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5,11,059 candidates HSC examinations begin today

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The Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations begin today (Thursday) across the country under the five education boards.

A total of 5,11,059 examinees are sitting for the examinations this year under Dhaka, Rajshahi, Comilla, Jessore and Chittagong Boards. Of the examinees, 3,25,535 are males and 1,85,524 are females.

This year the number of examinees is 2,11,793 less than that of the previous year. In 1997, some 7,22,852 students appeared in the HSC examinations.

Under Dhaka Board, a total of 1,63,689 students—98,996 males and 64,693 females—are appearing in the examinations from 261 centres including five centres abroad. The five overseas centres are Dohar (Qatar), Abu Dhabi, Jeddah, Tripoli and Riyadh.

The examinations will be held in 46 centres in Dhaka city.

In Rajshahi Board, some 1,37,728 examinees are sitting for the examinations, of them 93,178 are males and 44,580 are females. The total examination centres are 260 under this board.

The number of total examinees under Jessore Board is 93,503, of them 60,295 are males and 33,208 are females. There are 198 examination centres under this board.

Under Comilla Board, some 77,980 students—49,563 males and 28,417 females—are appearing in the examinations from 154 centres.

Some 38,156 examinees are appearing in the examinations under Chittagong Board. Of the examinees, 23,503 are males and 14,656 are females. The total examination centres under this board are 80.

Meanwhile, several hundred stu-

dents in Jamalpur have not received the admit card on Wednesday. When contacted, Chairman of Dhaka Board Prof Tozammel Md. Hossain said that some 876 students of Islam-pur College under Jamalpur District have filled up forms to appear in the HSC examinations. Of them 595 are provided with admit cards. But the remaining 281 are found fake candidates as they submitted false documents to the Board authorities.

In Jessore Board, 250 students have not got the admit cards as their documents are found fake, according to official sources.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Education has taken all-out measures to hold the examinations smoothly and peacefully throughout the country. The vigilance teams have been formed to ensure security and prevent adoption of unfair means in the examinations.

DMP bans movement around centres

UNB adds:—Dhaka Metropolitan Police has taken up steps to maintain law and order in and around the city's examination centres of Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) and Alim and Fazil of Madrsa Education Board, beginning today (Thursday).

DMP Commissioner AFM Mahmud Al Farid as per provision of the DMP Ordinance on Wednesday banned gathering and movement of more than four people together within 200 yards of the examination centres from May 28. The restriction will remain in force until the end of the examinations.

There are 46 examination centres for HSC and three for Alim and Fazil examinations in the city, according to a DMP Press release.