

PM's statement on HSC exam issue today

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The Prime Minister and Leader of the House, Shah Azizur Rahman, who is holding the charge of the Ministry of Education, told the Jatiyo Sangsad on Monday that the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations under the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE) Dacca, for the remaining subjects, the examinations for which were earlier postponed, would be held anew. The programmes for the examinations on the remaining subjects would be announced shortly, he added.

He was replying to Mr. Asaduzzaman Khan, Leader of the Opposition, who drew the attention of the Speaker on the postponement of the HSC Examinations under the BISE, Dacca.

The Prime Minister said that he would make a statement in the House on the issue by today (Tuesday). He stated that he was aware of the anxieties of the parents and guardians of the concerned examinees and many of them had already made contacts with him in this connection.

Shah Azizur Rahman said that the situation following the leakage of the HSC question papers had reached such a stage that the Government had no other alternative but to put off the examinations. He agreed with the contention of Mr. Asaduzzaman Khan that the leakage of the question papers is a very "important" issue which the Government could not avoid.

The Leader of the House also said that the Government was contemplating to bring a radical change in the present system of examination to reduce the scope for such leak-

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with regard to the various S.S.C. and H.S.C. question papers were possible due to creation of maximum number of examination centres. Measures to minimise the examination centres would also be taken, he added.

Earlier, Mr. Asaduzzaman Khan, Leader of the Opposition, said that the leakage of the question papers of different examinations was harmful for the nation. He blamed the Government for the leakage of the HSC question papers.

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