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## 7000 expelled on first day 7 killed in SSC exam related incidents

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Seven persons including examinees, were killed in incidents related to SSC examinations in Satkhira and Comilla on the first day of the Secondary School Certificate examinations 2000 on Thursday.

Six people died in stampede at the second floor of the three-storied building, a centre for 1639 examinees, when hundreds of candidates and their guardians surged in search of seats at Kolaroa Government College centre in Satkhira. Amidst panic, many

fell down and were stamped by the madding crowd during the occurrence at 9:30 in the morning.

Those who died were identified as Habibur Rahman and Shamsunnahar, the two examinees, and teacher Fazilatunnisa and guardian Mamun. Names of the two more victims could not be known. Fifty people were also injured in the tragic incident.

Eighteen of the examinees, including eight girls, failed to take part in the examination as they were injured. Meanwhile, protest-

ers damaged 10 vehicles.

Another school employee was killed at Chowara High School centre in Sadar thana under Comilla when he was stabbed by a group of violent students. Anisur Rahman (28), a peon, was taken to a nearby hospital where he was declared dead.

Nearly 7,000 students and at least 13 teachers were expelled on the first day of the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations, 2000.

Some 50 people were injured, four seriously, when police and tribal people clashed at Zurachhari High School in Rangamati hill district. The clash ensued at 11:30 in the morning after four candidates of SSC from tribal community were expelled.

A group of furious tribal people also snatched away the answer sheets of some 104 examinees. By

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resorting to blank fire, police recovered all the scripts, except two.

According to official count, a total of 929,721 SSC candidates appeared at English first paper examination under five education boards on Thursday.

Of the 6678 expelled candidates, the highest 2836 are from Rajshahi Education Board followed by Dhaka Board with 1287 expulsion, 1243 expelled in Comilla Board, 961 in Jessore and 351 in Chittagong Board.

Nine teachers were expelled only in Comilla Board for abetting unfair means in the examinations. Six of them were from Moulvibazar district and three from Chandpur. Two more teachers were expelled from Naogaon and one was from Panchagarh both in Rajshahi board.

Fourteen people were arrested when they were engaged in helping examinees take unfair means at Chandina Pilot High School in Comilla district.