



2nd day of SSC exam

Rauzan College set on fire

CHITTAGONG, March 18: The English Second Paper examination of Secondary School Certificate, under the Rauzan College centre was marred today following a violent clash between the members of law enforcing agencies and examinees and the alleged copy suppliers, official sources told BSS tonight.

At least one hundred people including one Education Board officer, two college teachers and four police personnel were injured and properties worth Taka 50 lakh destroyed in the incident, police and upazila administration sources said.

A total of 3,888 SSC examinees belonging to 45 schools were appearing in the examinations in the centre, about 35 km from here.

According to the Rauzan upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO), the incident occurred when a

three-member external invigilation team expelled 50 examinees on charges of adopting unfair means at the centre.

The three-member team comprising Assistant Secretary of the Comilla Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board and two Professors of Chittagong College was paying a surprise visit to the centre following the reports of mass-adoption of unfair means in the First Paper English examinations in the morning.

At this, the students became agitated and at one stage, they attacked the invigilators forcing them to take shelter at the Principal's office of the college.

Later, the examinees with the copy suppliers numbering about four to five thousand attacked the office of principal.

The UNO said police had to open 25 rounds of blank fire to disperse the angry mob. But, he added, the situation worsened as the examinees and outsiders made a counter attack on the police with crackers and hand bombs.

Police, however, rescued the invigilators from the Principal's room but before that they were harassed and all their belongings

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ings were looted away by the mob.

The examinees and outsiders broke the chairs, tables and other furniture of the college and set them on fire. The entire college properties including laboratory equipment were totally destroyed. They also set all the answer papers on fire.

Police said the value of the properties destroyed by the fire would be over Taka fifty lakh.

The four badly injured police constables are 542 Rafiqul Islam, 254 Paritosh Dey, 766 Abdul Karim and 1160 Anowar Hosain. Besides over 90 members of the public including examinees were injured in the incident.

Police arrested seven outsiders in this connection and the situation was brought under control of the local authorities police said.

BRAHMANBARIA

Report from Brahmanbaria adds: 105 SSC examinees were expelled on Saturday for adopting unfair means from different examination centres of Brahmanbaria district in the second day of SSC examination under Comilla Board, besides 64 out-

siders have also been arrested on charge of supplying copy to the SSC examinees in different examination halls of the district.

Our Satkhira correspondent reports Magistrate Suproakash Sanyal was wounded at Tala centre in a clash between one examinee Samad and Magistrate. Some people started brick-battling police when they failed to supply copies to examinees on Saturday. Later Samad was arrested and a case lodged. So far 120 SSC candidates were expelled from seven examination centres of Satkhira of which 63 at Tala alone where 4,414 candidates appeared.

Our Jamalpur correspondent reports: Several persons including three police officers were injured when some outsiders clashed with police at Sharishabari R.D.N. Pilot High School centre at about 4-30 p.m. on Saturday.

Police fired 43 rounds of shots in the sky to disperse the angry mob. Three persons have been arrested.

According to police, the trouble started when some outsiders obstructed an inspection team of the Board from entering the centre. On Saturday, 62 examinees were expelled from different centres of the district.