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HSC examinations begin

Over 3200 expelled

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Over 3200 examinees were expelled for adopting unfair means from different examination centres on the first day of the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations on Thursday.

Barring some stray incidents in Brahmanbaria, Sirajganj and Feni examination was held throughout the country peacefully; board authorities said. English first paper examination was held on the first day on Thursday.

This year, about 7,22,215 students are sitting for the HSC examination under the country's five education board. Of them, 2,32,113 are appearing under Dhaka Board, followed by 1,91,460 under Rajshahi Board, 1,36,472 under Jessore Board, 1,10,375 under Comilla Board and 53,795 under Chittagong Board.

The examination is being held in 945 centres including five abroad.

According to board officials, the highest 1082 examinees were expelled

led from different centres under Dhaka Board on charge of adopting unfair means followed by 1300 from different centres of Rajshahi Board, 341 from centres of Comilla Board, 318 from various centres of Jessore Board and 162 of Chittagong Board.

Our Brahmanbaria correspondent reported that a group of examinees went on a rampage and damaged furniture of Poura College centre for not allowing them for copying. After the examination the students suddenly attacked the offices and class rooms and damaged window panes and furniture. Police picked up five persons from different examination centres on charge of supplying answer scripts to the examinees from outside.

Our Sirajganj correspondent adds: a group of students who were expelled on charge of adopting unfair means attacked the office of the Principal of Bhagavati College and damaged furniture. They also damaged

two vehicles of the police.

Police lobbed five round of teargas shells to bring the situation under control.

About 129 students were expelled from different centres under this district on charge of adopting unfair means in the examination.

20 injured in Feni

BSS adds from Feni: At least 20 people including 12 police personnel and college Principal Kazi Luthful-Huq were injured in clashes between the police and public at Feni Public College centre today.

The trouble started centring adoption of unfair means at the centre, police sources said.

One person was arrested in this connection.

Meanwhile, Education Minister A. H.K. Sadek paid a surprise visit to different centres of the ongoing Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations in Comilla district this morning.

The Minister expressed dissatisfaction over the mismanagement in and outside the centres, he visited.

During the visit, Mr Sadek asked the Comilla Education Board authority to take necessary measures against the Chouara Degree College centre and the Choudhagram Government College centre as well as against invigilators of both the colleges.

Chairman of Comilla Education Board, Deputy Commissioner of Comilla, district Police Super and other senior officials accompanied the Minister.