

HSC exam held amid hartal in Rajshahi, Rangpur

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THE second day's exam in the Higher Secondary and equivalent examinations was held across the country on Wednesday amid general strike called by Islami Chhatra Shibir in Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions.

Shibir, the student wing of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami, called the daylong hartal in the 16 districts of Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions in protest against the arrest of its president Delwar Hussain Sayedee.

Many guardians and students of Rajshahi and Dina-

ipur education boards said that they faced severe problems of transport to reach the examination centres and home after the examination due to the general strike.

Education officials of the two boards, however, said that although officials, students and teachers were worried about the examination of Bangla Second Paper, eventually it was held peacefully without any unwanted incidents.

Rajshahi Education Board chairman Tanvirul Alam told New Age that he did not get any news of any unwanted incidents till 5:00pm.

This year 10,12,581 students from 7,803 educational institutions have enrolled in the country's 10 education boards to sit the exams at 2,288 centres across the country.

The education ministry control room said that 7,927 candidates did not take the Bangla second paper exam on Wednesday.

Forty six students were expelled for cheating in examination halls on the day, said the ministry.

Of the 46 expelled, the highest of 30 students were under the Technical Education Board, five under the Madrassah Education Board.