

## SSC question paper leakage: One held

# High-powered probe bodies formed

One person was arrested in connection with the question leakage of ongoing SSC examinations that forced the authorities to postpone Saturday's English second-paper examination, reports UNB.

The accused was identified as Shahjahan, a private tutor. He was caught following a case filed with Lalbagh thana by Dhaka Education Board.

He was picked up on Friday night from House No 5, Road No 20-B of Uttara Sector 4, Lalbagh police said on Sunday.

Uttara police told UNB that a case was filed against the arrested person under article 4 of the Public Examinations Ordinance 1980 and article 3 of the amended Ordinance 1992.

Police, who continued a

massive hunt to track down the racket, however, could not recover any question paper from the possession of the arrested tutor.

Meanwhile, a Press-Note is-

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sued on Sunday said the government had taken following steps to deal with the situation arising out of the question-paper leakage:

An enquiry committee formed by Chittagong Deputy Commissioner to identify the people involved in leaking question of English second paper (objective) before scheduled time at a centre under Chittagong Education Board.

Dhaka Education Board also constituted a three-member probe body to inquire into the question leakage.

—Education Minisrtn has advised all Deputy Commissioners and police supers to be more vigilant on the security of preservation of question papers.

—The Education Ministry also constituted a four-member high-powered enquiry committee headed by National University VC Prof Aminul Islam for detailed probe porbe into the matter.

The committee will primarily examine which question papers were leaked out. Then it will make a review of the entire process of preparation, compilation, printing, packaging, transportation and preservation at all stages under safe custody of the question papers of all public examinations.

It will also find out the faults in the process of preservation of the question papers and formulate necessary recommendations in this regard. It will try to identify the people responsible for this year's question-paper leakage.

—Dhaka Education board filed a case with Lalbagh police and one person was arrested from Uttara for his alleged involvement in the SSC question leakage.

The press-note assured that the government is determined to take stern action against those who create indiscipline in the academic life of students."

The government expressed sympathies for the examinees and the guardians for their inconveniences because of the question leakage and hoped that the remaining examinations would be held as per schedule.

"If the allegations of question leakage are proved in future, necessary steps will be taken for the interest of the people and all concerned be informed there of through media at short notice," said the press-note.

It said this year's SSC examination began on March 6 under five education boards and the examinations of six papers had been held without any interruption till March 12.

The English 1st paper examination was scheduled for March 13, but a report published in the daily Ittefaq on March 12 drew the attention of the board authorities to the allegation of question-paper leakage, who instantly tried to investigate it.

Meanwhile, the note said, English second paper (objective) questions instead of first paper (objective) were distributed by mistake at a centre of Chittagong Education Board on March 13.

Being informed about the matter, the Education Ministry advised the board to postpone English second-paper (objective) examination.

On March 13, Dhaka Board collected a copy of a handwritten question paper said to be leaked out of English second paper (objective). High officials of the board found the collected copy and the preserved manuscript of the question paper identical in many parts.

Then the Education Ministry postponed the English second-paper (essay type) exam the same day and informed all deputy commissioners and education boards of the decision by fax and phone. The postponement decision was also circulated through media.

The board authority also found the handwritten question paper said to be leaked out of English 1st paper.

"The matter is now under the authority's scrutiny. Decision in this regard will be informed in due time," the press-note said.