

33 expelled on 1st day of HSC exams, 8,749 absent

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A TOTAL of 33 students were expelled for copying on the first day of the Higher Secondary Certificate and its equivalent examinations on Sunday.

The examinations began simultaneously under the country's 10 education boards in a peaceful atmosphere with Bengali 1st paper. A total of 8,749 examinees were absent from the exam on the opening day.

Among the expelled students, nine are from Madrassah Board while 15 from Technical Education Board, two each from Chittagong and Jessore boards and one each from Comilla and Barisal boards, and three from Dhaka Board, according to statistics provided by the education ministry.

However, no student under Rajshahi, Sylhet and

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Dinajpur was expelled on the first day of the exams.

A total of 926,814 candidates were expected to sit for the examinations this year but 8,749 students failed to show up for the first day's examination.

Some 1,757 examinees were absent under Dhaka Board while 813 under Comilla, 856 under Jessore, 960 under Rajshahi, 540 under Chittagong, 372 un-

der Sylhet, 379 Barisal, 706 under Dinajpur, 1,297 under Madrassah Board and 1,069 under Technical Board.

The number of examinees this year marked a rise by 147,373 since 779,441 students registered for the HSC and equivalent examinations last year. Of the total examinees this year, 496,395 are male and 430,419 are female.

The examinations are being held in 2,196 centres across the country under 10 education

boards, including madrassah and technical boards.

The number of examinees is 750,852 in eight general education boards, 85,226 in Madrassah Board, 86,415 in Technical Education Board and 4,321 under Diploma-in-Business Studies.

Besides, a total of 182 students also registered to appear in five foreign centres this year.

Meanwhile, the education minister, Nurul Islam

Nahid, visited Dhaka College examination centre in the city on the opening day of the public exam.

After visiting the centre, the minister told reporters that the examination was being held across the country in a peaceful and copy-free atmosphere.

Nahid urged the political parties and all concerned to extend their cooperation for the successful completion of the examinations.