

HSC, equivalent exams results likely on October 16

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The results of the Higher Secondary Certificate and equivalent examinations of this year are likely to be published on October 16.

The Bangladesh Inter-Education Board Coordination Committee is scheduled to send a proposal to the education ministry on October 12 in this regard, said the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Dhaka controller of examinations professor SM Kamal Uddin Hyder.

Earlier on the day, a meeting of the committee was held at the office of the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Dhaka.

Chairs of all the 11 education boards – nine general, one technical, and one madrassah – were present at the meeting.

‘After holding the examinations there is an obligation to publish the results within 60 days,’ said BISE, Rajshahi chair professor ANM Mofakkharul Islam, adding, ‘As per this provision, we have proposed October 16 for publishing the results.’

The HSC and equivalent exams were held between June 26 and August 31 this year.

A total of 12.51 lakh students — 6.33 lakh female and 6.18 lakh male — sat for the exams at 2,797 centres under the 11 education boards.

The HSC and equivalent exams were also postponed on several occasions this year.

The exams of July 22 and July 24 were postponed in the wake of the Bangladesh Air Force fighter jet crash into a building of Milestone School and College at Uttara in the capital on July 21, killing 36 people, mostly primary-level students.

Amid the demand for postponing the exams to be held on July 22, the information and broadcasting ministry around 3:00am on July 22 shared a press release in a messenger app journalist group, which, quoting education adviser professor Chowdhury Rafiqul Abrar, said that the day’s HSC and equivalent exams were suspended across the country.

Later on the day, the education ministry also postponed the exams to be held on July 24.

But alleging delay in announcing the postponement, several hundred HSC examinees from various colleges stormed into the country’s administrative hub, Bangladesh Secretariat, on July 22 and clashed with the Bangladesh Army and police, demanding the resignation of the education adviser and secretary.

The clash left at least 100 students injured.

Following the violent protests, the education ministry's Secondary and Higher Education Division senior secretary Siddique Zobair was withdrawn from his position the same day.

The government, on July 16 night, postponed the exams in Gopalganj district for July 17 due to the undesirable overall law and order there following a National Citizen Party meeting.

Before, the authorities on the night of July 9 postponed the exams under the madrassah and the technical boards for July 10 across the country over inclement weather.

Due to the same reason, the Cumilla education board also issued a public notice on July 9, postponing the exams for July 10 to be held in the institutions under its jurisdiction.