

SSC exams begin, 134 expelled

By A Staff Reporter

A total of 134 examinees were expelled for adopting unfair means and eight persons were arrested for supplying copies on the first day of the SSC examinations in different examination centres of the country on Monday.

The SSC examinations, 1983 under four Secondary Education Boards of the country began on Monday with a total of 3,29,381 candidates appearing both under old and new course.

No untoward incident was reported from the Dhaka metropolitan area.

Both the Dhaka Secondary Education Board and police sources described the first day of the examination in the city as orderly and peaceful.

Across the river Buriganga one boy in Zinzira Pilot School and four girls in Zinzira Girls School were expelled for resorting to unfair means.

About 30 thousand boys and girls are appearing at the examination at different sub-centres under four centres of the Dhaka city.

Some of them, however, complained about the question paper of both old and new courses.

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printed in the same sheet. This put some examinees into confusion. In Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Girls School Centre a girl could realise after about an hour that she was answering the "easy" questions under old course. She had to be in a hurry in answering the questions under new syllabus, she was entitled to appear.

The Chairman of the Dhaka Board told the Times that question papers for both the courses — new and old — were distributed in one sheet for "administrative convenience". Although expensive, it prevented disorders and confusion, he said and added that the authorities had to print question papers in one set because when the papers were set the number of old and new course examinees were not known.

The oppressive heat of the day resulted in fainting of a girl in B.M. Union School Centre under Bandar Upazila of Narayanganj. The examination room had no fans.