activist Habibur Rahman as he locked up the victim Harun-or-Rashid Hira in a room in the hall, in this connection. The police later released two out of the eight students.

Harun was abducted on Friday from the Teacher-Student Centre and was held in Room 208 of the Muktijodha Ziaur Rahman Hall to a

ransom of Tk 1, 20,000.

Chhatra League activists who were reportedly helping admission seekers to cheat in the exams hall had a contract with Harun. He was supposed to enter the exams hall with a watch-electronic device which is said to be fed with the answers electronically from outside the hall. But as he was about to enter the hall, he refused to carry the device.

The group of Chhatra League activists abducted him when he went to them to collect his certificates the group kept in keeping with the contract.

The university, meanwhile, was yet to take any action against the students involved with cheating in the exams hall and abduction.

'We will take disciplinary action against our current students involved in the incident after the police complete their investigation,' the acting proctor Amzad Ali said.

The five detained on Sunday are former Dhaka University student Mafizur Rahman, also a deputy assistant director of the Anti-Corruption Commission, Rafayet Sani, a student of Independent University, Abdullah Al Mamun, an evening MBA student of Dhaka University, Amitav Chowdhury Amit, a third-year student of political science at Dhaka university and former mass communication and journalism student Md Nurul Huda alias Dollar Mahmud.

The Detective Branch on Sunday detained the five

people based on information given by the people detained on Saturday.

The eight the police detained on Saturday include fourth-year world religion and culture student Habibur Rahman, fourth-year women and gender studies student Mahbubul Islam Sumon and fourth-year economics student Jahidul Islam and Jahangirnagar University students Rubel Hossain and Azizul Haque.

The police freed Sumon and Jahidul as they were not responsible for the abduction and the incident of cheating in exams hall on Friday, the proctor said.

The proctor on Sunday told New Age that they had been detained in connection with the incident of cheating

in exams hall with the 'electronic watch.'

The police will interrogate them and file cases against them if they are found involved with the incident, he said.

The detained Dhaka University students are said to be loyal to the university unit Chhatra League president, Mehdi Hasan Molla.

Habibur Rahman, Islamic studies MA student Kazi Motahar Hossain Prince, Rubel Hossain of Jahangirnagar University offered to help Harun to cheat in the exams hall, campus sources said.

Mehdi Hasan, however, brushed aside the claim that the detained were their activists. 'Offenders must be punished.'