

**SSC examination
centre vandalised,
answer sheets
torn in Cox's
Bazar**

*6,778 absent across
country on first day -*

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Some 6,778 candidates were absent on the first day of the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and its equivalent examinations while nine examinees were expelled for resorting to unfair means.

Meanwhile, some miscreants vandalised Chokoria Govt Girls High School examination centre in Cox's Bazar and tore up 86 copies of answer sheets at its office for making madrasa teachers invigilators, says our Cox's Bazar correspondent quoting Nurul Islam, headmaster of

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the school.

The SSC examinees, however, alleged that the invigilators took time to give question papers for multiple choice questions (MCQs). The invigilators even took the answer sheet of MCQs five minutes before ending of the exam, they added.

A general diary has been filed in this regard.

SSC examinees sat for Bangla (compulsory) first paper while Dhakil examinees for Quran Mazid and Tajbid and SSC vocational candidates for Bangla-2 creative test.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid urged the political parties and individuals to

refrain from any activity that disrupts the examinations. After visiting Motijheel Govt Boys' High School centre, the minister made the call before journalists.

Among the expelled students, six are from Technical Board while two from Madrasa Board and one from Jessore Board, according to the control room of the education ministry.

The Madrasa Board had the highest number of absentees as its 2,400 examinees did not take the exam.

Eight education boards, one madrasa education board and one technical education board are conducting SSC, Dhakil and SSC vocational examinations for 2014.