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S.S.C. Examinations

Every year when the S.S.C. examinations are held we are reminded of the systematic erosion of some values. Police have to cordon examination centres to prevent people engaged in supplying copies to examinees. For adoption of unfair means during examinations has become rampant. The large number of examinees who resort to unfair means during examinations and the support they get from their guardians as well as some unscrupulous invigilators show how deep this rot has penetrated our society.

At centres where the authorities are strict and expel the examinees for adopting unfair means a serious law and order situation develops as enraged mobs resort to violence. On the second day of this year's S.S.C. examination thirty persons including a four-member team of invigilators team headed by the Assistant Secretary of Comilla Education Board were injured when a mob attacked them at Raujan centre. The mob also set fire to the centre. Fifty examinees had been expelled on that day and thirty-nine examinees the previous day. This enraged the examinees and the crowd around the centre.

At another centre about fifty persons including a magistrate and a Board official were injured in clashes between the public and security personal. According to reports there have been clashes at various centres all over the country.

About 1800 S.S.C. examinees and 19 invigilators have been expelled so far. This year the authorities seem determined to take serious action against copying during examination. The State Minister for Education has warned earlier that no one will be spared. He further added that if a teacher or an official was found guilty he will be put behind the bars and his services terminated.

Punitive action against those who are guilty is a must and stricter measures to check the adoption of unfair means at examinations are also to be applied. We have somehow to stop this social malaise once and for all.

Restoring discipline in any sector is certainly a matter of time. What is encouraging is the positive sign of action against this evil. It must be kept up.