

Mass copying, violence mark HSC exams

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Widespread copying, violence and expulsion marked the just concluded HSC examination this year held under four Education Boards. About three thousand examinees have been expelled on different grounds.

Mass copying, supplying of answers to the examinees by the outsiders have resulted in scuffle among the law-enforcing agencies in different parts of the country causing injury to many.

The examinees and their well-wishers did not hesitate to adopt unfair means even in presence of the invigilators. In Meherpur, a First Class Magistrate was physically assaulted by a section of examinees and outsiders, when he tried to prevent them from copying.

From a centre in Barisal, three bags of copying materials were recovered. At Feni, a student was held by police from the examination hall with a live bomb in his pocket. At Narshingdi Government College centre, students asked the invigilators to leave the hall and hand over the charge of invigila-

tion to the students' leaders.

In the recent days a trend is found among the students to appear at the examinations from the rural areas. In spite of stringent measures taken by the four Boards, it had been impossible to check migration of students from cities to villages where it is easy to pass without hard work.

This was the main cause for widespread corruption in the examination centres especially in the mofussil areas and it is very difficult to check this trend as some Board officials and college Principals are involved in the racket of arranging admission for these migrants in return for gratification.

In the city centres the examinations were held in the normal way. A teacher of Dhaka University, expressing his grave concern over mass copying and violence in the HSC examinations this year, said out of these corrupt examinees a large number would get themselves admitted to the university. He said they would destroy the academic environment.