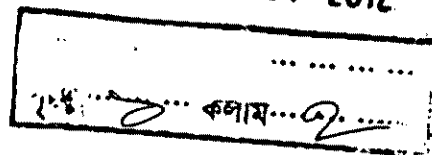


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City schools charge extra from SSC examinees

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GOVERNMENT and non-government schools in Dhaka are realising money more than the amount set by the board in fees for the Secondary School Certificate examinations, students and guardians alleged.

In many cases, the additional amount is even six times the amount set by the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Dhaka, they said.

Many such schools, including some government ones, are charging extra 'mandatory' coaching fee

and 'special class' from SSC examinees, they alleged.

The extra amount are realised in tuition fees for the period till the publication of results, model tests, development fees, farewell programmes and under other heads, school authorities claimed.

The education minister, Nurul Islam Nahid, on Tuesday said that action would be taken against schools realising extra amount in fees if any complaints were lodged.

According to Dhaka education board officials, about 50,000 students will take SSC exams, scheduled to

begin in February 2013, in the city.

The Dhaka board set Tk 1,240 as exams fees for regular science students and Tk 1,150 for students of humanities and commerce groups.

Registration for examinations in schools began in first week of November and it would continue till November 24 with late fees.

Guardians and students alleged that renowned schools in the city, including Manipur School and College, Holy Cross Girls' High School, Tejgaon Government High School, Sher-

e-Bangla Nagar Government Boys' High School, Viharunisa Noon School and College, Ideal High School and College and Badda Alattunessa High School were charging between Tk 590 and Tk 7,210 in addition to the exams fees set by the board.

According to guardians and students, Manipur School and College is charging Tk 8,550 and Tk 8,300, Holy Cross Girls' High School Tk 4,840 and Tk 4,750 and Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Government Boys' High School Tk 1,820 and

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Tigers battle ha avoid follow-on

Azad Majumder

TAMIM Iqbal scored a typically aggressive half-century but Bangladesh are still facing an uphill task to avoid a follow-on in the first Test against West Indies in Dhaka.

The visitors rode on a double century by Shivnarine Chanderpaul and 126 not out from Denesh Ramdin to declare their first innings at 527-4 and then quickly made inroads into Bangladesh's batting lineup, leaving them struggling on 164-3.

Tamim provided the counter-punch and just when it seemed he is set for a big innings, the left-hander brought his own demise on 72 off 71 balls attempting Darren Sammy a pull shot which was never there.

Ravi Rampaul was quick to expose the weakness of



Bangladesh opener Tamim Iqbal is seen here after knocking off 72 against West Indies in their first Test match at the Shaheed Mirpur on Wednesday.

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