

# Cancel exam if question leak allegations arise

## Demand speakers at DU conference

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If allegations of a question leak arise, the exam of the related subject should be cancelled, speakers demanded at a conference yesterday, a day before the start of the HSC examinations.

Shikkha O Shishu Rakkha Andolon (Shishir), an education rights organisation, organised the programme titled "Upcoming HSC Exam 2017: How to Prevent Question Leak" at Sirajul Islam Lecture Hall at Dhaka University.

"If question papers are leaked in the upcoming HSC exam, the government must cancel the exam [of the subject]. A market has been created for leaked question papers, and the business has spread. It must be stopped," said MM Akash, an economics professor of DU.

The speakers also expressed deep concern about the routine question leaks in public exams, laxity of the invigilators at

exam halls, and dishonesty and irresponsibility in evaluation of answer scripts.

Academics, guardians, students, politicians, and journalists took part in the conference.

Fahmidul Haq, professor of mass communication and journalism at DU, said, "The practice of question leaks is spreading like a cancer. An incident of the question leak is no less dreadful than the horrible night of the Holy Artisan [terrorist attack]. A defamer of the prime minister or a minister is caught within two hours under the ICT [Information and Communication Technology] law, but a person involved in question leaks is not arrested."

Shafiq Islam, a mathematics teacher from Munshiganj, said, "Questions are leaked by the moderation committee of the education board, at the BG Press, at the office of upazila and district administration, and by the teachers of the institutions where

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the exams are held. These places must be monitored strictly to find the main culprits."

Talking about the government's strategy to show higher pass rates, Shyamoli Shil, a teacher of Jagannath University, said, "A teacher is not given answer scripts to evaluate for a second time if he or she properly evaluates them. The education board compels teachers to give more marks."

Shikkhabarta Editor AN Rasheda, education secretary of Awami League Shamsunnahar Chapa, and Shishir convener Rakhal Raha also spoke, among others.