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## Steps to check SSC question leakage

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The education ministry has taken some precautionary measures to check leakage of question papers in the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations, scheduled to begin on March 27.

Education Secretary Shahidul Islam has sent letters to the deputy commissioners in this regard and asked them to look after the process of distribution of question papers from their offices to exam centres, ministry sources said.

The precautionary measures come following leakage of question papers of the preliminary test of the 24th Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) conducted by the Public Service Commission (PSC).

The PSC cancelled the February 28 test following reports of leakage

of question papers. The questions were allegedly leaked out from the Bangladesh Government Press, known as BG press.

Besides, question papers for recruitment of some officers in the defence ministry by the PSC and inspectors of the co-operative directorate were allegedly leaked out before the tests were held this month.

"We prepare separate sets of questions for each paper and question papers of one education board are moderated by expert teachers of other boards," said an official of the Dhaka Education Board on condition of anonymity.

The education boards collect the question papers from the BG Press and send them to the deputy commissioners' office in different dis-

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## in city

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A big crowd chanting slogans for peace and carrying anti-US banners gathered at the city's Paltan Maidan yesterday and marched through the streets protesting invasion of Iraq.

The protesters, also carrying replicas of tanks, missiles and effigy of Bush, shouted slogans against the US government for unleashing the unjust war and vowed to wage jihad against the aggressors.

The rally also expressed its support to the half-day countrywide hartal today, called by left leaning parties protesting the invasion. It was organised by the Islamic Law Implementation Committee after the Jumma prayer.

Speakers at the rally said the people of Bangladesh are not against the people of the US and the UK but against their warmonger governments.

They called for boycott of