

Hunt for leakage source on Remaining SSC exams to be held

The remaining examinations of the SSC will be held as per the schedule of five Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Boards of the country, a Press release of the Dhaka Board said in Dhaka on Monday night, reports BSS.

The authorities of the Board also asked the examinees to devote themselves to study and not to waste their valuable time behind the fake question.

They said the question of Agricultural Science published in a section of the Press on Monday had no similarity with that of the board.

"It appears that an evil clique is engaged in circulating such fake questions to earn money and thus creating panic among the examinees as well as their guardians," the Press release said.

The authorities also said that they would take stern action if confirmed

information of leakage of question is found and inform the Press forthwith.

UNB adds: Despite reported leakage of questions, the SSC examination on two papers was held on Monday while the hunt for source of the pilferage continued.

"We didn't find any similarity between the main question papers of Home Economics and Agriculture with the leaked question papers," an official of Dhaka Board told UNB.

Official sources said they cross-examined at least four leaked question papers — three published in newspapers and another received from a daily — with the board questionnaire.

After holding examination in Home Economics and Agriculture on Monday, board officials are hopeful about Social Science and General

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Science on Wednesday without any disruption.

The board officials advised the examinees and their guardians not to run after any leaked questions, and if possible to inform the authorities.

Referring to Monday's leakages which were not similar with the main question papers, officials said besides the culprits responsible for the pilferage, another group was trying to sell their self-made questionnaires.

Meanwhile, law-enforcing agencies continued their manhunt in the city as well as other parts of the country for the key source of the leakage of question papers.

"We are trying our best to detect the racket involved in such heinous crime," said ASP Khalequzzaman who is leading the CID personnel in the operation.

On suspicion, the Criminal Investigation Department picked up one Abdul Awal, an employee of the National Tubes, on Monday and later released him.

His nephew, Shahjahan, however, was brought under CID custody on a two-day police remand. CID investigators continued their interrogation till Monday night.

Shahjahan is the brother of Akbar, the owner of a coaching centre at Uttara. Akbar has been absconding.

Intelligence agency sources suspected that a section of coaching centres might have connection with leakage of the question papers in connivance with the board officials.

Some employees of BG Press might also be responsible, an investigator said.

In other developments, three com-

mittees formed to probe the leakage also continued their investigation. The Education Ministry committee was in meeting till 9 p.m.

When contacted, Abul Khayer Khan Chowdhury, a member of the Dhaka Board committee, said: We are working. He would not elaborate.

The committee has already visited different places in the city and may go to other areas from where news of question leakage came.

Official sources said there was no positive response to the announcement of Tk. 2.5 lakh award for information about the source of question leakage, which caused worries among more than 7.42 lakh examinees and their guardians.