

## Coaching centres to remain closed ahead of HSC exams

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THE government has decided to keep coaching centres across the country closed from Thursday, apparently to prevent the leakage of question papers during the upcoming Higher Secondary Certificate and its equivalent examinations beginning on April 2.

Secondary and Higher

Education Division secretary Sohrah Hossain made the announcement while talking to UNB on Tuesday.

The coaching centres would remain shut until the examinations ended, he said, adding that a notification over the issue was scheduled to be issued later in the day.

The National Monitoring Committee under the education ministry at a meeting

on March 25 last decided to fix the question paper sets of the upcoming HSC and equivalent examinations through lottery 25 minutes ahead of the examinations to prevent the question paper leakage. The Dhaka Board will hold the lottery to select the question paper sets.

It also took a set of other decisions at the meeting which included ban on car-

rying mobile phones at the exam centres, allowing only centre secretary to carry general phones and banning the use of mobile phones and electronic devices in a 200-metre radius of exam centres.

All the previous rules, including arrival of the examinees at exam halls at least 30 minutes before the examination, would remain unchanged, the secretary said.