

## Plan to hold afresh Ctg Board SSC exams withdrawn

CHITTAGONG, May 18:—The Education Board authorities here have announced to withdraw their decision to hold afresh the examinations of two SSC papers this year, reports UNB.

The announcement came this (Monday) evening following a meeting with the representatives of the guardians and the agitating students.

Earlier, Chittagong Board decided to hold re-examinations of English 2nd paper and Bengali 1st paper on June 1 and 3 respectively following widespread allegations of question papers leakage.

The decision sparked violent protest of the students who staged angry demonstrations in the city and elsewhere in the region.

The students, meanwhile, responded to the announcement by withdrawing their 8-hour hartal scheduled for tomorrow.

Meanwhile, most of the educational institutions in the city went on strike today as part of the three-day agitation programme by the agitating SSC examinees.

The students today put up barricades at Fouzdarhat and Bhatari in Sitakunda and Mirzapur in Mirsarai thana at 11 a.m. disrupting traffic on Dhaka-Chittagong highway for two hours. They also damaged about 20 vehicles.

Police arrested eight people, including three students during the rampage.

However, the arrested, including 25 nabbed earlier, are expected to be freed tomorrow.

## SSC examinees call off hartal in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, May 18:—The half-day hartal in Chittagong called by agitating SSC examinees under Chittagong Education Board has been called off following withdrawal of the decision to rehold the Bengali and English examinations by the board today, reports BSS.

Hundreds of SSC examinees had been agitating for the last few days and submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner demanding cancellation of reexamination.