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**HSC exam begins****1,246 expelled  
on first day**

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The Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations under the country's four education boards began on Thursday with some five lakh candidates appearing this year.

Out of the 4,98,814 examinees, 1,70,000 are appearing from Dhaka Board in 226 centres including six outside the country, 1,15,399 from Comilla Board in 200 centres, 1,15,035 from Rajshahi Board in 200 centres and 97,985 from Jessore Board in 185 centres.

Barring some stray incidents in two centres in Patuakhali and Jamalpur, examination was held peacefully on the first day on Thursday. Some 1,246 examinees were expelled on charge of adopting unfair means from different centres under four education boards in Bengali first paper examination held on Thursday.

Out of the total 1246 students, 405 were expelled from Dhaka Board, 298 from Comilla Board, 485 from Rajshahi Board and 58 from Jessore Board.

A group of examinees put blockade on Patuakhali-Baoufall Road for more than three hours protesting the failure of the Baoufall College authorities to provide them with admit card before the examination on Thursday. The examinees whose

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number could not be known immediately did not get admit card even after completing the formalities of the board, college sources said.

In Jamalpur Ashek Mahmud College, examinees gheraoed the college authorities demanding admit card. Some 48 students of the college did not get admit card before the ex-

amination on Thursday reportedly

due to the negligence of the college authorities said that the Board did not send the admit card of those students although they completed all formalities of the Board.

Meanwhile, Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar along with the Chairman of Dhaka Education Board visited Dhaka College and Eden Girls College centres during the examination on Thursday.