

**Today's SSC exams**

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than examinations," he said. Around 1.5 million students are taking the tests this year across the country amid the ongoing blockade. Earlier, the ministry had to reschedule the February 2, 4, 8 and 10 exams for February 6, 7, 13 and 14. The government suspended the exams slated for February 12, but it is yet to announce any new date. According to the exam routine, students under general education board were supposed to take mathematics exam today.

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STAR REPORT

Today's SSC and its equivalent exams were deferred to Friday after the BNP-led 20-party alliance yesterday called a fresh spell of 72-hour countrywide hartal from this morning. While briefing reporters at his residence in the capital, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid said the decision to defer the exams was taken considering safety of the examinees. The exams will now be held from 9:00am to 12:00 noon on Friday. "Lives of our examinees are more important to us" SEE PAGE 8 COL 1