

'Question Bank' won't be reintroduced Parents, teachers told to desist school students from violence

The government Sunday firmly reiterated that it was not at all desirable to introduce 'question bank' for the S.S.C. examination in the greater interest of the students of the secondary level and future education, reports BSS.

A press release issued by the Ministry of Education said that continued dependence of the students on 'question' bank in the SSC examination would greatly disturb the standard of education as well as the opportunity of getting higher education abroad in future.

Referring to the recent demonstrations by some students demanding the restoration of 'question bank,' the press release said that the students were damaging vehicles, blocking roads and destroying national properties.

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nent educationists through seminars and discussions had suggested abolition of the 'question bank' and on the basis of their opinion the government on April 26, 1993 decided to abolish the question bank from the S.S.C. examination in 1996. The decision taken more than two years ago was intimated to all concerned including the educational institutions and students of the secondary level, the press release said, adding the decision of the government was welcomed by teachers, guardians, intellectuals and journalists.

The government called upon the teachers, guardians and members of the school managing committees to make the students understand the government decision to abolish the question bank for raising the standard of education and for the interest for future education in the country.

The government expressed the hope that they would take full responsibilities of the students of their respective institutions and desist them from holding demonstrations, disturbing free movement of the

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public and destroying national properties.

STUDENT'S RALLY

UNB adds: Schoolboys staging a rowdy demonstration demanding reintroduction of the question bank system in SSC Examination damaged about two dozen vehicles in the city's Rampura area Sunday.

Witnesses said angry drivers of the vandalised vehicles put up roadblocks on the Progati Sarani near TV bhaban, disrupting traffic on the busy road for about an hour and a half.

Several hundred students of different schools in Gulshan thana gathered near Ekramunnesa High School at Rampura at about 11 am and brought out a procession on the road.

They swooped on vehicles like mini-bus, private car, jeep and rickshaw passing by the procession.

Gulshan thana police went to the spot but found none as the students fled to escape arrest. Police, however, didn't confirm road barricade by the drivers.

Message from Khulna adds: At least 11 people were injured and another 20 student picked up by police from the city on

Sunday, when they were staging demonstration demanding restoration of the question bank in SSC examination.

About 1,500 students of different schools of district gathered in the Press Club area at about 10 am. Later, they paraded the city streets, including Shantidam, Rupsha Ferryghat and Fulbari points, chanting slogans for restoring the old system of question bank.

The agitating students put up barricade at Fulbari point disrupting road communication on the Khulna-Jessore highway for about two hours from 11 am. The students damaged 12 vehicles.

Police rushed to the spot, charged baton on the students and removed the barricade. Twenty students were picked up by police during the demonstration.

