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Many held, vehicles damaged SSC students hold rally for 2nd day

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The examinees of Secondary School Certificate (SSC) of different schools of the city brought out a number of processions at different places in the capital city on Sunday.

They have been demonstrating against the imposition of new education policy, examination method, cancellation of task force and demanded resumption of 1992 examination method including task force.

A big procession of the SSC examinees was foiled at Mirpur following police chase. They proceeded through Mirpur traffic intersection Number Ten with a view to assembling at Asad Gate and stage a sit-in demonstration. A section of processionists suddenly started pelting

stones at the running vehicles. They also damaged three minibuses partially at Mirpur.

Police picked up 26 processionists from the spot and took them to Mirpur Police Station custody during the agitation.

Meanwhile, three other processions at Dhanmondi, Malibag, Topkhana Road and Kakrail damaged six motor vehicles by pelting stones.

Police picked up seven students from Kakrail and Malibag while they were preparing to set a car on fire.

A section of processionists chanted slogan demanding removal of the Education Minister.

A group of demonstrators while

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SSC Students

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talking to this correspondent said "we did not want to come on the street but the so-called bureaucrat-prescribed education policy compelled us to protest". "It is a fight for our existence, so we should not go home empty handed", they added.

UNB adds :—The protesters also exploded half a dozen crackers at Topkhana and Purana Paltan during the demonstration on Sunday.

The schoolchildren chanted slogans against the Education Minister and in support of hartal in the city on November 5 to press their demand.

14 held in Faridpur

Our Faridpur Correspondent adds :—School students of Faridpur town boycotted their classes today and brought out a procession protesting the SSC examination reforms. They submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner.

At one stage some of the students in the procession became unruly and damaged a number of vehicles. Police arrested 14 students from the procession who were later released following bonds given by their respective guardians.

Hartal in Rajshahi

Our Rajshahi Correspondent adds :—Students of different educational institutions including Rajshahi University and colleges abstained from attending classes in

support of hartal called by SSC examinees in protest against changing of present SSC examination system.

University buses did not ply and offices of all the educational institutions also remained closed.

Our Brahmanbaria Correspondent adds :—The school students of different educational institutions brought out procession in Brahmanbaria town today in protest against cancellation of SSC examination system.

The processionists paraded the main roads of the town and at one stage a group of agitated students also damaged one car belonging to the DC pool.

Rally in Narayanganj

Our N'ganj Correspondent adds: The Secondary School Examinees—93 of different high schools of Narayanganj town brought out a procession today (Sunday) boycotting classes. The procession paraded through the main thoroughfare of the town chanting slogans demanding cancellation of new education system and double pass system in one subject.

The students also condemned the inhuman police action on the procession of the students on Thursday at Narayanganj.

Later, the procession proceeded towards the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Narayanganj and submitted a memorandum.