

5,000 expelled

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clashes in five centres in Comilla and one in Chandpur district during the examinations. Eleven persons were arrested from three examination centres in Jamalpur, Dinajpur and Barisal districts during the examinations when they were assisting the examinees in their copying.

A group of agitated students along with some outsiders damaged furniture in classroom and laboratories at Faridganj Degree College Centre under Chandpur district protesting strict measures against copying.

Police arrested three examinees and one outsider and fired six blank shot to disperse the unruly mob. In retaliation the examinees and outsiders hurled brickbats injuring three police constables. Earlier, the authorities expelled two examinees for adopting unfair means.

Our Comilla correspondent says: Students and visitors got angry and went on rampage of the Chandina Redwan Ahmed Degree College, Nangolkot Hasan Memorial Degree College, Chowdogram Degree College, Chowdogram Gunobati Degree College and Homna Degree College centres as police resisted them when they were supplying copies.

Police fired at least 24 rounds of shotgun bullets to disperse the agitated people.

Two hundred and 28 examinees were expelled from different centres in the district.

Our Rajshahi correspondent said, a total of 174 examinees were expelled on the first day of the examinations from 20 centres of the district for adopting unfair means at the examinations.

29 examinees were expelled in Daukandi Degree College under Durgapur thana. Out of the total expelled examinees, 18 were females. No untoward incident was reported from any of the examination centres.

Our Meherpur correspondent adds: Thirtynine examinees were expelled in the district for copying in the examination. Of them, 31 were expelled from Meherpur centre, five from Gangni and three from Mujibnagar centre.

A total of 1036 examinees, out of the total 1049, appeared at the examinations.

421 examinees were expelled from Sirajganj district, 58 examinees were expelled in four centres of Sherpur district, 34 in Laxmipur, 34 in Jessore, 143 from 12 examination centres in Jamalpur district and six from Barguna district.

A total of 3,21,272 students are taking part at the examinations from 602 centres across the country.

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Mass copying marked the first day of the Degree, Pass and Subsidiary examinations under the National University that began across the country on Saturday.

Nearly 5,000 students were expelled for adopting unfair means on the first day of the examinations. English compulsory examination was held on Saturday.

The NU authorities cancelled two centres following allegations of massive adoption of unfair means in the examinations. The centres are Chowara College cen-

tre under Comilla district and Adina Fazlul Haque Centre in Chapainawabganj district.

The Magistrates in separate mobile court sentenced Aminul Islam of Mahmuda Salam Women College two years imprisonment and Nayeb Ali of Sharibari Riazuddin Talukder Degree College to one year imprisonment for their alleged involvement in supplying copy to the examinees.

At least 20 persons including four policemen were injured in (See Page 16 Col. 5)