

Widespread violence, 80 held

# Over 8,700 examinees expelled on 2nd day of HSC exams

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More than 8700 examinees were expelled for adopting unfair means on the second day of higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations on Saturday. Some 15 teachers were also expelled for assisting examinees in copying during the English second paper examinations on the day.

The second day of the examinations was marked by widespread violence, arson and damaging of furniture by angry examinees and mob at different centres across the country. Twelve magistrates were assaulted by the agitated examinees and outsiders during the examinations. More than 30 invigilators and a principal of a college were also assaulted by the angry examinees at different centres on the day.

More than 150 persons including four policemen were injured during the examinations on Saturday. Police arrested at least 80 persons including examinees on charge of making trouble during the examinations.

Concerned authorities cancel at least seven examination centres in

different boards after mass copying was reported from there.

Of the expelled examinees, 3051 are from Rajshahi Board, 1881 from Dhaka Board, 1488 from Comilla Board, 1000 from Chittagong Board, 750 from Jessore Board, 462 from Barisal Board and 151 from Sylhet Board.

Our Rajshahi Correspondent reports: At least 25 people including one police constable were injured in a clash between angry mob and police at Mohipur Hazi Mohsin College centre under Panchbibi Upazila of Joypurhat on the second day of HSC examinations.

Rajshahi Board sources said failing to supply copies, angry guardians and copy suppliers forcibly entered the examination

centre and damaged furniture and tore answer scripts. The college centre was withdrawn.

They also beat teachers and examinees. The mob set ablaze the science laboratory of the college.

Police resorted to baton charge and shot blank fires to disperse the angry mob.

A group of angry outsiders kept a magistrate hostage for several hours at Bogra college centre as he resisted copying.

The board authorities said they shifted Kahalu college centre to Bogra Armed Police battalion college and Gabtali college centre to Bogra Azizul Haque College.

Our Nilphamari Correspondent adds: More than 25 persons including three constables were

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injured in separate clashes at Demra Womens' College and Nilphamari Government College centres on the second day of the examinations.

Police resorted to baton charge and fired 14 rounds of gunshots to disperse the troublemakers. Police arrested 45 persons including eight examinees from the two centres.

The trouble erupted at Nilphamari Government College centre when a magistrate resisted the college students' union general secretary Parvez from copying.

The angry students also assaulted the college principal and ransacked his room as he refused to release Parvez who was arrested on charge of copying.

During the examination period, outsiders and students locked in clashes with police at Dimla Women College centre as police prevented them from supplying copies.

Our Panchagarh Correspondent says: Angry examinees at Panchagarh Government Women' College ransacked furniture and windowpanes of the centre during examinations. The examinees assaulted an invigilator and damaged 24 answer script.

Our Correspondent from Narayanganj reports: An on duty magistrate was assaulted by an expelled examinee at Rokonuddin Mollah Girls School and College examination centre at Arahazar during the examinations.

Our Correspondent from Thakurgaon reports: Three invigilators were assaulted by outsiders at Ruhea High School centre during the examination. Two copy suppliers were arrested from the centre.

Our Feni Correspondent says: Expelled examinees at Zia Mohila College centre and Porshuram Girls High School centres with the help of outsiders attacked centres and ransacked furniture as they were prevented from adopting unfair means.

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