

JSC, JDC TESTS

# Exams to start on schedule

Says education minister, ending confusion over holding of tests

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The examinations of Junior School Certificate (JSC) and Junior Dakhil Certificate (JDC) will be held on schedule under his ministry, says Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid. As per the schedule, the exams will start from November 1 and continue until November 17. The results will be published within 30 days, says the minister.

"There is no confusion, no concern and no uncertainties over holding the examinations. I call upon the students, guardians and teachers to take preparation

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## JSC, JDC EXAMS AT A GLANCE

- Total examinees **24,10,015**
- Male students **11,23,162**
- Female students **12,86,853**
- Exam centres **2,734**
- Institutions **28,844**

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for the exams. The JSC and JDC exams will be held on time, and the results will also be published on time," he told journalists at a press briefing at the secretariat yesterday.

Nahid said the education ministry finalised the decision of holding the tests after receiving a letter from the Primary and Mass Education Ministry on October 20 requesting them to hold the exams.

In July, Primary and Mass Education Minister Mostafizur Rahman said the Primary School Certificate (PSC) and JSC, JDC exams would be held under his ministry from this year.

Over 24 lakh students will participate in the JSC and JDC tests.

The education minister said as the primary and mass education ministry requested them to hold the examinations, the education ministry would do it. "We hope that there will be no problem."

Nahid, however, said, "Our ministry is ready to hold the tests, but it is true

that we have to take extra pressure."

When he was asked why the primary and mass education ministry expressed their unwillingness to hold the exams at the last moment and there was any lack of coordination between the two ministries, the minister said, "They [primary and mass education ministry] can say the reasons. We take it normally. There is no lack of coordination."

Issuing a note of warning, the minister said if anyone tried to leak question papers, they would have to face the music.

He said no cheating in the tests would be allowed.

Nahid said like the previous years, the ministry would keep a close watch on the social media, including Facebook, as vested quarters spread false information and various sorts of propaganda via it to mislead the examinees and tarnish the image of the ministry during the exams.