

HSC exams begin April 1

Nahid urges opposition not to call hartal

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THE Higher Secondary Certificate and its equivalent examinations will begin on April 1 under the ten education boards across the country.

The theoretical part of the exams will end on May 28 and the practical exams will be held between June 1 and June 14.

The education minister, Nurul Islam Nahid, at a briefing at his ministry on Thursday called upon the leaders of opposition political par-

ties not to call any general strike during the exams.

If necessary, general strikes may be called from midnight to dawn, the minister said.

He said that necessary measures had been taken to prevent any cheating in the exams.

Like previous years, the minister urged political leaders and local public representatives not to enter examination halls.

The students will take Bangla first paper exam on

the first day of the exams, April 1.

This year, 10.12 lakh examinees, including 5.35 lakh are male and 4.76 lakh female, have registered to take the exams. The number of examinees was 9.26 lakh in the last year.

Nahid said that number of examinees has increased with the increasing number of educational institutions.

The students with disabilities would get 20 minutes extra time to complete exams.