

MEDICAL ADMISSION Writ petition seeking fresh tests rejected

*Police club admission
seekers protesting at
question leakage*

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THE High Court on Monday rejected a writ petition seeking a directive on the government to hold fresh admission tests for the medical and dental colleges and cancellation of the tests using leaked questions.

A vacation bench of Justice Naima Haider and Justice JN Deb Choudhury rejected the petition filed by Supreme Court lawyer Eunys Ali Akond.

The petitioner prayed for issuing a rule asking the government to explain why the enrolment test held on

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September 18 would not be cancelled.

He had also sought a stay on enrolment of students into the medical and dental colleges.

And at least 10 admission seekers and their parents suffered injuries as the police broke up a human chain formed by hundreds of them in front of the National Press Club to press the demands.

Appearing for the government, attorney general Mahbub Alam opposed the petition and said that as the leaked questions were seized

it did not affect the tests.

As the questions were leaked in some places and not throughout the country they were at found at markets, he said.

He submitted that thousands of admission seekers cannot suffer because three or four of them might have got the benefits of the leaked questions at select places.

The results of those qualifying for admissions using leaked questions would be cancelled after the probes now underway, said the attorney general.

Those found involved with the leakage of questions

using various devices were facing interrogation in custody following arrests, he said.

Police charged batons to foil the human chain of protesting admission seekers in front of the National Press Club.

Police picked up at least six admission seekers from the spot and took them to Shahbagh police station which released them six hours later.

The protesters later regrouped at Central Shaheed Minar to resume their peaceful protests.

A large police contingent was deployed around the Shaheed Minar.

The admission seekers announced they would hold a rally in front of the National Press Club today and submit a memorandum to the prime minister demanding fresh admission tests.

They would wear black badges in protest against the police assault.

Abu Bakar Siddique, officer-in-charge of Shahbagh police told New Age that the students took no permission to hold the gathering.

The students said that their detained compatriots were tortured in custody.

The OC denied the allegation.