

## 1,100 expelled on first day of HSC exam

More than 1,100 candidates were expelled for adopting unfair means on the first day of HSC Examination, which began on Thursday under the country's four education boards, officials said, reports UNB.

The Higher Secondary Certificate Examination 1993 of Dhaka, Rajshahi, Comilla and Jessore Boards began on Thursday morning under strict measures against copying.

A total of 339,524 candidates were appearing at the exam this year. Of them, 235,824 are male and 106,968 female, officials said.

The examination is being held in 665 centres, including 10 set up abroad by Dhaka Board. There are also 105 sub-centres throughout the

country. A total of 65 students are appearing in 10 centres abroad in Jeddah, Riyadh, Abu Dhabi, Doha, Dubai, Kuwait, London, Beijing, New York and Tripoli.

According to reports reaching in Dhaka, some 270 examinees were expelled in Dhaka Board during the Bangla 1st paper examination on the first day. The highest number of 120 examinees were expelled from Mymensingh district.

The number of examinees in Dhaka Board is 117,539, including 79,429 male and 38,110 female. There are 214 centres in Dhaka Board.

Some 360 HSC candidate were expelled in Rajshahi Board. In Ra-

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Rajshahi, 80,721 students, including 57,341 male and 23,380 female, are appearing at the exam in 197 centres.

In Comilla Board, over 380 examinees were expelled on the first day on Thursday. Some 80,454 candidates 54,788 male and 25,666 female appearing at the exam in 177 centres of Comilla Board.

According to partial reports from Controller office about 47 examinees were expelled in Jessore Board. The total number of candidates in Jessore Board is 64,678, of whom 44,286 are male and 19,792 female, sitting for the exam in 129 centres.

Meanwhile, Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar visited Dhaka College, Eden Girls' College and Residential Model College centres. He talked to the examinees and invigilators and found a congenial atmosphere in those centres.

Chairman of Dhaka Education Board Prof. Obaidul Haq, Deputy Commissioner of Dhaka Abu Solaiman Chowdhury and Member of vigilance team Prof. Kamal Ataur Rahman accompanied the Minister.

State Minister for Education M. Yunus Khan also visited HSC examination centres at Dhaka College, Eden Girls College and Residential Model College.