

MEDICAL COLLEGE ADMISSION TEST

Question leak protesters seek prime minister's help for retest

*Give health minister four days to
cancel results; three doctors, four
tutors held in Rangpur for leak*

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The protest against the alleged question leak of the medical college admission test continued yesterday, with candidates requesting the prime minister's intervention for a fresh exam.

Demonstrators submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), also demanding punishment for those who "leaked" the question.

They first gathered in front of the Jatiya Press Club but police forced them to leave the place.

Later, they went to the Central Shaheed Minar and headed towards the PMO but were stopped again by police, at Shahbagh.

The protesters then staged a sit-in there, and four representatives of them handed over the memorandum to a PMO official.

They demanded that the health minister cancel Friday's test by September 26 and threatened that if he did not, they would launch "tougher" programmes the next day.

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Candidates staged a sit-in in front of Chittagong Press Club and blocked the Chawkbazar intersection for one hour in the port city.

Protesters say some candidates got the questions through social media like Facebook and WhatsApp.

Meanwhile, the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday arrested seven people, including three doctors of Rangpur Medical College Hospital, in Rangpur city on the charge of leaking the question paper.

The doctors are Shariful Hasan Antu, Mostafizur Rahman Pavel, and Jilur Rahman Rony.

The others are Md Jamal Uddin, Md Atiqur Rahman Adil, Sajratul Yeamin Rana, teachers of A-1 Coaching Center, and Md Monjur Rahman, director of Primate Medical Coaching Centre in Rangpur. On Friday, Rab arrested three people including an official of the University Grants Commission in the capital on the same charge.

Around 83,000 students took part in the test against 11,049 places in 39 public and 98 private medical and dental colleges, with 48,448 passing the exam.