

DINAJPUR 1, 6 CONSTITUENCIES

Feud intensifies as Jamaat men set to get alliance ticket

BNP aspirants buy nomination papers, campaign in respective areas

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Dinajpur*

The feud over nomination between BNP and its ally Jamaat-e-Islami has intensified in Dinajpur-1 and Dinajpur-6 constituencies as top leaders of the four-party alliance have decided to nominate Jamaat candidates in the two areas, party sources said.

The two alliance partners are at loggerheads in Dinajpur for long as local BNP leaders have been demanding tickets for party men in the two Jatiya Sangsad seats, won by Jamaat in the last election.

Dedicated BNP leaders who seek ticket for the two constituencies are now 'aggrieved' and may run in the polls race as independent candidates or join Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) led by dissident BNP stalwarts Prof. Badruddoza Chowdhury and Col (Rtd) Oli Ahmed, several front ranking leaders of the party told this correspondent.

Sources said the 4-party alliance 'confirmed' nomination of Jamaat leaders Md Aftab Uddin Mollah and Md Azizur Islam Chowdhury from Dinajpur-1 and Dinajpur-6 constituencies respec-



Mokbulur Rahman Gorky

tively.

In 2001 election, Md Abdullah Al Kafi of Jamaat was elected from Dinajpur-1 with 88,669 votes, defeating Abdur Rouf Chowdhury of Awami League, who got 60197 votes. Kafi died in September 2005.

Alliance ticket aspirant Md. Aftab Uddin Mollah lost to independent candidate Monoranjan Shill Gopal with a big margin of 65,000 votes in the by-election in Dinajpur-1 held in 2005 following the death of Kafi.

Jamaat leader Azizul Islam



Aminul Islam

Chowdhury won from Dinajpur-6 in 2001. He got 1,10,598 votes against 88,943 polled by AL's Mostafizur Rahman.

Sources said four ticket seekers have purchased nomination papers for Dinajpur-1. They are Md. Bazul Karim Bablu, Md. Abdul Mannan, Md. Abdur Rahim and Md Rezwanaul Haque Rezu. Another nomination seeker Aminul Islam went to Dhaka yesterday to buy nomination paper to contest from the constituency.

Seeking anonymity, some of them told this correspondent that

they might run independently or join LDP if a Jamaat man is nominated from there.

Mokbulur Rahman Gorky is now in Dhaka to buy nomination paper for Dinajpur-6, his close aides said yesterday. There may be more aspirants, they said.

Meanwhile, both BNP and Jamaat leaders are campaigning for their respective candidates, heightening tension in the areas.

In 1996 polls, Awami League leaders Md Mostafizur Rahman Fizu and Abdur Rouf Chowdhury were elected from Dinajpur-6 and Dinajpur-1 respectively.

BNP is dogged by internal feud in Dinajpur-4 constituency also, where at least 11 party leaders have purchased nomination papers. Party sources there said Md. Akhtaruzzaman Miah is almost certain to get 4-party alliance nomination from Dinajpur-6. The rivalry in the party will surface after declaration of nomination. BNP is divided into two groups in Dinajpur-4 constituency, one led by Md. Akhtaruzzaman and the other led by Md Hafiz Uddin Ahmed, also a nomination seeker.

BSF abducts 2 in Kurigram

A CORRESPONDENT, *Kurigram*

The Indian Border Security Force (BSF) Friday night abducted two Bangladeshis from Khear char (shoal), a border village in Roumari upazila.

Shah Alam, 32, and Sekendar Ali, 45, were abducted from near Border Pillar No 1070 at about 10 pm when they were returning home from relative's house, Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and locals said.

BDR sent a protest letter to BSF Saturday morning asking for return of the Bangladeshis.

On contact, Boliamari BDR company commander Abu Ishaque said BSF took them to their camp, but did not return him till filing of the report yesterday afternoon.

JUBO DAL MAN MURDER

Half-day hartal in Jhenidah tomorrow

A CORRESPONDENT, *Jhenidah*

Local Four-party Alliance leaders yesterday declared a half-day hartal here tomorrow demanding arrest of the killers of district Juba Dal organising secretary Haider Ali Hadu who was killed here Friday.

About 15 party rivals hurled two bombs and opened fire at him as he descended from a rickshaw near his Adarsha Para home at night. Later, he died in a hospital the same night.

They announced their agitation programme at a meeting held at the post office intersection in the town yesterday.

