Int'l NGOs against gas export from Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Over 50 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) working in different Asian countries have protested any move to export gas from Bangladesh.

They urged the Bangladesh government to protect natural resources, said a press release by Lokoj, a non-governmental research organisation, on behalf of the organisations.

The press release was issued yesterday after a meeting of the Asian Social Forum held in India from January 2 to 7, where representatives of the organisations said natural resources of Bangladesh are necessary for its social and economic development.

Opposing the multinational companies and donor agencies' concept of exporting gas, the statement said, "We are expressing solidarity with the people of Bangladesh who are demonstrating against the conspiracy to export its natural resources."

The multinational oil and gas exploration companies like Unocal, Shell, Chevron and Cairn are advocating in favour of gas export only for their own profits, added the press release.

The organisations described the production sharing contracts (PSCs) with the multinational companies as anti-people and demanded punishment to politicians, bureaucrats, consultants and commission agents involved with the contracts.

They expressed concern over the little efforts by the Bangladesh government to realise compensation for the Magurchhara blow-out.

Anti-globalisation activists Dr Walden Bello, Dr Antonio Tujan and Farhad Mazhar, journalist Praful Bidwai, filmmaker Sayeed Mirza, scientist Ashish Tayal, economist Shalmali Guttal, Bijoy Protap, women's rights activist Titi Soentoro and Matana Gusump were among the signatories to the statement.

The organisations include Action Aid, Bikash Adhayan Kendro, Human Rights Law Network, Narmada Save Movement and Indian Institute of Marxist Studies of India, South Asia Partnership of Pakistan, Action Aid of Nepal, Trans-National Institute of the Netherlands, Philippines Green, Freedom from Debt Coalition, Focus on the Global South and Jubilee South Asia Pacific of Philippines, Jubilee Quso of Japan, Aid Watch, Jubilee, Sustainable Energy and Economy Network of Australia, NADI of Indonesia, Finnish ECA Reform Campaign of Finland, Pacific Environment and Environmental Defence of the USA, Focus on the Global South of Thailand, and Globalisation Monitor of China.

Shazneen case

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case and Sahzneen rape case on May 2 and October 5 respectively in 1998.

Shahid was taken to the place of occurrence on April 28 and September 27, 1998 for "demonstration" Shehzi told the court.

Replying to a question by the defence lawyers in the rape case, Shehzi said she told the IO during investigation that Shahid had fled the spot with the help of Shaniram.

Shehzi said guard Humayun's duty ended at 8.00 pm on the night of the incident but he did not leave the house. It was learnt later that Humayun took a chisel from Shaniram, which was used to hit Shazneen, she said.

Shehzi also told the court that she had noticed two strange things. First, all the security lights around the house were off, and second, 10 to 12 people including carpenter Shaniram were lying nearby as if they were asleep despite so much of noise around.

Shazneen Tasnim Rahman, 15, youngest daughter of Latifur Rahman, Chairman of Transcom, was raped and murdered at their Gulshan residence on April 23, 1998.

Latifur Rahman filed a murder case with Gulshan police station on April 24, 1998 accusing Shahid, a domestic help at his house.

Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) of CID, Mojibur Rahman, filed a rape case with the same police station accusing Shahid, Hasan, Badal, Shaniram, Minu, Parvin and Humayun (now dead) after six months' investigation into the Shazneen murder case.

The three other accused -- Hasan, Minu and Parvin--were also at the dock. All the six are now in jail.

Special public prosecutors (PPs) Afran Uddin Khan and Saima Khanam and Assistant PP Anisur Rahman appeared for the state while advocates Mohammad Hanif, M A Kamrul Hasan Khan Aslam, Mizanur Rahman, Anwarul Kabir Babul and Abdus Salam Bhuiyan appeared for the accused.

Cabinet okays Joint Forces Indemnity Bill

BSS, *Dhaka*

The cabinet on Monday approved the drafts of the Joint Forces Indemnity Bill, 2003 and Travel Tax Bill, 2003.

The approval was given at the regular meeting of the cabinet with Prime Minister Khaleda Zia in the chair.

The meeting also approved in principle the framing of Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Act 2003 aimed at more amendments to the Code of Civil Procedure 1908 (Act-v of 1908).

It decided to form an expert committee to find out the causes of top-dying disease of Sundari trees.

