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## Govt directives ignored

# Reputed Colleges charging huge money for admission

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The government is yet to take any action against the HSC level colleges in the city which are charging abnormal high rates of fees—Taka 25,000 from the admission seekers.

Many reputed colleges in the city have been charging huge amount of money as admission fee, ignoring the government circular issued on June 22 fixing Taka 152 as regular fee for admission into higher secondary educational institutions.

Other fees are Taka 25 as group

and subject migration fee, Taka 100 for study break and Taka 50 as late fee are to be paid in relevant cases in addition, marking the highest admission fee Taka 327, according to circular.

The Ministry of Education has issued the circular stipulating the criteria for admission in the higher secondary level. But the students have to pay much higher fees than what has been sized for admission in reputed government and non-government colleges.

According to the Education

Ministry circular, a student can be charged Taka 60 for admission form, Taka 50 as registration fee, Taka 25 as sports fee, Taka 10 as scout fee, Taka 7 as science and technology fee. A total of Taka 152 is to be charged as regular fee for admission in the college.

The circular mentioned that Monthly Pay Order (MPO) of non-government colleges will be cancelled and legal action taken against the Principal of a government college if the circular is not followed properly.

The circular asked the colleges to complete the admission process by August 7 as classes would have to start from August 10.

All the colleges have already started admission process. But no admission test will be held this year as the circular instructed that the students enrolling on the basis of their Secondary School Certificate (SSC) results.

An investigation revealed that the authorities of some reputed colleges are charging extra money from the admission seekers under different heads including for development fund, management cost and quality of education.

To name some of them, Rajuk

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## Reputed colleges

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Uttara Model College is charging Taka 25,000 from a Science group student and Taka 21,000 from a Commerce group student. A student has to pay Taka 18,560 for admission in Motijheel Ideal School and College. Uttara Milestone College has fixed Taka 25,000 for a Science group student and Taka 24,000 for a commerce group student as the total fee including for development fund.

Dhaka City College is charging Taka 12,717 from a Commerce group student, Taka 10,467 from a Science group student and Taka 10,217 from an Arts group student. Notre Dame College is charging Taka 11,500 from a Science group

student, Taka 8,000 from a Commerce group student and Taka 7,500 from an Arts group student.

Humayra Akter, a student who has been enrolled from Arts group at Dhaka City College for Taka 10,217 said that the fee was abnormally high.

Badrunnesa Girls' College has fixed Taka 1,700 for a Science group student and Taka 1,600 for a student of Arts and Commerce group. Lalmaria Girls' College has fixed Taka 9,600 for a Science group student and Taka 9,000 for a Commerce or Arts group student.

As the reputed colleges have taken that unscrupulous means to receive admissions, many others are following the same suit. As a result, the admission in the reputed colleges has become a mere dream for many students, mostly from rural low-income families.

Government colleges are also violating the government circular. Dhaka College is charging Taka 1,600 from a student of Science group and Taka 1,400 from a student of Arts or Commerce group.