

HSC examinees adopting unfairmeans in free style

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Massive adoption of unfairmeans by HSC examinees in a number of examination centres has found in Comilla and Feni districts on Saturday.

This Correspondent gathered a bitter experience and witnessed these open adoption of unfairmeans by a large number of HSC examinees while he was visiting alongwith a journalist team some centres at Daudkandi and Chauddagam of Comilla and Feni town on Saturday. Relatives of those examinees were found supplying copies from outside through peons and windows in presence of teachers and police. Some student leaders—both from ruling and opposition—were found moving inside examination halls and assisting their candidates.

The board authorities identified those centres as "mass copying area" and took some steps including cancelling the centres. But due to ill interest of a section of board officials and pressure from political parties,

the authorities revised their decision, sources said.

High officials of Comilla Board, who were with the journalists team during their visit, admitted that students of those centres were involved in mass copying and they have taken some measures to stop this illegal practice. But their efforts were in vain due to some local management problem, they told the journalists.

On Saturday English second part examination was held and there was no report of expulsion of any students from these centres.

The members of the journalist team visited Hasanpur Shaheed Nazrul Government Degree College in Daudkandi, Nimsar Junab Ali College, Chawara Adarsha Degree College, Chauddagam Government College, Comilla Victoria College and Feni Government College.

When this Correspondent reached Nimsar Junab Ali College at about 10.30 a.m. found that several hun-

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A group of people gathered behind the building on violating the Section 20A imposed within the 200 ft of the centre by the police administration. Those people were supplying copies to the examinees through windows and various tactics. Some boys, aged between twelve and twenty, were found very active in supplying copies. When asked a boy told that he was taking Taka three to five from the relatives of examinees for each copy.

Among those colleges, Chowara Adarsha Degree College was marked as the worst one where irregularities in holding the examination as well as adoption of unfair means were going on in a greater extent. A huge number of 800 students were appearing in the examination from this centre comprising two small three-storey buildings one of which is under construction. Last year three bags of copies were recovered by invigilators in presence of the Education Minister. The board authorities cancelled this centre but due to political pressure it has been forced to give permission again this year, sources said. During the visit, it was found that examinees—both male and female—were supplying copies from outside through peons and their relatives. Hearing the prior news of

the arrival of journalists, the authorities tightened the security and drove away the outsiders who were supplying copies through windows. College peons were found collecting copies from the examination hall and piling up at the rooftop of the college building.

Choudhagram Government College was another worst one where examinees were found adopting unfairmeans in presence of teachers. Relatives of examinees were found supplying copies almost openly. As the school building has no boundary wall, the outsiders were found reaching copies to their respective candidates just standing beside the open windows. When the attention of the college authorities was drawn to this mismanagement, Acting Principal of the college said that they had nothing to do. He said that he had informed the police administration to take adequate security steps but it did not take steps. Sources said, due to massive irregularities including adoption of unfair means, the board authorities cancelled the centre last year. But this year they again gave permission to hold the examination in the centre due to political pressure.

The examination was held in Comilla Victoria College peacefully and there was no report of any irregularity there. There was no copy suppliers outside the examination halls and examinees were found busy preparing their answer script. In Feni Government College, there was no report of massive copying. But some examinees were found adopting unfair means secretly.

Talking to journalists, Deputy Controller Zahurul Karim and Assistant Controller Shamsuddin Ahmed Chowdhury of Comilla Board admitted that there were reports of massive irregularities including adoption of unfairmeans in a large number of examination centres.

"Despite irregularities in some centres, the overall examination of the HSC being held very smoothly and peacefully under this board," they said. In reply to a question regarding taking instant action against those who were found engaged in adopting unfair means in the examinations, they said that the examination committee formed centrally by the board would take necessary measures against the reported centres and candidates in this regard. He further said that due to erosion of moral values the youths were involved in malpractices at all spheres of the life including the examination.