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60 vigilance teams for SSC exams

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Special vigilance teams will be stationed in examination centres to curb cheating during the Secondary School Certificate and 'Dakhil' examinations beginning tomorrow and March 4 respectively.

"We have formed about 60 vigilance teams comprising teachers of both public school and college. This is the first time that the college teachers are included in the vigilance teams," said Dr A T M Sharifullah, chairman of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board, Dhaka.

"This will help us hold fair examinations," said Sharifullah. All concerned have been notified in this regard, he added.

There will be four members in each vigilance team— two from school and two from college.

Rajshahi Board authorities also have formed about 65 teams to check cheating, board sources said, adding Comilla, Jessore and Chittagong boards have taken similar measures.

Sharifullah said preparations have been taken for holding the examinations smoothly. All the materials needed for examinations have already been sent to the examination centres.

He said stringent measures will be taken against examination centres if there were allegations of irregularities. Last year, three centres under Dhaka Board were barred from holding examinations on charges of irregularities.

The examination would be completed within the shortest possible time taking into consideration the country's turbu-

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lent political situation. Officials said about 9,34,704 students are to sit this year for the examinations continuing until March 15 under five education boards.

According to board officials, 2,62,495 students will appear under Dhaka Board; 1,66,970 under Jessore Board; 74,669 under Chittagong Board; 1,52,838 under Comilla Board and 2,72,732 students under Rajshahi Board.

Meanwhile, the preparation of 'Dakhil' examinations under Madrassah Education Board has also been completed, a top official of the board said.

Nearly 1,48,000 students of different madrassahs will appear in the examination continuing until March 15.

There will also be vigilance teams to oversee the 'Dakhil' examinations. Each team will have two members— one from government college and one madrassah, the official added.