

35 students, 2 teachers expelled as SSC exams begin

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THIRTY-five students were expelled for cheating in the exams halls on the first day of the Secondary School Certificate and equivalent Dakhil and vocational examinations on Sunday.

The education ministry's control room also said that two teachers were expelled for helping students to cheat in the halls.

It said that 7,723 students had not taken the exam of the Bangla first paper on the day.

Of the 35 students expelled, 21 were under the Madrassah Education Board, 13 under the Technical Education Board, one under the Chittagong education board.

The two teachers expelled were invigilators under the Comilla education board.

The education minister, Nurul Islam Nahid, urged teachers and all concerned to ensure that students did not cheat in the exams halls.

After visiting the Azimpur Girls High School centre, he also sought help from all concerned, including major political parties, so that examinations could be held peacefully.

Of the absent students, 1,298 were under Dhaka education board, 383 under Comilla education board, 292 under Jessore education board, 498 under Rajshahi education board, 342 under

Chittagong education board, 114 under Sylhet education board, 174 under Barisal education board, 228 under Dinajpur education board, 3801 under Madrassah Education Board and 660 under the Technical Education Board.

This year, 13,03,203 students - 6,68,268 are boys and 6,34,935 girls - from 27,073 institutions have registered to take the exams at 2,758 centres.

Of the total examinees, 9,89,817 have registered to take the SSC exams under the eight general education boards, 2,25,026 to take the dakhil examinations under the Madrassah Education Board and 88,360 to take SSC vocational exams under the Technical Education Board.

Besides, 293 overseas students have registered to take the SSC exams in seven overseas centres under the Dhaka education board.

The written exams will end on March 5 and practical exams will begin on March 6 and the results would be published in 60 days after the exams.

This year, students are taking the exams under the creative question system in almost all subjects. The system was introduced in 2010 when students had taken the exams only in two subjects.

Students will take the Bangla second paper examinations on Tuesday.