Cabinet ministers and state ministers concerned attended the meeting.

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The freedom fighter said the ordinance will render the concept of rule of law ineffective and meaningless in the minds of the people.

Besides, it is not at all desirable to 'create a distance and rift' between the society at large and the armed forces by a measure, which will indemnify a handful of wrongdoers, he added.

At this point of time it is futile to enter into a debate on the 'propriety' of deployment of armed forces in dealing with crime and violence, Abed said.

"In the interest of establishment of rule of law in the country I, as a freedom fighter and a conscious and responsible citizen, fervently appeal to the Prime Minister not to submit a bill to the Parliament to convert this undesirable Ordinance into law" he said.

Cultural activists

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image and not our personal image," said Ashrafuddin Ahmed Ujjal.

Artists are being politically discriminated, which is very much undesirable, said the speakers. They said the artists were blacklisted for their political beliefs whenever a new government assumed power.

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Selima Rahman said the artists were attaching more importance to their personal interests than the society. She said most of the artists had become too commercial. " The entertainment industry is being vitiated by the influence of black money".

Kabari Sarwar, Tapan Chowdhury, Andrew Kishore, Shibli Mohammad, Munira Yusuf Memi, Shahiduzzaman Selim, Nobel and Shahidul Alam Khokon also spoke on the occasion.

Ex-DMCSU VP

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some teachers' rooms and damaging property during a strike called by the DMCSU.

The strike was called after the DMC Academic Council declared the students' union dissolved following allegations that its leaders were collecting Tk 100 from each admission seeker by forcing that person to buy a 'prospectus' along with admission form.

When contacted last night, Javed claimed that he is still vice-president of DMCSU and the principal has no legal right to dissolve it. He termed dissolution of the student body unconstitutional and demanded immediate election.

"I have done nothing wrong. The cases were filed against me to damage my image," he said.

The cases were filed by DMC Principal Prof Tofael Ahmed and Prof Mostafa Rahim with Ramna police station on December 21 last year.

Earlier, press reports quoted Prof Tofael as saying that collection of money by selling 'prospectus' was not approved by the college authorities.

The student leaders ransacked some teachers' rooms and damaged property as the authorities dissolved the union to stop their illegal activities, he had said.

EC asks police

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sures accordingly.

In response to field-level officials' demand for increase in election duty allowance, the EC asked the EC Secretariat to review election budget to find out whether it can be done or not.

The meeting was told that many candidates and voters had requested the EC to deploy army for the January 25-March 16 polls.

It was also decided that the EC Secretariat would only issue accreditation for the core members of different election monitoring agencies. The rest would have to get it from district-level election offices.

The meeting also suggested that the election observers should monitor risk-prone areas.

Meanwhile, according to EC officials, the commission has almost completed preparation for the UP polls.

It has already sent ballot papers and election materials to upazila election offices from where these would be distributed among different polling stations.

It has also undertaken an awareness campaign for the voters.

Schoolteacher robbed on DU campus

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muggers snatched Tk 3,600 and valuable documents from a schoolteacher on the Dhaka University campus yesterday.

Mohammad Moniruzzaman, a high schoolteacher of Patuakhali, said four muggers stopped his rickshaw in front of the Rokeya Hall at around 8:30am and

snatched his briefcase with the cash and documents in it.

He filed a complaint with the proctor the university.

Petroleum dealers

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light of a decision taken at a meeting held on October 7 last year between the leaders and State Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources AKM Mosharraf Hosain, the letter said.

Besides, tank lorry fare for transportation of petroleum goods within a distance of 40 km has been refixed at Taka 0.14.

Steps have also been taken to stop collection of toll, ensure presence of representatives of fuel marketing companies during visits to filling stations by BSTI officials and issue firearms licence.

The letter, however, said since dealers' commission was increased significantly in the meeting, the government thought that evaporation and operational losses were included there.

In the letter, the government called upon the leaders of the association to withdraw their programme, saying there can be further discussion.

President of the association Mohammad Afzal Hossain, acting secretary general Harun-or-Rashid and Nazmul Huq spoke at the press conference.

Gujral

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progress Indian economy has made and the strength of Indian socio-cultural milieu, he said.

Gujral disfavoured curb on Indian visa for Pakistanis and suggested people-to-people contact between the two countries.