Shun politics of confrontation

Roundtable told in Satkhira

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Satkhira*

Speakers at a roundtable at Shyamnagar yesterday urged leaders of all parties to shun politics of confrontation and reach a consensus to institutionalise democracy.

They expressed serious concern at the violence on streets by the two alliances, saying this will only lead the country towards a serious crisis. They also urged parties not to involve criminals in election campaign.

Political parties have the responsibility to lead the nation towards development but instead, they are now pushing it towards uncertainty and destruction of the

economy.

The roundtable was organised by two local dailies-Patradut and Dristipat-and Uttarar, a local NGO with assistance from the European Commission.

A large number of civil society members, professionals, officials, attende the roundtable held at Shyamnagar upazila auditorium with Prof. Shahana Hamid in the chair.

It was addressed by, among others, former lawmaker and aspirants for nomination in coming election AK Fazlul Haque, Jaglu Haidar Jhharu, Asim Kumar Mridha, Anisuzzaman and Shafiul Azam Lenin of AL; former MP Gazi Nazrul Islam of Jamaat-e-Islami; advocate

Syed Iftakhar Ali of BNP; freedom fighter Abdul Mazid; Master Abdul Wahed; Principal Ashek E Elahi; Principal Osman Gani and Zillur Rahman of Ahmadiyya community.

They also urged nomination aspirants to take measures to resist violence before and after the election.

Demanding compulsory registration of political parties, they said this will ensure a fair political process and help consolidate democracy in the country.

They said politics must be freed from money and muscle power if the parties really want to do good to the people, they said.

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PHOTO: STAR

Journalists in Bogra led by daily Samokal Editor Abed Khan formed a human chain at Sat Matha intersection in the town yesterday protesting the recent attack on The Daily Star Staff Reporter Hasibur Rahman Bilu.

9TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHT PEACE ACCORD

Rivals PCJSS, Somo Odhikar hold rallies

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Rangamati*

The Parbatya Chattogram Jana Samhati Samiti (PCJSS) yesterday observed the 9th anniversary of signing of the CHT peace accord with a fresh pledge to intensify agitation for full implementation of the accord.

PCJSS held a rally on Gymnasium premises at Rangamati. Its vice president Laxmi Prasad Chakma was the chief guest at the rally, presided over by its district president Gunendu Bikash Chakma.

Speakers there alleged that in last nine years, neither the BNP government nor the Awami League government took any step for full implementation of the peace accord.

They also alleged that some vested quarters under the banner of Samo Odhikar Andolan (SOA) trying to destabilise the situation in the CHT and destroy peace. They are demanding scraping of the peace accord.

The also criticised the previous Awami League government, saying it betrayed with the indigenous people in CHT.

The PCJSS leaders termed United Peoples Democratic Front (UPDF) a 'terrorist organisation and a broker of the government. UPDF opposes the teace accord.

They urged urged PCJSS activists to guard against anti-peace activities by UPDF.

Samo Odhikar Andolan (SOA), a platform of Bangalee settlers which opposes the peace accord, also held a rally on Municipality office premises in Rangamati.

Jatiya Ganatantrik Party president Safiul Alam Paradhan addressed the rally as chef guest while SOA central president Mostak Ahmed Chowdhury was in the chair.

They termed the peace accord 'discriminatory and a black agreement' and demanded its annulment, removal of PCJSS chief Jyotirindriya Bodhipriya lama alias Santu Lama from the post of CHT Regional Council chairman.

Four Jamaat men sued for supplying 'forged' textbooks

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Satkhira*

A case was filed with a magistrate court here yesterday accusing four Jamaat-e-Islami men for 'cheating' students by selling forged madrasha textbooks.

A teacher of a Dakhil Madrasha in Bhomra filed the case with the court of Magistrate Abu Jafar. The court ordered the accused to appear before the court within 15 days.

The accused are Satkhira Sadar upazila Jamaat Ameer and Kushkhali Union Parishad chairman Abdul Gaffar and party leaders Altaf Hossain, Jamal Uddin and Kamal

Uddin. Abdul Gaffar who is son-in-law of former Jamaat lawmaker Abdul Khaleque.

All the accused are leaders of Satkhira unit of Madrasah Shikkhak Parishad, aligned with Jamaat.

According to the complainant, the accused changed the cover and inside pages containing the names of writers and publishers of several books including Adhunik Bangla Grammar and Essay and My First Communicative English Grammar of class six.

On contacted, Abdul Gaffar refuted the allegations and said it is a conspiracy against the Madrasah Shikkhak Parishad.

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