

## Ex-principal arrested on extortion charge

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Abdul Malek Akand, former principal of Moukaran BLP Degree College in Patuakhali Sadar upazila, was arrested yesterday on extortion charge.

Police arrested him from a house in Shantibagh area of Patuakhali town at around 6:00am. He was produced in a court that sent him to jail.

Police sources said Abdul Malek went on retirement on December 31, 2013, but he didn't hand over the charge to acting principal Syed Md.

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Later, he handed over the charge to the acting principal as per directive of the deputy commissioner, also the chairman of the college governing body.

On January 16, a gang led by Noor Ahmed Evan, son of Abdul Malek, entered the college at around 11:00am and gave life threat to the acting principal for taking over the charge from his father. At that time, Jasim Uddin, a lecturer of the college, was present in the principal's room and protested the incident.

On March 15, Abdul

Malek and his son Evan demanded Tk 2 lakh from Jasim Uddin. As he refused to pay heed to the demand, Malek and his son assaulted Jasim on the college campus and snatched Tk 10,500 from him.

Jasim filed a case with Patuakhali Police Station on the day, accusing Malek and his son. Police arrested Malek from Shantibagh area while Evan is at large.

Contacted, Officer-in-Charge Md Monirul Islam of Patuakhali Police Station said they are looking for Malek's son Evan.