Meanwhile, measures for more effective border management and security-related issues will come up for discussion at the two-day meeting of the Indo-Bangladesh Joint Working Group on border management beginning in Dhaka today.

Trans-border crimes, illegal migration and enhanced bilateral cooperation in border trade will also come up for discussion at the meeting, home ministry sources said.

CNG stations

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"I go to the filling station at 6:00am and it takes about two to three hours to get gas," said driver Dulal Hossain.

Many drivers have switched to gas because of recent octane and petrol price hikes, putting pressure on the city's 11 gas stations.

Petrol and octane now sell at Tk 33 and Tk 35 a litre respectively, while one cubic foot of gas giving the same mileage - sells at Tk 7.

Some drivers allege that to avoid refuelling delays they sometimes switch to octane, increasing pollution and forcing up fares.

An executive of the private sector CNG Distribution Company Ltd. said the firm's five filling stations cannot handle demand high to handle for his company and will set up three stations at Nilkhet, Kazipara and Joar Shahara by August. Two more will be set up at Rokeya Sharani and Badda by December.

The state-owned Rupantarita Prakritic Gas Company Limited (RPGCL) plans to establish six gas stations by June.

Asian Business Network will set up two stations at Darussalam at Gabtoli and Mohakhali.

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However, he said some of the statements by the opposition leader did not help the nation. "If you (the opposition) have anything to say against the government or the party in power, you have the liberty to do that. But please, don't say anything that might go against the nation," he said.

"Whatever restrictions have been imposed on the visa, you (the opposition) have failed to create any gap in the relations between Bangladesh and the US. We are on good terms and will work closely."

Asked whether the government failed to get prior information about the US restriction, Morshed said, "The US Department of Justice signed the document on January 9 and sent it to the state department on January 15. We have came to know about it on January 16."

Morshed claimed that many US Congressmen even failed to understand why Bangladesh has been put on the list.

He said the former US first lady and senator, Hilary Clinton, and some others will lead a rally of expatriate Bangladeshis in New York. Citizens of some other countries which have been put on the list will also join the rally.

Govt has pushed country into humiliating situation: Hasina

UNB, *Dhaka*

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina again yesterday held the government responsible for Bangladesh being "black listed" by the United States and said the BNP-Jamaat alliance dashed the dignity of the nation.

"For misrule, misdeeds, corruption and terrorism by the present regime and for its political vengeance, the nation has been dishonored," she said addressing Agrani Bank Freedom Fighters and Pro-Liberation Officers and Employees Association at her Dhanmondi office.

The country's image has been tarnished abroad due to "widespread terrorism under the alliance rule", Hasina alleged.

"Only for this reason, Bangladesh has been blacklisted as a terrorist nation 30 years after independence.

"But only 15 months ago, during the rule of Awami League government, Bangladesh had excellent relations with all countries including the United States of America."

She said this government has pushed Bangladesh into a humiliating situation and is now blaming her for this predicament.

"They are blaming me. If so, if all the countries are guided by my directives, then what is the justification of this government staying in power?"

The Leader of the Opposition in parliament and former prime minister claimed that while former US President Bill Clinton was coming to Bangladesh during her rule, the then opposition BNP had tried to foil the trip raising a false alarm about presence of Taliban forces in Bangladesh.

"Now they have fallen in the grave they dug for their opponents.

"The government has messed up everything through misrule, torture and terrorism. This government has set negative records in all spheres. They are happy to create miseries for the people."

She said this government does not follow any rules or regulations--they do not follow the Constitution or any norms, "They are amassing wealth by cashing in on peoples' sufferings".

About the recent joint drive against criminals, she questioned under what rule the prime minister called out the army. She blamed the PM for the death of 52 people during the drive and said, "To protect herself the prime minister introduced the indemnity ordinance."

The AL chief said, "They are doing all this to protect their throne". She called upon all to unite to free the nation from the "clutches of misrule, torture and terrorism".

Association President Delwar Hossain, General Secretary Moslem Miah and Mobarok Hossain also addressed the meeting attended by AL leaders Obaidul Qader, Prof Nazma Rahman, Abdur Rahman, Habibur Rahman Siraj, Oshim Kumar Ukil and BM Mozammel Huq.

