



HSC examinees at a city centre on the first day of the examination yesterday. — New Nation photo

Police open fire on mob 60 hurt in clash at exam centre

Our Correspondent

BARISAL, June 19 : At least 60 people were injured in a clash between police and members of the public at an H.S.C examination centre in Bakerganj upazila.

The clash occurred after the UNO of Bakerganj upazila expelled a candidate for alleged adoption of unfair means during the examination.

Infuriated by the incident members of the public began to pelt stones on the examination hall.

The District Commissioner who was informed about the incident went to the centre during the second shift of the examination and ordered the police personnel to disperse the unruly mob.

This led to a public-police clash.

After departure of the District Commissioner, outsiders present at the exam centre, gheraoed the police, UNO and Magistrate and began pelting stones at them. Four policemen including the OC of the Thana were injured.

Elsewhere at least 30 to 40 persons were injured in police action.

Later in the afternoon police entered the examination hall and began indiscriminate beatings.

A lady invigilator and 20

candidates were hurt.

After this the public attacked the police who in turn fired 12 blank rounds.

When contacted the Principal of Bakerganj College said that the police had opened fire on orders from the UNO and alleged that the District Commissioner had behaved badly with the

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HSC exams begin

The Higher Secondary School Certificate examinations for the current year began throughout the country yesterday, reports BSS.

In all, 2,85,997 students, including 68,180 girls, are appearing in the examinations.

The Controller of Dhaka Board told BSS the first days examinations went off peacefully according to reports he had received from different districts.

In the capital, 22,848 candidates including 8467 girls are taking the examinations, he added.

Education and Health Minister Pror M A Matin yesterday visited Titumir College and Eden Girls College centres in the city where he observed peaceful holding of HSC examination.

Deputy Minister for Education Mr Zaiuddin Ahmed Bablu and Chairman of Dhaka Board were present.

Last year a total of 1,86,956 students appeared in the HSC final throughout the country.

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Invigilators. He said an invigilator named Amal Mukharjee had been arrested in front of him.

The district commissioner said that the public had assembled to help candidate adopt unfair means and had attacked the police and UNO by instigation of the Principal and teachers of the college.

The Superintendent of Police said that police personnel had opened fire on written orders from the magistrate.

The situation was calm while writing this report and police reserves were brought in.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh College University Shikha Samity (Barisal) and Chhatra League (Barisal Zila Shakhha) condemned the police action.

Our Brahmanbaria Correspondent reports:

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An invigilator of the government college H.S.C. examination centre here was manhandled by an examinee on the first day today.

The examinee berating Roll No Bra-964 who was expelled for adopting unfair means in the examination by a teacher of the college assaulted him. The teacher was rushed to the sadar hospital and released after first aid.

Later, teachers of all colleges of the district headquarters in a meeting this afternoon condemned the incident and demanded exemplary punishment of the person concerned. The teachers in a resolution said that they would abstain from invigilation on Sunday if their demands were not accepted by the authority.

A total of 3042 candidates are appearing at the HSC examination at six examination centre in the district. So far four examinees were expelled for adopting unfair means in the examination.

BSS adds: Higher Secondary Certificate Examinations began here in a peaceful atmosphere today.

Four candidates from Daulatpur day and night college and three candidates from Bangabandhu College were expelled for adopting unfair means in the examinations on the first day today.

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Our Luxmipur Correspondent adds: One hundred and 45 H.S.C examinees were expelled from the Kafildia College Centre at Chanduraganj under Luxmipur Sadar upazila. A total of 3,073 examinees are appearing from five centres under four upazilas in Luxmipur district.