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Women visit a stall at a nutrition fair at the Institute of Diploma Engineers in the city yesterday. Nari Maitee organised the fair under its Second Urban Primary Health Care Project.

## Dialogue sans Hasina not acceptable

Speakers tell discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at an open discussion yesterday said the ongoing dialogue and upcoming election would not be acceptable without the participation of Awami League (AL) President Sheikh Hasina.

They said there is still confusion in people's mind about the holding of election as credibility of the present caretaker government has come down to zero level.

The open discussion titled 'Dialogue and Sheikh Hasina' was organised by Muktiuddho O Muktochinta Kendra at the National Press Club in the city.

Prof Muntasir Mamun of Dhaka University said leaders of different political parties raised the issue of political reforms to save their wealth and avoid arrest.

He criticised the political leaders saying that they are used to live a comfortable life and afraid of going to jail.

He urged all to go for movement.

to achieve their objectives.

Bahauddin Chowdhury, a language movement veteran, said dialogue without Sheikh Hasina would not be meaningful and successful.

He said Hasina would not get justice in the special court.

Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique said this government has lost its credibility as there is still confusion about the election.

Terming Hasina an honest politician, he said her participation in the dialogue is imperative to make it fruitful. "Without Hasina's participation election would not be credible," he added.

Dr Anwar Hossein, general secretary of Dhaka University Teachers' Association, urged AL leaders to launch movement to free Hasina.

Presiding over the discussion Abdul Latif Siddique, a central committee member of AL, urged the government to ensure Hasina's participation in the dialogue and election.

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## Steps to ensure non-stop power supply during HSC exams

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Power Development Board (PDB) has taken special measures to ensure uninterrupted power supply during the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) and its equivalent examinations beginning today across the country.

PDB has asked all engineers, officials and employees in its six regional distributing zones to take comprehensive and well-planned measures to supply uninterrupted power to the HSC examination

centres.

The PDB gave the instruction after receiving letters from the education ministry and nine education boards requesting the PDB to ensure non-stop power supply.

In a press release yesterday, the PDB also asked the people to inform its regional distributing zone if electricity is interrupted during the examinations. The regional telephone numbers are Chittagong -- 031-712200, Rajshahi -- 0721-774686, Mymensingh --

091-65977, Sylhet -- 0821-723453, Comilla -- 081-62999 and Rangpur -- 0521-65999.

Some 6.20 lakh candidates will sit for the HSC exams at 1800 centres, including five abroad, this year under seven educational boards -- Dhaka, Rajshahi, Comilla, Jessore, Chittagong, Barisal and Sylhet -- one Madrasa Board and one Technical Education Board.

Security measures have also been stepped up across the country ahead of the exams. Dhaka

Metropolitan Police (DMP) has imposed a ban on public entry into 200 yards of city exam centres during the examinations.

The ban will remain in force until the examinations are over, a DMP press release said.

At a press conference yesterday, Dhaka Education Board Chairman Prof Manirul Islam said the HSC examination would be held in an environment free of cheating.

"We will take stern action against the centre secretary and teachers if any unfair practice is

found during the examination," he said.

The Dhaka Board chairman also said that the results would be published within two months after the completion of the exams.

Boys account for 55.43 percent of the total examinees and girls 44.57 percent. Of them, 1,51,287 will appear in the exams under Dhaka Education Board, 1,36,745 under Rajshahi Board, 50,719 under Comilla Board, 70,809 under Jessore Board, 41,515 under Chittagong Board, 32,164 under

Barisal Board, and 19,597 under Sylhet Education Board.

Some 62,505 students will appear in Alim exams under Bangladesh Madrasa Education Board and 54,719 students will sit for the HSC (BM) exams under Bangladesh Technical Education Board.

Besides, some 166 candidates will sit for the HSC exams under Dhaka Education Board in five centres abroad. The centres are in Jeddah, Riyadh, Tripoli, Doha and Abu Dhabi.

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