High irrigation cost

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Price disparity between diesel and kerosene is a concern to the irrigation-service providers. They fear that diesel may be adulterated by mixing with relative low-priced kerosene and used to operate irrigation pumps, thereby damaging machinery.

A buoyant rice price in the market at this time of the year had encouraged farmers to bring around four million hectares of cropland under boro coverage.

According to Dr Mahabub Hossain, head of social science division of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), Bangladeshi farmers have to spend about 51 dollars in irrigating one hectare land whereas the irrigation expenditures are about 32 dollars in Punjab, India and 18 dollars and 26 dollars respectively in Thailand and Vietnam.

Dr Mahabub recommended rapid expansion of rural electrification to provide power at subsidised rates to rural farmers.

The boro growers usually need to keep their land under constant irrigation till harvesting. They have to depend on either diesel-run or electricity-driven irrigation machines, as the boro lands require to be kept under certain level of water for at least 75 days.

In the last boro season, different types of irrigation pumps helped farmers irrigate over 32 lakh hectares of boro land, over two lakh hectares of wheat land and nearly three lakh hectares of lands used for cultivating other seasonal crops.

Privatisation and rapid expansion of irrigation pumps across Bangladesh over the last half a decade has helped the country attain food autarky in the year 1999-2000 fiscal.

As per government-set food grain production target for 2002-03, the two main irrigated cereals, boro and wheat, constitute more than half of Bangladesh's food output. Government has set food grain production target at 280 lakh 77 thousand MT for the current fiscal (2002-03). The break-up of the total targeted output is aus 18.40 lakh MT, aman 114.58 lakh MT, boro 130.29 lakh MT and wheat 17.50 lakh MT.

WASA

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area, seeking anonymity, said that he was happy that the water meter has been out of order for about 18 months. He is paying a fixed bill of Tk 170, which is the average amount of what he had paid for the last 12 years.

He said that he had set up a dyeing factory about six months ago. His water consumption has been increasing but he has been paying the same amount -- the fixed bill, after reaching a 'deal' with a meter reader.

Another resident of the same area said that the WASA has fixed a monthly bill of Tk 300 as water bill for his six-member family, as the WASA couldn't provide a meter when he got the water connection seven months ago.

He said that at least 10 families from the nearby slums took water from his house and each of the consumers paid him Tk 50 per month.

When contacted, Managing Director of the Dhaka WASA Dr Khandaker Azharul Huq said that water is a basic need and that's why the WASA was giving permissions for new connections, despite their failure to provide meters.

When asked if the meter shortage would soon be over, he said, "It is not a serious problem. We are in the process of connecting meters to the

PHOTO: STAR

Winter vegetables are abound in the city markets, but prices remain sky-high, keeping lowly paid people at bay.

BNP blames it on bad choice

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defeats are the result of in-house bickering," he said.

BNP sources said the party had worked out the reasons behind the defeats in Narayanganj and Magura municipal polls.

Another senior leader, while explaining the reasons behind the defeat in Narayanganj polls, said the person who was initially chosen to contest the polls withdrew his candidature at the last moment.

He said BRTC Chairman Taimur Alam Khandaker was asked to contest the Narayanganj municipal polls. Taimur also agreed to resign from the BRTC.

Party sources said that Taimur later told the party leaders that he withdrew after Communications Minister Nazmul Huda asked him not to resign from the BRTC, and refused to accept his resignation.

Then the BNP decided to back Nurul Islam Sardar. Sources said six other BNP men, who had submitted nomination papers, withdrew their candidatures at the instruction of the party high command.

BNP leaders said that despite being a weak candidate, Nurul Islam might have put up a better fight, but he did not get active support from other BNP aspirants.

About the Magura municipal polls, BNP leaders believe that the decision to support the wrong candidate coupled with intra-party conflicts was responsible for the defeat.

They said local MP Kazi Salimul Haq Kamal influenced the selection of Abdul Gafur who lost the polls by 3,556 votes to the AL-backed candidate.

BNP sources said that its rebel candidate Iqbal Akhter Khan Kapur was previously a leader of the Jatiya Party. He joined the BNP before the last general elections at the invitation of Khaleda Zia, and the BNP chief assured him of nomination for the parliamentary election.

But Kapur, the former chairman of Magura municipality, who got 10,208 votes in the just concluded polls, was not given nomination for the parliamentary polls and was told that he would be the ruling party's candidate for the municipal polls.

