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Agitated students ignite papers in Jessore Board bldg

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Apr 12: Agitated students, protesting cancellation of their SSC examination registration numbers, set heaps of papers on fire at the ground floor of the Jessore Education Board building this noon. Properties worth Tk. 50,000 were gutted in the fire.

Unruly elements also exploded several petrol bombs and created a panicky situation in and around the board office. They also raised slogans against the chairman and officials of the board.

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Panic-stricken officials and employees ran out of their rooms when smoke came out of the ground floor filled the rooms at other floors of the building. The main store room, however, escaped the fire. Otherwise, the extent of damage would have been higher.

When contacted, Chairman of Jessore Education Board Prof. Hasan Waiz admitted the incident and said that the agitating students who were demonstrating against the cancellation of their registration numbers for ensuing SSC Examinations were responsible for the incident.

Fire brigade rushed to the spot and extinguished the fire within half an hour.

Jessore Education Board authorities recently cancelled registration of 1550 SSC candidates as all these registrations were found fake and illegal.

These teachers and students have been launching a strong movement in and around the board building. Students have threatened that they would not allow the board authorities to conduct the ensuing SSC Examination peacefully if their registrations are revived.

The Superintendent of Police, Jessore and other officials of the district administration visited the spot. However, no arrest was made in this regard.