



A view of the SSC examinations at a city school on Thursday. Photo: Muzammil Hussain

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SSC exams begin

By A Staff Correspondent

The Secondary School Certificate (SSC) Examinations under the four boards of the country began on Thursday.

Examinations were held peacefully all over the country, according to Central Control Room set by the Ministry of Education. The control room claimed 98 per cent attendance in the examinations on the first day.

Examinations were held peacefully in all the five centres including 36 sub-centres in the city.

There were rush of guardians in front of all the city centres.

Education Minister Professor M. A. Matin in a statement congratulated all concerned for their cooperation in the "smooth holding of the examinations". He sought cooperation of the teachers, guardians and members of the public for holding the examinations peacefully and assured all out cooperation of the Government.

Our Correspondent from Maulvibazar adds: A student of Class IX was killed when police opened fire upon demonstrators at Kamalganj centre. The demonstrators ransacked the examination hall of the centre. The police opened six rounds of fire. A total of 300 candidates out of a total of 537 sat for the

examination in the second half of the day.

At the Kamalganj upazila no examinations could be held at the centre in the first half of the day. At least 25 persons including 10 police personnel were injured in the clashes.

Fifteen persons were arrested following the clashes.

Two teachers were held at Rajanagar upazila centre and at Srimangal upazila four teachers were taken into custody. Besides, seven others were also held.

The examinations in the second half of the day at the Kamalganj centre began at 3 p.m.

Our Rajshahi Correspondent writes: Three students including two SSC candidates were

brought to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital with bullet injuries from Rohonpur under Gomastapur upazila. They are Moitibur Rahman, Kafiluddin and Shafiqul Islam of Rohonpur College.

At Rajshahi examinations could not be held at Rohonpur centre where police resorted to firing to disperse an angry mob. Three students were injured in police firing. The students and people demonstrated in protest against the arrest of headmaster of Rohonpur High School.

The demonstrators made a bonfire of the answer scripts and questions papers at Rohonpur centre.

The police opened 22 rounds of fire at Rohonpur examination centre. Sirajul Islam, Sentu, a leader of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal was arrested in this connection.

No examination could be held at Tanore upazila in the first half. When contacted the Deputy Commissioner claimed that examinations were held peacefully at the centre in the second half of the day. But he could not tell anything clearly about the first half.

A procession was brought out at Tanore in protest against the firing incident at Rohonpur. An official car was damaged during the demonstration.

Our Staff Correspondent from Chittagong reports: The SSC examinations were held in 45/

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centres of Chittagong district on Thursday despite the strike of the school teachers.

Altogether 2,517 candidates sat for the examinations on the first day. Only 90 candidates however have been found abstaining from the examinations.

Except a few stray incidents the SSC examination in Chittagong passed off uninterrupted.

The first paper examination at Rangunia Sadar Upazila Centre was disturbed when some unruly people attempted to set the Centre on fire. Some crackers were also thrown at this centre. The police immediately intervened and brought the situation under control. The police arrested four persons from the centre. The examination at this centre resume soon the situation returned to normal.

Some unruly people also pelted stones at the Cantonment School Centre of Hathazari Upazila to disrupt the examinations. But the police on duty drove them away and the examination was held peacefully at the centre. One Control Room at District Court Building opened to coordinate the examinations. Government officials and College teachers put on duty to hold the examinations smoothly.

A report from Our Khulna Office says: The SSC examination of Jessore Board was held in the district on Thursday in a peaceful manner. The Deputy Commissioner Khulna, Mr. Fazlul Huq Miah told the Bangladesh Observer that there was no report of any untoward incident from any examination centre in the district on Thursday. A total 10187 candidates are appearing at the SSC examination this year from Khulna district.

Our Satkhira Correspondent adds: The SSC examination on its first day in all eight centres of Satkhira district held quite peacefully on Thursday.

Three thousand six hundred twenty four candidates of three thousand six hundred forty eight students of 147 High Schools appeared in the examination.

The number of male candidates is 2681 and that of female examinees is 942.

Our Barisal Correspondent writes: The Secondary School Certificate examination in all three centres of Barisal town passed off on Thursday smoothly with 1498 appears as against 1529 candidates. However, teachers of all non-government secondary schools of Barisal town are on strike. Earlier in the morning a procession of teachers was lathicharged at Chak Bazar Ter. teachers including five females were injured and police took five teachers into

custody.

In Bagerhat district headquarters out of a total of 6351 candidates 6272 appeared at the examinations.

Two candidates were expelled. In one Centre examination was conducted by Government employees. Three persons were arrested from different places on the day.

At Tarash Upazila under Rajshahi Board the examination began half an hour late according to Central Control Room. The Control Room attendant, however could not explain the reasons for the delay.

At Mithapukur Upazila under Rangpur two students were expelled. Of the total 1465 candidates a total of 1455 appeared at the examinations in the first half of the day.

Our Correspondent from Pabna reports: Ten persons injured in clashes were arrested from Banorinagar High School under Faridpur Upazila Centre. The police have taken into custody five persons from the centre. Of the injured, three were admitted to the hospital. Some crackers blasted at the Pabna Zila School and Pabna Girls School premises during the examinations. The district administration claimed 99 per cent attendance in the examinations on the day.

Our Correspondent from Narasingdi writes: Examinations were held peacefully in all the six centres. Of the total 1112 candidates in Narasingdi district headquarters only 13 did not turn up. One candidate was expelled on the first day.

Our Varsity Correspondent adds: Teachers of different non-government schools who are on indefinite strike brought out a procession parading the University campus in the evening. They raised slogans protesting the firing incident at Rohonpur.

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