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HSC exams begin from tomorrow

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The Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations for the year 2001 will begin under seven education boards of the country tomorrow (Thursday).

This year a total of 5,61,147 candidates will appear in the HSC examinations from Dhaka, Rajshahi, Jessore, Comilla, Chittagong, Barisal and Sylhet education boards.

Of the total HSC candidates, 1,64,574 will sit for the examination from Dhaka Board, 1,69,441 from Rajshahi Board, 69,268 from Comilla Board, 71,458 from Jessore Board, 45,230 from Chittagong Board, 34,085 from Barisal Board and 17,091 from Sylhet Board.

In the year 2000, some 505000 examinees appeared in the HSC examinations from five education boards.

The theoretical portion of the HSC examinations will end within 10 working days.

Sources said the Ministry of Education had identified 61 upazilas as 'copy prone'. The 'copy prone' upazilas have been identified on the basis of the reports of recently concluded Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations and HSC and SSC examinations in the previous years.

For the first time the ministry has formed a 50-member vigilance team titled 'Rapid Action Force' (RAF) to check adoption of unfair means in the examinations, sources in the Ministry of Education said. The members of the RAF will have power to cancel centres if examinees concerned are found copying massively, the sources said.

The sources said all preparations to hold the examinations had been completed. Question papers and answer scripts had already been sent to all the Deputy Commissioners.

This year distribution of seats of the examinees will be exchanged among the colleges at all levels. Students of a college will have to appear for examinations in other college centres.