



## 3 lakh appear at HSC exam today

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The Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC), examinations for the year 1990 under four Boards of the country will begin today (Thursday). A total of 3,09,012 candidates will appear at the examinations to be held in 524 centres of the country and abroad.

The Education Ministry on Wednesday said that out of total number of students, the number of female candidates is 94,206. From Dhaka Board, a maximum of 1,02,072 candidates will sit for the examinations from 140 centres including seven outside Bangladesh.

From Rajshahi Board, a total of 74,647 candidates are expected to appear from 142 centres while from Comilla Board, 74,673 candidates will sit for the examinations in 121 cen-

tres. From Jessore Board, 57,613 candidates will sit for examinations from 120 centres while seven candidates will appear from abroad.

Arts group with more than 50 per cent (1,61,867) of the students has the largest number of candidates in seven sections while Islamic Studies with two students had the least number of students in any group. The Rajshahi Board has the largest number of female students (29,708) followed by Dhaka Board with 29,189 candidates.

The Ministry sources said all preparations for holding the examinations in a peaceful atmosphere have been completed. Prime Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed had already instructed the concerned authorities to take stern

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measures in case of any leakage of examination papers; adoption of unfair means and law and order situation during the examination.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner in the meantime, has banned the assembly of more than four persons within 200 yards of the 23 examination centres in Dhaka city from today (Thursday) to August 7. The step has been taken to properly conduct the examinations.

Meanwhile, meeting was held at the Dhaka Collectorate Bhaban on Wednesday with regard to the maintenance of peace and discipline during the HSC examinations beginning today (Thursday). Presided over by Mohammad Nizamuddin, Deputy Commissioner of Dhaka the meeting decided to take appropriate steps to check unfair means in the examinations and to maintain peaceful atmosphere.

The Education Ministry Press Note on the occasion sought the cooperation of the students, teachers, guardians and officials for smooth holding of the HSC examinations.