

HSC exams begin today

400 out of 900 centres 'risky' : BDR deployed

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The Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations under the country's five education boards begin today amid tight security.

As many as five lakh students are appearing at the examinations this year. They will sit for test on English first paper on the first day.

Some 400 centres out of 900 across the country have been identified as 'sensitive' and 'risky'. Para-military BDR will be deployed in addition to police at these centres.

Close vigilance would be

maintained against unfair means by the examinees in the centres and adequate security guards have been deployed around the centres to ward off untoward incidents. Education Ministry officials told The Daily Star yesterday.

Some 1,52,000 candidates are appearing at 262 examination centres under the Dhaka Board, 1,45,000 at 257 centres under the Rajshahi Board, 93,360 at 200 centres under the Jessore Board, 84,788 at 154 centres under the Comilla

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Board and 30,000 at 93 centres under the Chittagong Board.

There will be five examination centres outside the country under Dhaka Board. The centres are in Tripoli (Libya), Riyadh and Jeddah of Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi of United Arab Emirates and Doha of Qatar.

Some 57 special vigilance teams in Dhaka Board, including 32 for Dhaka city, 69 for Chittagong and 70 for Jessore have been formed to oversee the centres.

The authorities have already ordered respective colleges to shift the centres at the nearby schools or colleges if any unfavourable situation arises.

Meanwhile, Dhaka Metropolitan Police imposed a ban on gathering of four people in and around 200 yards of the centers in the city during the HSC examinations.

DMP Commissioner Matiur Rahman issued the order, which will remain in force on the examination day only, said a DMP press release yesterday.