

Violence at different centres, 50 held

6689 HSC examinees expelled on first day

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The first day of Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations was marked by widespread violence at different centres under Chittagong and Comilla Boards and expulsion of 6689 examinees on charge of copying in the examinations on Thursday.

A total of 20 teachers were also expelled for assisting examinees in copying under different boards.

English 1st paper examination was held on the first day. A total of 5,69,114 examinees are appearing at the examinations from seven education boards of the country.

Of the total expelled examinees, 1192 were expelled from Dhaka Board, 1432 from Comilla Board, 2138 from Rajshahi Board, 1000 from Chittagong Board, 601 from Jessore Board, 227 from Barisal Board and 99 from Sylhet Board.

Police arrested 30 persons from different centres for creating troubles and supplying copies to the

examinees during the examinations.

Failing to adopt unfair means, examinees in different centres under Chittagong Board went on rampage, blocked movement of vehicular traffic on Dhaka-Chittagong highway, damaged vehicles, attacked government offices, confined officials and clashed with police.

Police fired blank shots, lobbed teargas canisters and resorted to massive baton charge to disperse the angry examinees and outsiders at the troubled centres.

The examinees kept Deputy Commissioner of the district Sheikh Mozharuddin confined at RWA College Centre. Police later rescued him. An invigilator was also confined by the examinees at Nazirhat College Centre as he resisted copying.

The Controller of Examinations of Chittagong Board said police fired five rounds of blank shots at Rualkhal Sirajul Islam College

Centre as angry examinees and outsiders went on rampage ransacking furniture of the centre and damaging vehicles after the examination.

"We received information of violent activities from Baraihati College Centre, Padua College Centre, Imam Gazzali College Centre and Bangladesh Mahila Samity College Centres under the board.

Our Comilla Correspondent reports: Failing to adopt unfair means, furious examinees of Dabidwar Zobeda Khatun College Centre, attacked two government officials. They attacked on the officials while they were returning home after performing examination duties.

The injured officers are PIO of Dabidwar Mahfuzur Rahman and Social Welfare Officer Alamgir Kabir.

The agitated examinees ransacked the hall rooms of Nan- (See Page 15 Col. 4)

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galkot Hasan Memorial College Centre, Gunabati Degree College Centre, Brahamanpara Bhagaban College Centres, Hasanpur Degree College, Chandina Dr. Firoza Khatun College and AR High School Centre.

The unruly examinees snatched one answer script and some other extra scripts from Dabidwar Zobeda Khatun College Centre.

Four invigilators were assaulted by unruly examinees and outsiders at AR High School Centre.

Police arrested four persons including an examinee from Hasanpur Degree College Centre and Zobeda Khatun College Centre. The other three persons were arrested when they were supplying copies to the examinees.

Rajshahi

Our correspondent reports from Rajshahi: Some 2928 examinees have been expelled for adopting unfair means in the examination halls in twelve districts under Rajshahi Education Board. Nine invigilators were also expelled from their duties for helping adoption of unfair means on the first day of the HSC examinations. The districts are Rajshahi, Thakurgaon, Gaibandha, Chapainawabgonj, Naogaon, Lalmonirhat, Pabna, Natore, Sirajgaon, Nilphamari, Bogra and Joypurhat.

Feni

Our Feni correspondent adds: At least 161 examinees have been expelled from 18 examination centres of the district for adopting copying. A group of miscreants were abortively trying to supply copy to the candidates. However, police chased those outsiders to bring the situation under control.

Rajbari

Rajbari correspondent writes: Sixteen examinees have been expelled from six centres of the district on charge of copying in the examination halls. The local administration maintained tight security against apprehension of any untoward incident.

Magura

Magura correspondent reports: Eleven HSC examinees have been expelled from nine centres of the district. Power failure interrupted the examinees for sometimes which continued for over 20 minutes.

Narsingdi

Narsingdi correspondent reports: The first day of the HSC examination that began on Thursday witness expulsion of 215 examinees for adopting unfair means in different centres of the district. Two invigilators have been expelled for negligence of duty. Four outsiders were also arrested by police while they were found supplying copies from outside the examination halls.