

# JSC and JDC Exams: 66,000 candidates absent on first day



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A total of 66,194 candidates were absent on the first day of Junior School Certificate (JSC) and Junior Dakhil Certificate (JDC) examinations while 38 students were expelled for resorting to unfair means.

Madrasa board stood highest in terms of absentees as 21,232 students did not appear at the Quran Majid and Tajbid exams yesterday.

A total of 44,962 candidates of nine general education boards were absent at the Bangla exam, according to the control room of the education ministry.

Among the general boards, highest 13,192 examinees under Dhaka board were absent while Sylhet board had the lowest number with 2,996 absent candidates.

Of the expelled students, 18 are from Mymensingh board, eight from Barishal, five from Rajshahi, two each from Dhaka, Cumilla and Madrasa boards, and one from Dinajpur board.

Meanwhile, one invigilator from Mymensingh board was expelled for “assisting” students in using unfair means.

Education Minister Dr Dipu Moni yesterday said law enforcers are vigilant about those who spread rumours on social media about leaking of question papers.

“There is no question paper leak this year but still rumours are being spread. Strict action will be taken against those who spread rumours,” she said.

The minister was talking to reporters after visiting PM Pilot Secondary High School in Jinjira area of Keraniganj, a centre for Junior School Certificate examinations.

The minister also urged students and guardians to focus more on education rather than worrying about question paper leak.

She further said action will be taken against coaching centres that are still operating, ignoring the government instruction to stop their operation during the examinations.

JSC exam will end on November 11 while JDC will end on November 13.