

Special exams for HSC candidates who missed tests due to bad weather: Milon

Education minister says affected students will sit the exams on dates set by the ministry using identical question papers

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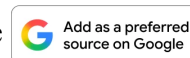


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Education Minister ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon today said Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) candidates who were unable to sit their examinations due to adverse weather would be allowed to take the tests under a special arrangement.

Making a statement under Rule 300 of the Rules of Procedure at the parliament, the minister said students would be allowed to sit the examinations on the same dates and at the same times set by the Ministry of Education, using identical question papers prepared for the subjects already postponed under the Chattogram Education Board.

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He made the remarks as many HSC candidates have taken to the streets demanding his resignation over the decision to hold examinations during inclement weather and over what they described as defamatory comments about them.

The minister said a total of 1,270,583 students sat the examinations nationwide today. He noted that examinations under the Chattogram Education Board in five districts, Chattogram, Cox's Bazar, Khagrachhari, Rangamati and Bandarban, had recently been postponed due to heavy rainfall and adverse weather.

He added that, beyond Chattogram, a number of students in Dhaka and several other districts were also unable to attend the scheduled examinations because of adverse weather and other unavoidable reasons.

On Monday, HSC candidates sat for the Physics First Paper, Accounting First Paper and Logic First Paper exams.



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Emphasising that the HSC examination is a crucial stage in students' lives, the minister said the special opportunity was being granted on compassionate grounds.

He also said those responsible for preparing the erroneous Physics First Paper questions had already been temporarily suspended.

"I reiterate that for the mistakes in questions 6 and 7 of the Physics First Paper test, examinees will be awarded full marks," he said

