

## 68,115 students absent in first day of JSC-JDC exams

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A TOTAL of 68,115 students did not sit for the Bangla first paper examination on the first day of the Junior School Certificate and equivalent Junior Dakhil Certificate examinations of the students of Class VIII on Sunday, the education ministry control room said.

Besides, thirteen students were expelled for cheating at the exam on the day and two others were caught while giving proxy for candidates, the control room added.

Of the 13 expelled students, two were from Dhaka Education Board, one from Dinajpur Education Board and 10 students from Madrasa Education Board.

Two students of Madrasa Education Board were

Students take the Junior Secondary Certificate examinations at a hall at Tejgaon Government High School in Dhaka on the first day of the public examinations on Sunday. — Sanaul Haque

caught while giving proxy for the real candidates.

Of the 68,115 students who did not take the examination on the first day, 15,606 were under Dhaka Education Board, 4,388 under Rajshahi, 2,871 Comilla, 6,136 under Jessore, 3,541 under Chittagong, 2,492 under Dinajpur, 2,669 under Barisal, 1,225 under Sylhet and 30,290

under Madrasa boards.

This year, 19,08,365 students — 15,53,575 school students among whom 1,49,392 were irregular in schools and 3,54,790 among whom 23,292 were irregular students in madrasas — were registered for taking the JSC and the JDC examinations introduced in 2010.



In 2011, 18,61,113 students took the JSC and the JDC examinations.

Today (Monday), the examinees will take the Bengali Second Part exam. The examinations will end on November 15.

The government has given opportunities to the examinees who failed in one to three subjects to sit for the exams again in a bid to reduce the drop-out rate.

The education minister, Nurul Islam Nahid, visited Dhanmondi Government Boys' High School in the city on Sunday morning.

Question papers except for Bengali second paper, English first and second papers and mathematics will be based on creativity.

Physically challenged students got 20 minutes extra time to complete their examination scripts.

The candidates with sight disability and missing limbs were allowed a dictation taker.

The results of the examinations are expected to be published by December.