

132 examinees start 'fast unto death' tomorrow

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The 132 female students of Motijheel Model High School and College who are barred from taking the upcoming HSC exams will begin a fast until death tomorrow.

The Dhaka Education Board blocked them from taking the exams, since they allegedly did not follow the rules when they filled out their registration forms two years ago.

Board officials said they brought the issue to the attention of college authorities last year, but they failed to fix the matter. The students said they followed the authorities instructions when they filled out their forms.

A board official, who requested anonymity, said the students will not be allowed to participate in this year's exam.

"We can't accept the illegal demand of the students," said the official. "If the students were allowed to take the exam under the existing regulations, they would have study subjects in a week they haven't studied in the last two years. Is that possible?"

The official said the students would be able to participate in next year's exam. The board has served a show-cause notice

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on the college authorities, but they haven't replied, he said.

The official said the authorities salaries would be frozen due to the irregularities.

Mohammad Sahjahan, a parent, said the students will begin their fast on April 20 at the Muktangan to demand the right to participate in this year's exam.