

Higher maths question also leaked

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THE phenomenal spate of question leaks during this year's Secondary School Certificate continued for the 12th day on Thursday morning as the multiple-choice questions of higher mathematics paper were leaked almost an hour before the start of exam.

With this, question leaks have occurred in all the papers of science group as the

MCQ's of physics, chemistry, Bangladesh and global studies and biology were leaked on social media platforms since February 13.

Earlier, the largest-ever reported spate of SSC question paper leaks started with the beginning of the public exam on February 1 with Bangla 1st paper. Questions of Bangla 2nd paper, English 1st and 2nd papers, religion and moral studies, and

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general maths were also leaked on Facebook and Whatsapp.

Question leak was not reported on February 18 and 20 exams.

Affected examinees and their parents blasted the education ministry for its recurrent failure in stopping the menace.

They said that the eye-wash actions taken by the education ministry yielded no results.

The perpetrators continued to leak question papers

despite a 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 the question packet.

Images of Set B of higher maths MCQ paper were posted on a Whatsapp group named 'Higher Math Group Study' at 9:00am, which was followed by the images being posted on few other Facebook groups and pages shortly afterwards.

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When contacted, coordinator of inter-education board subcommittee chairman Shahedul Khabir Chowdhury, also Dhaka education board acting chairman, on Thursday said that they were aware of the 'higher maths question leak.'

'We are working to find out the prime sources and soon they will be caught,' he said.

When government efforts failed to check the malpractice, on February 15, the High Court for the first time appointed two five-member

committees, including a judicial committee, to find those involved in leaking papers.

Besides, an 11-member committee of education ministry, formed to investigate allegations of question paper leaks on February 4, is expected to resolve on February 25 whether any leak occurred.

As per the committee's report, the government would retake any exam if the allegation of leak was found to be true, a solution which has also drawn severe opposition from guardians and examinees.