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## Over 7 lakh appear at HSC exams today

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The Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations under the country's five education boards will begin today (Thursday).

Over 7,22,215 will sit for this year's examinations under common set of question papers which was introduced for the first time in the country last year.

According to board authorities, about 2,32,113 examinees will sit for the examinations under Dhaka Board, followed by 1,91,460 under Rajshahi Board, 1,36,472 under Jessore Board, 1,10,375 under Comilla Board and 53,795 under Chittagong Board.

The board authorities have set up 949 centres across the country to

hold the examinations. Under Dhaka Board examinees will appear at the examinations in 264 centres including 46 in the Capital city and five abroad. The five centres, which are being controlled by Dhaka Board for the examinees living abroad, are—Jeddah, Riyadh, Tripoli, Doha and Abu Dhabi.

Meanwhile, the authorities of the five education boards have taken special precautionary measures for ensuring safety and security of question papers in the backdrop of the leakage of question papers in the recently held Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations this year. Education Minister A.S.H.K. See Page 12 Col. 5

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Sadeq Wednesday wished every success for the students who are appearing the examinations. In a message he also urged the teachers to perform their duties properly.

He said it is a solemn duty of the citizens to keep the internal and external environment of the examination centres peaceful and conducive so that the students could appear their examinations in a serene atmosphere.

The minister said the examinations and the education of the students is a holy treasure. So, the mass communication medium, the teachers, parents and the government should work together to resist any unholy conspiracy or self destructive activities and evil designs of the anti-social elements.

Meanwhile, the Education Minister ASHK Sadeq in a letter to Home Minister Rafiqul Islam Bir Uttam has sought help for maintaining peaceful law and order situation in HSC examination centres and also to resist pilferage of the question papers and spread of rumours about imaginary unfair practice in the examination centres.

The Education Minister has mentioned that a group of miscreants are engaged in the business of foiling the examination programmes. They may try to distribute fake question papers to mislead examinees and the guardians.

He urged the Home Ministry to ensure vigilance by different law enforcing agencies under the ministry like CID, Police and other agencies to be deployed every moment during the examination hours.

The sources in the ministry said the education ministry has taken stern attitude to keep the holy atmosphere in different centres of HSC and madrasa examinations.

Like that of the previous year instant and quick actions would be taken if there is any sign of unholy affair in any examinations centre, the education ministry cautioned.

### Assembly around centres banned

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) has banned the movement and assembly of more than four persons within 200 yards of 46 centres of HSC (Higher Secondary Certificate) examination in the city, a DMP Press release said in Dhaka.

The measures were taken to ensure free and peaceful holding of HSC examination, the Press release said.

The ban will remain in force on the days of examinations.

The order will also be applicable for all the centres of Alim, Fazil and Kamel examinations also beginning today, the Press release added.