

SSC exams to continue: Minister

## Question paper leakage denied

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The Board authorities on Saturday dismissed the alleged leakage of the question papers of Mathematics and Geography of the ongoing SSC examinations as simply a rumour.

They said the rest of the examination including Mathematics and Geography will continue as per schedule.

Earlier on Friday a high powered inquiry committee was formed by the government to probe into the allegation of leakage of some question papers of ongoing SSC examinations. After a thorough investigation the committee found the report on the leakage of question papers of Mathematics and Geography subjects as untrue.

The committee is also investigating the report of the leakage of question paper on English First Paper.

However, the Board authorities have already postponed the examination of English Second Paper following the leakage of the question paper on the subject as almost similar hand-writing photo copy of English Second Paper question was available in different parts of the country prior to scheduled date.

Fresh time-table for holding examination in English Second Paper would be announced soon, Board authorities said.

The authorities will continue with the remaining SSC examinations as no evidence was found regarding leakage of question papers, UNB adds.

"Actually, we got no concrete evidence regarding leakage of question-

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...so we will hold the examination according to the schedule," Education Minister ASHK Sadique told UNB on Saturday.

English 2nd paper examination scheduled for Saturday was not held as the authorities had postponed it following leakage of question paper in the worst-ever exam scandal at secondary level in recent time.

The Education Minister admitted that the question that leaked out before the English 2nd paper examination were similar to "A" set of the question papers.

To a query, the minister, however, said "a centrally controlled organised group" was behind the leakage of question papers.

Press reports say questions of general maths have also been leaked out. The math examination is scheduled for March 22.

"We received several telephone calls on Saturday from the guardians of the SSC examinees asking whether the SSC examination will be held or not," said the minister.

Replying a question, Sadique said a massive search had been launched to unearth any possible leakage.

"Deputy Commissioners, board officials and special branch of police are working to find out whether the questions were leaked or not."

If any concrete evidence is found, the Education Minister said, "we will check it with our preserved master copy of the question papers."

"And if we are convinced that questions or question papers have been leaked out, then we'll take decision."