

## Massive copying at HSC exams Associates of candidates are hard to control: Officials

By Asad-uz-Zaman

All initiatives to prevent copying seemed to have failed and thousands of students were expelled for adopting unfair means on the first day of the HSC examinations on Thursday.

Most of the copying took place at the examination centres at rural areas, where imposition of the section 144 and other laws became ineffective as the associates of examinees created a chaotic situation outside the centres, which was difficult to control, officials of the education boards said.

Referring to various steps taken to prevent copying, including imposition of section 144 and article 42 of 1980, in the exam centres the board officials said that the local administrations had to face problems to implement those legal steps as the guardians and associates of the examinees create a havoc outside the exam centres.

Some four to five persons accompany each candidate to the

examination centre. They usually remain outside the centres during the examinations and supply notes to the candidates. It becomes hard to control them, the officials said.

On the first day of examination, more than five lakh students sat for English 1st paper examination under Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Jessor and Comilla education boards. Over 8000 students were expelled.

Board officials argued that the number of expulsion was quite large as the authorities of the examination centres are more strict than in the previous year.

The officials also pointed out that the number of copying incidents on the day of English exam is relatively higher than in other subjects as most students in the country, especially in mafassal areas are weak in English.

Citing the mentality of students and their parents, chairman of one of the education boards said, requesting anonymity, that they do not understand the ultimate effects of copying in examinations.

"They do not understand that in the present age of market-oriented economy, foreign

nationals will capture the job market of the country if the locals are not able to compete with them," he said, adding that awareness should be created among students, teachers and guardians to overcome the problem.

The official of the education board also observed that students need not for adopt unfair means if they attend the classes regularly.

Rotary News

### Weekly meeting

Regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held today at Dhaka Club Ltd., Ramna (ground floor Family Lounge) at 5:30 pm, says a press release.

Members have been requested to attend on time.

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The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Banani Dhaka will be held today at 5:30 pm at Abakash Restaurant, Makkhalai, says a press release.

Two women MPs Prof Panna Kaiser and Begum Munniujan Sufiani are also members of the club.

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### Tender Invitation Notice

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As per group list.

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### Group List

Group No	Name of work and location	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed	Eligibility of contractor
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3 (three)	Sealcoat work including repairing work on 1st KM and 2nd (P) KM of Shah Mostafa Road under Moulvibazar Road Division during 1999-2000 fiscal year.	Tk 8,55,000/-	Tk 17,100/-	25 (Twenty five) days	'A' to 'D' general class contractor of R&H Department
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**Abul Bashar Mohiuddin Ahmed**  
Executive Engineer, R&H,  
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## Metropolitan

### 20-member team to take part in IPU confce

A delegation of 20 members, including 14 parliament members, headed by Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury will take part in the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) conference that begins in Amman on April 30, reports BSS.

A parliament secretariat press release said that of the 14 members of Jatiya Sangsad, nine are from treasury bench and five from opposition bench.

The treasury bench members include Chief Whip Abdul Hasnat Abdullah, Prof Mohammad Ali Ashraf, Mir Sakhawat Ali Daru, Sultan Mohamad Mansur Ahmed, Dhirendra Nath Saha and Zulqinna Khan while the opposition bench members are Chowdhury Kamal Ebne Yusuf, Prof Mohammad Rezaul Karim, Shamsul Alam Pramanik and Abul Kalam Siddiqui of BNP and DR T I M Fazle Rabbi of Jatiya Party.

Organised by Bangladesh Truck Drivers' Union (BTDU), Bangladesh Truck Owners' Association (BTOA) and Transport Agency Owners' Association (TOA), the rally was held at Tejgaon Railgate with Haji Sayedul Huq Sadu, president of BTOA, in the chair.

BTWA General Secretary Roy Ramesh Chandra, Noor Mohammad, Abdul Mannan, Lokman Hossain, and Ali Hosain addressed the rally.

The leaders hailed the decision of Home Minister Mohammad Nasim to stop extortions in the transport sector.

### Truck drivers, owners protest transport strike

By Staff Correspondent

Leaders of the transport associations at a rally yesterday protested the proposed transport strike allegedly called by the supporters of two parliament members of the ruling party.

The leaders alleged that the strike, which is scheduled to begin on May 16, is aimed to protect the extortions. They urged the transport owners and businessmen to resist it.

The leaders also called upon all engaged in transport business to be united to create a healthy trade union environment in the sector and to resist the extortions.

Organised by Bangladesh Foundation for Development Research (BDFR) organised the roundtable on "Economic Emancipation: Policy and Strategy" at CIRDAP auditorium.

Dr Qazi Khaliquzzaman Ahmed presented the key-note paper in the roundtable while economists, experts, academics and businessmen took part in it.

Kibria said the expected growth must take place with social justice so that every one in the country could enjoy the benefit of growth.

"Increasing savings and investment are the preconditions for growth," the minister said, adding that the investment may come in two ways — one is development assistance and the other is both local and foreign investment.

Contradicting others' views

### Country still needs foreign aid for economic growth: Kibria

against utilisation of foreign aid due to conditions set by the donors, the Finance Minister said, "We need foreign assistance...but as a sovereign country we may accept or reject any advice of the donors."

Most of the developments in infrastructure sector has been made possible with the foreign aid.

Kibria said the balance of payments (BOP) is being maintained from the export earnings, inflow of remittance and foreign assistance.

We should also put emphasis on the export-led growth strategy to maintain BOP comfortably," he said. "Export of software and agriculture and agri-products could be the stimulating sectors with other exporting sectors."

Addressing the meeting, former Finance minister M Sayeduzzaman favoured external dependence of the country for the sake of its development.

"It's not immediately possible to be self-reliant because of limited resources," he said, adding that the conditionalities are not only being imposed from outside but also from within the country.

But, he stressed the need for encouraging home-grown programme for better result. Those home-grown programmes become successful where governments have long-term commitment, he observed.

Speakers emphasised the need for transparency and accountability of the administration and protection of the domestic industries.

They also stressed the need for education, health, population control, nutrition and environmental protection for sustainable growth.

### BCIC Corrigendum

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