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THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER**Transport For HSC Examinees**

The Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examination of all the five education boards in the country began on Thursday. This is the second largest public examination in the country. This year nearly 7.25 lakh candidates are taking the examination all over the country. The share of the Dhaka Board is almost a third of the total number and those sitting for the examination in Dhaka city are far larger than elsewhere.

In the capital city itself there are 46 centres for the examination which not only means that there is a centre in every part of the city but also that most of the families in the city are in someway or other related to one or the other of the examinees. The Ministry of Education and Home Affairs have taken measures for security and peace in the examination centres and around.

The Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) has banned the movement and assembly of more than four persons within 200 yards of the examination centres. The ban is applicable on the centres for Alim, Fazil and Kamel examinations also and will be in force on the days of examination.

While appreciating all these exercises, we have a feeling that the question of transport for the examinees gets overlooked. That the examinations bring in a sudden pressure on transport cannot be denied. The people try to set up residences near their work places and the educational institutions their wards attend. But they cannot choose the location of the examination centre so that most of the examinees have to travel from one end of the city to the other. Some thought should really have been given to this aspect keeping in view that the examinees do really deserve a comfortable, if not short, journey to the examination halls. The authorities entrusted with the management of the examination may work out the details in consultation with the examination centres and the educational institution.

A fleet of comfortable buses to and from the centres at the starting and ending of the examination may ease the problem to a great extent. Not a difficult task in any way. Luxury buses have been put on Dhaka's roads, obviously for the comfort of those who can pay for it. But a special arrangement for the examinees being enabled to go to, and return home from, examination centres is no luxury but a necessity—particularly in an unusually tight public transport position in the city.