

Hartal affects preparations Anxiety grips 9,36,000 SSC examinees

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With only 15 days left for the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations, the 48-hour hartal called by the BNP-led four-party opposition alliance from Tuesday has left the guardians and examinees in serious anxiety and tension.

The final preparations of the examinees are being hampered seriously due to hartal as they are not being able to attend their coaching classes now going on in full swing in different schools and in coaching centres.

The SSC examinations under five education boards will begin from March 2 while the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations are scheduled from April 27.

With the 48-hour hartal, a total of five-day countrywide hartal is being observed by the BNP led four-party alliance in the first 20

days of the current month. Earlier, the opposition alliance gave a 36-hour hartal on February 2.

The opposition alliance gave the hartal call in protest against what they said the attack on the joint procession of the opposition alliance on Sunday, to press the demand for scrapping the newly enacted Public Safety Act (PSA) and to force the government to resign for holding a general election under a neutral caretaker government.

A teacher of University Laboratory School and College told The Bangladesh Observer on Tuesday that conclusive coaching classes and model tests were going on both in their school and college sections to make the students fully prepared for SSC and HSC examinations.

As we are not being able to take classes and model tests for five days in the current month, the

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preparation of the examinees will be hampered seriously," he added.

Jahidur Rahman, a SSC examinee said: "Our preparation in the last moment is being hampered seriously. We can not set our mind completely in study because we are still in doubt whether our examinations will be held according to the schedule."

Saifur Rahman, a guardian, expressing utmost dissatisfaction over the opposition's hartal call, said every political party had the responsibilities to build up the young generation properly. He urged the BNP-led opposition alliance not to call fresh hartal during the examinations.

Approximately 936,000 examinees are sitting for the SSC examinations under five education boards this year, sources in the Education Ministry said.

Of them, 2,63,000 will appear in the exams from Dhaka Board, 2,73,000 from Rajshahi, 1,66,000 from Jessore, 1,53,000 from Comilla and 76,000 from Chittagong boards.