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Education in peril

Anxiety grips students, guardians as JSC-JDC exams coincide with opposition's planned blockade, hartal next month

SHAKHAWAT LITON and WASIM BIN HABIB

Around 20 lakh schoolchildren are all set to bear the brunt of the ongoing political turmoil, thanks to the BNP-led opposition's planned three-day blockade from Monday, which coincides with the start of the JSC and JDC examinations.

And the woes of these children and their guardians are unlikely to end with the end of the blockade, as the opposition alliance plans to intensify its street agitation in the coming weeks to realise its demand for a non-party election-time government.

Also worried and panicked over such programmes are about 30 lakh primary and ebtdai students, as their exams begin on November 20.

Officials say they have completed all preparations for the Junior Secondary Certificate and Junior Dakhil Certificate tests. It will be difficult for them to reschedule the exams if the opposition keep enforcing hartals and blockades.

Exams in two subjects of the JSC and JDC are scheduled for Monday, the day the three-day possible blockade of roads, rail and waterways begins. The exams of these class-VIII school

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1	2	3 JSC-JDC exams begin AL grand rally	4	5 Opposition blockade	6	7 BNP grand rally
8	9	10	11 Hartal-blockade likely	12	13	14
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CAMPAIGN FOR JS POLLS

VIPs barred from using govt facilities

EC drafts code for pre-election period

PANKAJ KARMAKAR

The prime minister, the leader of the opposition, ministers, lawmakers and other very important persons will not get any government facilities during their campaign for the next parliamentary polls, says a proposed amendment to the electoral code of conduct.

Besides, they will not be able to allocate money or make donations from any government, non-government or autonomous funds during the pre-election period, reads the proposal drafted by the Election Commission.

The EC defined the "pre-election period"

as the time from announcing the election schedule till the publishing of the gazette of election results. However, according to the existing code of conduct, 90 days from the dissolution of parliament constitute the pre-election period.

The commission yesterday finalised the draft that will be uploaded on its official website in a day or two for public opinion.

According to the proposal, the other VIPs are the speaker of parliament, chief whip, deputy speaker, deputy leader of the opposition, whip, deputy ministers and those holding equivalent posts, and lawmakers and city corporation mayors.

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AL plans big for Nov 3

Rally in Dhaka to counter opposition programmes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ruling Awami League plans to stage a massive showdown in the capital on November 3 to counter the main opposition BNP-led 18-party alliance's ongoing agitations.

The AL is set to hold a

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Violence worries foreign diplomats

Dipu Moni briefs them on current political situation

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Foreign diplomats in Dhaka yesterday expressed frustration over the deaths in political violence, urging the government and opposition to resolve the challenges to ensure a free, fair, credible and inclusive general election.

They are, however, hopeful that constructive dialogue between the ruling and opposition parties will help the

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Stop attacks on journos

Editors' Council urges govt to protect media

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Editors' Council, an organisation of editors of the country's top newspapers, yesterday expressed concern over the recent attacks on journalists and media outlets in the country.

In a press statement, the council urged all political parties to stop their

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