

## SC upholds new college admission system

*Notre-Dame College exempted*

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THE Appellate Division of the Supreme Court on Monday vacated a High Court stay and upheld with minor modifications a government order on enrolling students into colleges on the basis of SSC results.

The Appellate Division ruling paves the way for enrolling students into colleges without holding admission tests.

A five-member Appellate Division bench chaired by Chief Justice Md Muzammel

Hossain ruled that the High Court order staying the government notification would remain in force only for Notre Dame College.

For the other colleges, the government notification will be applicable, said the Appellate Division order, which was issued after the government on June 5 appealed against the High Court's stay.

Later, attorney general Mahbubey Alam told reporters that the Appellate Division order paved the way

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for the colleges to admit students.

The admission into colleges remained suspended following the High Court's stay order.

On June 2, following a writ petition of Notre Dame College, the High Court stayed the notification is-

sued by the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education in Dhaka on May 16, spelling out the new guidelines for admission into colleges.

The notification vested the responsibility of the admission process in the government without any participation of the college

authorities, submitted Notre Dame College lawyer M Zahir.

The new system required a college offering over 500 seats in HSC courses to follow online admission process.

A total of 1,927 colleges offering HSC courses accepted the new admission

system.

Following the HC order, Notre Dame College enrolled higher secondary students through admission tests.

On Monday the Appellate Division directed the High Court to dispose within four weeks the rule it had issued on June 2.