

PSC Chairman's resignation demanded

Students condemn leakage of BCS question papers

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Different student organisations demanded postponement and re-examination of the 24th BCS preliminary examination held on Friday.

They also demanded resignation of Tahmina Akhter, the chairman of Public Service Commission (PSC) for her alleged involvement in the leakage out of the question paper.

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) called a strike on March 4 in all educational institutions of the country protesting of the BCS question papers, first time in the history of Bangladesh.

The question papers of the preliminary tests of the BCS examination were allegedly leaked out on Thursday, a day before the examinations.

A set of question papers containing 100 MCQ questions were sold at Tk. 10,000 in different dormitories of Dhaka University on Thursday night from where at least 80 MCQ questions were common in the Friday's preliminary test.

BCL called the strike from a rally staged in front of the Central Library of Dhaka University on Saturday.

Addressing the rally the BCL leader accused the four-party alliance government, its student wing, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) for leaking out the question paper of the BCS examination.

BCL also vowed to call strike for unidentified period in all educational institutions if the chairman of PSC would not resign from her post immediately and the examination would not postpone.

Progotishil Chhatra Jote (PCJ), a platform of eight left leaning student organisation also staged demonstration on Dhaka University.

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city campus demanding the postponement and re-examination of the BSC examination.

PCJ also demanded arrest and suspension of the persons involved into leaking out the question papers of the admission test.

Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) held a press conference at Modhu's Canteen protesting the leakage out of question paper and demanded resignation of PSC Chairman.

'No possibility to cancel exams'

UNB report adds: Dismissing the allegation of question leakage, PSC chairman Prof ZN Tahmida Begum on Saturday said there is no possibility of canceling the preliminary test of the 24th BCS

examinations.

"It's mere a rumour and unfounded allegation ... we haven't yet got any formal allegation. We can tell you that we maintained strict secrecy during formulation, coordination and printing of question papers," she told reporters on Saturday, a day after the preliminary test.

After holding an emergency meeting with the PSC members at its office at Old Airport in Dhaka today, Prof Tahmida said they have no plan to launch any investigation in this connection since they did not receive any formal allegation.

"Even police did not inform us about any general diary in this regard," she said adding, "the question papers remained sealed until the start of the test and I myself and other PSC members always supervised the process."

Prof Tahmida told the journalists that the Controller of Examination did not receive any allegation of question leakage during the examination from centres in Dhaka and elsewhere of the country.

Some 120,500 candidates are vying for 4,540 seats of the Public Service Commission in 111 examination centres, including one in London, this year.

The original question paper had 100 multiple-choice questions and 72 questions were found same among 75 of the leaked-out question paper, said some BCS examinees who also got the leaked question paper a day before the test.

"Copies of the leaked question paper were available at SM Hall of Dhaka University, Dhaka College and some other places of Dhaka Thursday night and some people sold it at Tk 10,000 per set at the Dhaka College," said a student preferring anonymity.

Meanwhile, a Dhaka University student filed a GD with Ramna police station at 2pm Friday and the OC of the police station received the copy from him.

Bhuiyan said the present government believed in the development of the country.