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Fourth day of SSC exams 1509 more expelled in 15 districts

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About 1,509 students were expelled on the fourth day of the SSC examinations.

According to Dhaka Education Board officials, 374 students were expelled from the Bengali 2nd paper exam in 15 districts.

Six candidates were expelled in Gazipur, six in Narayanganj, 19 in Munshiganj, four in Manikganj, 90 in Mymensingh, 14 in Sherpur, 31 in Netrokona, 15 in Kishoregonj, 57 in Tangail, 81 in Jamalpur, 15 in Faridpur, nine in Gopalganj, four in Rajbari, 14 in Madaripur and nine in Shariatpur.

About 400 blank answer-scripts were stolen from the Chandaikona High School in Raiganj, Sirajganj, last night. The thieves jumped the security guard, tied him up and then broke into the store room where the papers were kept.

Police officials said the incident was "mysterious." A case was filed with Raiganj thana, but no arrests have been made.

Chandaikona High School centre authorities said they were trying to recover the stolen answer scripts.

Sources said 146 candidates were expelled, leading the district administration to ask authorities to deploy paramilitary forces to examination centres.

Copying was a common phe-

nomena at almost all the district's centres. A group of local reporters weren't allowed to visit the centre at Bagmati High School, where copying was going on in plain view. The reporters were also badly treated by the school authorities.

The allegations of rampant copying also attracted the Sirajganj district administration's attention.

In another development, at least 15 people were injured in clashes in front of the centre at the Ullahpara Kamil Madrassha, where the 'Dakhil' examination was taking place. Five 'Dakhil' students were expelled for copying.

Six more students were expelled from centres under the Jessore Education Board. Approximately 7,633 students sat for the Bengali 2nd paper examination in Magura district.

A total of 989 students and three teachers were expelled from 14 districts under the Rajshahi Education Board. One hundred were expelled in Rajshahi, 61 students and 2 teachers in Nawabganj, 54 in Nogaon, 14 in Natore, 44 students and one teacher in Pabna, 146 in Sirajganj, 62 in Rangpur, 70 in Kurigram, 77 in Gaibandha, 25 in Nilphamari, 19 in Lalmanirhat, 167 in Dinajpur, 92 in Thakurgaon and 58 in Panchagarh.