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## Press Note on SSC marking system

The government issuing a Press Note in Dhaka Wednesday urged the students, teachers and guardians to remain alert against any ill motive and provocation by any vested quarter, reporters BSS.

The government termed Wednesday's student procession concerning the next SSC examination (1992) as regrettable and said that it (government) did not consider that the procession had any valid reason. The government hoped that the Press Note would remove all misunderstanding against SSC marking system.

Following is the text of the Press Note:

A memorandum containing some demands regarding the SSC examinations to be held in 1992 was handed over Wednesday to the Director General of the Directorate General of Secondary and Higher Education. The memorandum

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dum referred, among other things, that the first division mark had been fixed at 700. This is not true, the pass mark for the first division had remained unchanged at 600, similarly, the second division mark had also remained unchanged at 450.

It may be mentioned here that the Council of Ministers at a meeting in 1989 decided to introduce 50 per cent objective questions from 1992 with a view to improving examination system and checking tendency of unfair mean. The pass mark in the objective portion was fixed at 20 out of 50 marks as it was relatively easy to get numbers in the objective questions. On the other hand, the pass mark in the narrative portion was fixed at 16 out of 50 marks.

New syllabus was introduced and books were written accordingly to hold examination under the new system and for the last one and a half years lessons had been given in all schools under this system.

So far, no objections were raised in this regard, because this improved system was accepted by all so, today's student procession was very regrettable and the Government did not consider that it had any valid reason.

The Government hopes that the Press Note will remove all misunderstandings in this regard.

The students, teachers and guardians will remain alert against any ill motive and provocation by any vested quarter.