

## HSC exam postponed

By A Staff Reporter

The Dacca Education Board on Sunday postponed all the remaining examinations of the current Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations under it.

The postponement was made after it was found that a handwritten question paper on Physics paper II in circulation before the examination, tallied exactly with the original questions.

A press release issued by the Board last night said that a new schedule for the examinations would be announced soon.

The Examination Committee of the Board which met at an emergent meeting on Sunday to consider the development decided to postpone all remaining examinations in all groups.

A Board source said that the postponement was made because there were reasons to suspect that questions of other papers might have also leaked. Earlier there were widespread allegations that question papers of the current HSC examinations were on sale.

According to the source, the Principal of Residential Model School, Dacca, had informed the Board authorities on Saturday that he had received a handwritten question paper on physics paper II about four hours before the commencement of the examination.

The handwritten question paper was submitted to the Board authorities in a sealed envelope at about 11 a.m. After the commencement of the examination on the paper at 2 p.m. on Saturday, it was found that the handwritten questions tallied exactly with the original questions.

Asked if the examination for any paper that has already been taken will be cancelled, the source said the examination committee was yet to take any decision in this regard. He, however, hinted that the examination for Physics paper II might be cancelled.

The source said that the Board authorities were now trying to find out how the questions had leaked.

It may be mentioned here that the Higher Secondary Certificate examinations of

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Dacca Board were postponed in a similar fashion last year when it was proved that question papers had leaked well in advance of the commencement of the examinations.

The current HSC examinations began on June 5. Till June 14 examinations for 22 out of a total of 43 theoretical papers were taken. The candidates of each of the groups have already appeared for six compulsory papers. According to the earlier schedule the theoretical examinations were to be completed by July 3.