

Educational activities hampered due to opposition programmes

Educational activities have been greatly hampered all over the country due to hartal and so-called non-cooperation programme of some opposition parties. Sessions jam in all the universities and Medical Colleges have increased. Though admission tests were taken in many educational institutions, admission procedures could not be completed and classes started because of these programmes which have been rejected by the people, says Madia Syndicate.

MBBS examinations in all the medical colleges of the country were postponed indefinitely because of the hartal. The written examination for the 17th batch of BCS cadres were postponed

after the incidents of looting and arson at Chittagong. Though admission tests were held in Dhaka University, Bangladesh Agricultural University and Islami University the rest of the procedures could not be completed because of the situation created by a section of the opposition parties.

Dhaka University had to postpone 3rd year BA/BSS Honours examinations of 1994, MA/MSS Final examination of 1993, BHMS examination of 1994 and second year BSS and 3rd year BSS (Anthropology) examinations of 1995 for the same reasons.

Though two months of the current year have already passed, normal educational activities could not be carried

out in the schools and colleges also. As a result parents, guardians and teachers are worried.

Existing sessions jam in almost all the universities have become all the more acute as a result of the 25 months of hartals, sieges and non-cooperation programmes of the opposition parties as classes and examinations could not be held on schedule. Dhaka University had prepared an academic calendar last year to remove the sessions jam and Jahangirnagar University and Islami University had taken up similar plans this year, but these steps could not be implemented because of the hartals, leading to frustration among the students.