

Today's HSC exam deferred to May 25

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THE education ministry on Wednesday deferred to May 25 the Higher Secondary Certificate and equivalent examinations scheduled for today as cyclone Mahasen was feared to make landfall in Bangladesh today.

The ministry also asked all education offices and educational institutions in the coastal districts to remain alert before, during and after

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the possible disaster, if any, caused by Mahasen.

The education secretary Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury told New Age that the examinations were deferred considering possibility of rough weather.

Today's tests will be now held on May 25. Morning examinations will begin at 10:00am while afternoon tests will begin at 2:00pm on

the day.

The cyclonic storm Mahasen was moving towards the Bangladesh coast with an erratic movement and was likely to cross the coastal belt of Bangladesh this morning.

Kamal Abdul Naser said that the ministry had issued an order to the education officials and institutes and teachers to remain alert before, during and after the disaster, and take necessary

steps to face the disaster.

Southern districts of Bangladesh were severely hit by the powerful cyclone Sidr on November 15, 2007 and about 6,000 buildings of primary and secondary schools and colleges in 19 coastal districts were totally or partially destroyed.

About 2,800 buildings of secondary schools and colleges were totally or partially destroyed in those districts

and 3,000 primary school buildings were damaged and 750 of them were totally destroyed in those districts.

Most schools of the coastal areas are being used as cyclone centres.

When asked about closure of schools in the coastal belt, Kamal Abdul Naser said that standing order was there to responsible offices to take necessary actions during disasters.