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5600 expelled on second day

Police, mob clash in HSC exam centres

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About 5600 students were expelled for adopting unfair means from different examination centres throughout the country on the second day of the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) Examinations on Saturday.

Sporadic clashes between police and students forced the authorities concerned to postpone the examination at Rampal centre of Bagerhat, M.R. Government College centre of Panchagarh. Over two hundred people including Principal of Tangail Karotia College and two Magistrates at Rampal centre sustained injury in the clashes.

According to the board officials, about 1844 examinees were expelled from different centres of Dhaka Board, 2527 from different centres of Rajshahi Board, 426 from different centres of Comilla Board, 745 from different centres of Jessore Board and 157 from different centres of Chittagong Board.

In Karotia College centre in Tangail, at least fifty people including the college principal and a police official were injured when some examinees with support from outsiders attacked them. The examinees be-

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Police, mob clash

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came agitated when invigilators did not allow them to copy in the examination.

A massive clash took place between police and a group of students at Rampal centre in Bagerhat that forced the authorities concerned to postpone the examination. The clash ensued when some examinees who were expelled for adopting unfair means attacked police and confined two Magistrates in a college room for about one and a half hours. The students damaged the residence of TNO. They also set ablaze six motorcycles and a police van during the incident.

Clashes also took place at different centres in Jessore, Barisal and Comilla.

Our Tangail correspondent adds:

Tangail police lobbed 26 rounds of tear gas to disperse hundreds of unruly outsiders who were trying to enter the college building at 12 noon today during HSC English second paper examination at Govt. Saadat College centre.

The outsiders mostly helpers of the examinees made attempts to enter into the examination centre. Teachers, leaders of different student organisations and police on duty failed to resist the outsiders. At one stage police resorted to lathicharge but the unruly outsiders became more violent and started to damage vehicles. Even they set a motorbike belonging to police on fire and pelted stones to principal's office and examination halls of the Saadat College.

At this state police fired some blank shots and lobbed 26 rounds of tear gas to disperse the mob which left six persons including five police wounded.

A total of 9 examinees were expelled for adopting unfair means in English second paper examination in Saadat college.

Meanwhile, a group of unruly leaders and activists of a student organisation ransacked the principal's office of Kagmari M.M. College today following expulsion of two female examinees for adopting unfair means in HSC examination. Two student leaders were arrested in this connection.

UNB adds from Sirajganj:—At least 20 people were injured in a clash between police and local people over cheating in the HSC examination hall at Salanga in Raiganj thana of the district Saturday.

Sources said the clash ensued at Salanga Degree College centre at 12.55 p.m as law enforcing agencies charged batons on some local people, who were engaged in helping some examinees involved in cheating.

Of the injured four were sent to clinics at Raiganj and Ullapara. The condition of Morshed (23), who was stabbed during the clash, was stated to be critical.

Police arrested four people from the scene. They were identified as Abdul Alim, Masud Rana, Saiful Islam and Akhteruzzaman.

5 teachers attacked in Rajshahi

Our Rajshahi Correspondent adds: At least five teachers were injured one of them seriously when they were attacked by the HSC examinees in Puthya Lasker Ali Degree College Centre, under Puthya thana of the district today.

Police sources said, the incident erupted following adoption of unfair means in the examination. When the teacher invigilators tried to resist the students from adopting unfair means a group of agitated students attacked the teachers that created severe tension among the teachers and other examinees.

Local administration and police immediately rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control within half an hour.

One injured teacher Refakatullah (32) was admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital with serious injuries and others were given first aid.

Meanwhile, a total of 1917 examinees were expelled from today's English second paper examination from different examination centres of eight districts out of 16 under Rajshahi Education Board.