

## SSC exams on schedule—Mar 6

By A Staff Reporter

The ensuing SSC Examination under four Education Boards in the country will begin on March 6 as scheduled.

Talking to the Bangladesh Times Kazi Jalaluddin Ahmed, Secretary, Ministry of Education, assured that there was no need to worry. Authorities were ready to hold the examinations as programmed.

Meanwhile, question papers have already been sent to district administration for conducting examinations at local centres, according to official source.

The blank scripts for the examination were sent to most of the district administrations under Comilla, Jessore and Rajshahi Boards, before the teachers went on strike from February 22, the source said.

Mr Nurul Huda, Controller of Dhaka Board, told the Times on Friday afternoon that all

the district authorities were contacted to ensure completion of the delivery of blank scripts by March 3.

Holding of the examination in a local centre was the responsibility of the centre Secretary and district administration. They would be advised to take alternate measure in case of any problem, Mr Huda added.

He, however, pointed out that peace and discipline in an examination centre was essential for conducting the examination properly.

### STRIKE OPPOSED

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Federation of Teachers Association and its component organisations—Bangladesh Government College Teachers Association, Bangladesh College Teachers Association, Bangladesh Government Secondary Teachers Association,

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## Guardians' call to hold exams

Guardians of the Secondary School Certificate examinees on Friday called upon the authorities to ensure holding of the coming SSC final examination and relieve them of worries, reports BSS.

In a statement last night, the guardians expressed their deep indignation over what they called unreasonable strike by a section of teachers who, in their selfish design are trying to stall the SSC examination this year.

The guardians said that they had to arrange payment of the examination fees of their wards in these hard days with great difficulties. The students have prepared themselves for the examination as usual. At this time a group of teachers has resorted to an unreasonable strike and are trying to create obstacle to holding not only the examination but also resisting

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Bangladesh Teachers Association (Ameullah) and Bangladesh Jamiatul Mudarresin—in a joint statement on Wednesday opposed the "so-called strike".

The statement mentioned the strike an "untimely" "illogical", "non-professional" and "motivated" one which caused an uncertainty to more than four lakh SSC candidates.

### CHHATRA SAMAJ

Jatiya Chhatra Samaj in a similar statement on Friday opposed the strike by a section of teachers. The statement called upon the teachers to consider the agony of the candidates and their guardians.

Meanwhile, a number of central and district leaders of teachers, who continued their strike for the 7th day, were arrested

in Dhaka and Chittagong on Thursday night and Friday.

### BATA

In a statement Bangladesh Assistant Teachers Associations called upon the authorities to meet the 2-point demand of the teachers and create a peaceful atmosphere for holding the SSC Examination in time.

### DUTA

Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) in a meeting of its Executive Committee on Thursday expressed its support to the demands of striking teachers.

### 15-PARTY

The 15-Party Alliance in a meeting demanded immediate release of all arrested teachers and called upon the authorities to meet their demands for holding of the SSC examination in time.

### 7-PARTY

The Seven-Party Alliance in a statement said that just demands of the teachers should be fulfilled immediately to ensure a congenial atmosphere in educational institutions and relieve the SSC examinees and their guardians from the anxiety.

### JAMAAT

Acting Ameer and Secretary General of Jamaat-e-Islami Mr Abbas Ali Khan and Maulana A K M Yousuf have urged the Government to immediately accept the genuine demands of the teachers.

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those who want to lift the answer scripts etc. from the board office, the guardians said.

They further said that in this way this group of teachers is throwing the fate of the SSC examinees into uncertainty.

The guardians urged the authorities to take legal measures against these teachers.

In another statement the guardians have urged the authorities to ensure necessary measures for the security of the SSC examinees this year.