

# SSC question leaked for 9th straight days

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QUESTION papers of all the nine exams in the Secondary School Certificate examinations held so far were leaked on social media well before the beginning of the tests as the chemistry questions were leaked on Thursday.

As the questions continued being leaked before every paper since the beginning of the exams on February 1, secondary and higher education division secretary Sohorab Hossain on Thursday

said that it was not possible to stop the question leaks in the existing exam system and government was working on a new one.

At least 10 people were arrested in Natore for their alleged involvement in leaking chemistry question paper taking to 86 the number of people arrested since the beginning of the secondary terminal exams.

The spree of question leak forced the High Court on Thursday to form a judicial probe committee and an

administrative committee to investigate the question leak allegations.

The perpetrators continued to leak questions despite series of government steps like ban on cell phone use around 200 metres of exam centre, closure of coaching centres during exams and students needing to take seats 30 minutes ahead of starting of exams and enhanced monitoring while opening question packet.

All these efforts went  
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in vain as multiple choice questions of chemistry were made available on social media sites about 9:00am, which matched the actual question paper given to examinees when the exam began at 10:00am.

Examinees and guardians said that images of B set of the multiple choice questions along with solutions for the chemistry exam were posted on several Facebook groups and a Whatsapp group and the leaked questions were found identical with the questions given to the examinees at exam hall.

The leaked multiple-choice portion of the question paper was found posted on Facebook groups

'PSC • JSC • SSC • HSC Exam Helping Center' at 9:00am and a Whatsapp group 'Roshayon Biggyan' at 8:58am.

Coordinator of inter-education board subcommittee chairman Shahedul Khabir Chowdhury, also Dhaka education board acting chairman, once again denied the allegation of question leak.

In Natore, 10 examinees were expelled as the leaked questions of chemistry found with them, said Lalpur upazila nirbahi officer Nazrul Islam.

On secret information, Nazrul along with a team of Rapid Action Battalion-5 conducted the drive at Chandpur High School exam centre at about

9:15am and found images of leaked questions on their smart-phones, he said.

Later, the examinees of Kalash Nagar High School were expelled for one year and handed over to their parents.

Against this backdrop, Sohorab Hossain said, 'It is not possible to stop question leak in the existing system. We would need to go to a new system in which questions will not leak.'

He said that education ministry was working on new methods to prevent the question leak. 'We would place it to the minister. We would hold meetings, seminars with respective people so that they can suggest new methods to stop ques-

tion leak,' he said.

'Intelligences are trying heart and soul to reach the root of the [question leak] problem,' he added.

A committee is working on to decide whether the exam would be taken again or not' Sohorab said.

Guardians alleged that question of Bangla first paper, Bangla second paper, English first paper, English second paper, religion and moral studies, mathematics, information and communication education and physics were posted on different social media sites well ahead of exams which matched the actual question paper given to examinees at the halls in February 1-13.