But he was sidetracked once more, and he decided to enter the fray as a rebel candidate. Gafur and Kapur polled (together) 20,607 votes, while the AL candidate got 13,943 votes.

"It is clear that there were more than 20,000 BNP votes in Magura. But we were defeated owing to wrong selection of candidate and conflicts within the party. It is also clear that people have not shifted to the Awami League, despite the price hike, the army operation and some other wrong doings in the last 15 months of BNP rule," said a cabinet minister. The minister said the BNP might lose in Sylhet City Corporation polls also

BNP sources said that Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman recently announced selection of Sylhet BNP president MA Haq as candidate for the upcoming Sylhet City Corporation polls.

The sources further said Saifur Rahman was asked to choose a candidate after consultation with local and central leaders, but he did not do so and unilaterally declared the nomination. Sources said Sylhet district BNP leader AFM Kamal, another aspirant for the election, was determined to contest the polls.

Similarly, there is more than one candidate in Barisal, and Whip of Jatiya Sangsad Mujibur Rahman Sarwar is pursuing nomination for himself.

The BNP sources believe that it will be very difficult for the party to win until the conflicts within it are removed.

Promotions

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dictate the promotion process.

However, sources said, undue interference by some civil servants has disrupted the process to protect the interest of a few individuals.

The situation has reached such a pass that the promotion backlog might take a long time to sort out, they said.

HR commission bill weak, says city discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion in the city yesterday termed the proposed draft of human rights commission bill as 'weak' and demanded the inclusion of recommendations of various human rights organisations.

Public debates before finalising the draft is mandatory, they said at a discussion organised by Ain-o-Salish Kendro at its office. Earlier, two draft bills were proposed on the human rights commission.

The discussants said, including children and women representatives is also important, as human rights situation in those sectors is most vulnerable.

In the previous two bills it was proposed that the president appoint the chairman in consultation with the committee consisting of prime minister, speaker of the Parliament and leader of opposition in parliament.

But, in the new draft it was proposed that the president appoint the chairman upon the recommendations of the parliamentary standing committee related to law, justice and parliamentary affairs. If no such committee exist, then president will appoint in consultation with chief justice of the Supreme Court.

However, the chairman's accountability in the draft bill is not clear, they pointed out.

They said there should be a scheduled time to submit yearly report of the commission on human rights situation in the country and the report must be made public.

The commission should have an independent investigation team and prosecution wing, they recommended.

The speakers also suggested that a retired Supreme Court Justice head the commission.

Protecting people's human rights should be the focus of the government, the speakers said.

The discussion was addressed among others by Ajay Roy, Shahdeen Malik and Dr.Faustina Pereira. Representatives of Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trusts (BLAST), Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE), Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) and Bangladesh Nari Progoti Sangha (BNPS) also took part in the discussion.

2 boys electrocuted in Narayanganj

UNB, *Narayanganj*

Two boys were electrocuted at Dhamgarh in Bandar thana yesterday.

The victims were identified as Hasan, 15, son of Hanif Mridha, and his cousin Habibur Rahman, 16, son of Joynal Mridha, of Alamot village.

Another boy, Muktar Mridha, 10, was injured and admitted to hospital.

The boys met the accident at about 3pm when a live electric wire fell into a pond in which they were taking bath near Dhamgarh Jam-e-Mosque.

Arsenic-free water

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Meanwhile, many villages in Narayanganj, Chandpur, Noakhali, Laxmipur, Jessore, Khulna, Chapainawabganj, Rajshahi, Faridpur and Comilla identified as 'hot spots' are still without safe drinking water options.

In 1996, soon after the official confirmation and government's appeal to donors, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) extended help in two phases to explore the extent of the crisis.

It provided two million dollars to screen 500 villages on an emergency basis.

The UNDP also gave very limited vitamins and ointments for treatment of arsenic patients.

Dr AZM Iftikhar Hossain, the then project director of the UNDP-funded project, said, "There is nothing to panic. The lesions on skin will disappear if people stop using the contaminated water. They have to take vitamins for a quick recovery."

Dr Alan Smith, a senior consultant of the World Health Organisation (WHO), who was invited from the USA to recommend on the possible remedies, made similar recommendations which were largely ignored.

Chandpur is among five most affected districts in the country where preliminary surveys showed that 83 per cent of tubewell water had concentration of arsenic above the permissible level.

Similarly, many villagers in Barisal, Jessore and Khulna, with over 90 per cent of the tubewells contaminated, have no alternative.

The Department of Public Health and Engineering (DPHE) in Chandpur confirmed detection of arsenic in almost all tubewells tested so far.

Sony Murder

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bail, six in jail custody and the rest six, including Mokammel Hayat Khan Muki, have been absconding since the incident.

Sony, a student of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), was killed on the BUET campus during a gunfight between two factions of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on June 8 last year.

Special public prosecutor Abdul Latif Talukder appeared for the state.

PM: Upazila

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"Through concerted efforts we will come out of poverty and secure a dignified position in the world," she said.

Referring to various development programmes, Khaleda sought active cooperation of all for implementation of these projects.

"If you want to change your lot, you are to implement the development programmes," she added.

State Minister for LGRD Ziaul Haq Zia, Deputy Minister Ruhul Quddus Talukder Dulu and district BNP president Mahbubur Rahman also spoke at the function.

Majhira upazila comprising 10 unions with 221.58 sqkm area has a population of 2.5 lakh.

There are a number of educational institutions, including an agriculture college, two cantonments and a tourist spot in the newly upgraded Majhira upazila.

Earlier, local MPs Rezaul Bari Dina and Helaluzzaman Talukder Lalu, and Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation Mizanur Rahman Minu received the prime minister on her arrival at Bogra Police Lines helipad in the morning.

Schoolchildren standing on both sides of the road welcomed Khaleda Zia on her way to Majhira from the helipad.

Ctg UP election

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On January 27, election will be held at 5 UPs of Chakoria upazila in Cox's Bazar and 3 of Lama in Bandarban.

On January 29, election will be held at 8 UPs of Chandanaish, 7 of Lohagara, 8 of Chakoria in Cox's Bazar and 2 of Manikchhari in Khagrachhari.

On January 30,election will be held at 2 UPs of Rajastholi and 3 of Bilaichhari in Rangamati.

Election will be held at 17 union parishads of Satkania, 4 of Pekuya in Cox's Bazar and 4 of Bandarban,19 of Patiya, 3 of Cox's Bazar Pekuya, 5 of Matiranga in Khagrachhari on February 1.

On February 5, at 9 union parishads of Anwara and 5 of Kutubdia in Cox's Bazar.

On February 6, at 4 union parishads of Jurachhari and 5 of Barkol in Rangamati and 2 of Royangchhari in Bandarban.

On February 8,at 11 UPs of Banshkhali, 5 of upazila headquarters in Cox's Bazar and 5 of upazila headquarters in Khagrachhari.

On February 10, at 4 UPs of Cox's Bazar upazila headquarters.

On February 17, at 9 UPs of Boalkhali and 5 of Mohalchhari in Khagrachhari.

On February 18, at 2 Ups of Roayangchhari and 4 of Ruma in Bandarban.

On February 19, at 11 Ups of Rangunia and 5 of Kaptai in Rangamati.

On February 22, at 13 Ups of Raozan and 4 of Kaukhali in Rangamati.

On February 23, at 3 UPs of Ukhiya in Cox's Bazar and 3 of Ramgarh in Khagrachhari.

On February 24, at 19 UPs of Fatikchhari, 3 of Teknaf in Cox's Bazar, and 2 of Thanchi and 2 of Ali Kadam in Bandarban.

On February 26, at 9 union parishads of Sitakunda.

On February 27, at 3 of Teknaf in Cox's Bazar and 7 of Baghhaichhari in Rangamati.

On March 1, at 14 union parishads of Mirer Sarai in Chittagong and 4 of Panchhari in Khagrachhari.

On March 2, at 2 union parishads of Ramu in Cox's Bazar and 2 of Thanchi in Bandarban.

On March 3, at 14 union parishads of Hathazari in Chittagong.

On March 4, at 5 union parishads of Ramu in Cox's Bazar.

On March 6, at 4 union parishads of Moheshkhali in Cox's Bazar and at 5 of Dighinala in Khagrachhari.

On March 8, the last day of polling in greater Chittagong, election will be held at 4 union parishads of Moheshkhali in Cox's Bazar and 4 of Naikhangchhari in Bandarban.