

By-election campaign

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Lighting the ruling party's achievements and its pledges for further people-oriented steps in future.

On the other hand, the AL technique to get voters support for its candidates included identifying the failures of the government and making commitments to carry forward the opposition movement for institutionalising parliamentary democracy, trying the killers of Sheikh Mujib, and autonomy to radio and television.

The 11 point restrictions imposed by the Election Commission regarding the polls campaign were being observed by the candidates. However, cloth banners were found being used by both the BNP and the AL.

Electioneering by the AL candidates, in both the constituencies seemed overshadowed by that of the BNP's.

Posters and graffiti seeking votes for AL candidate Alhaj Mahbul Hossain in the Dhanmondi-Mohammadpur constituency were mostly seen. Posters in favour of former land minister Barister Sreer of the BNP were seen in fewer places.

Campaigning was also going on in the mosques of the constituency during prayer times. BNP and AL were holding religious festivals including milad mahfils seeking voters' support, locals reported.

Other candidate of the Dhanmondi-Mohammadpur constituency are Shaful Islam of the Jatiya Party, Mohammad Jahangir of the Muslim People's Party, Mohammad Shahidul Islam of the Jagochad, and Arif Howiadar and Meer Anwar Hossain both independent candidates.

In the Gulshan-Cantonment constituency, electioneering was mostly seen in areas populated by the middle-class people.

Areas of the affluent Gulshan and Cantonment residents seemed out of the campaign.

Saifur Rahman Mihir, a BNP leader in the Ulan area told the Daily Star they were seeking votes for BNP candidate Maj (Retd) Quamrul through rallies, distribution of leaflets and house-to-house visits for continuation of the development activities by the ruling party.

Swapan Majumdar of the Awami League in the same locality said that voters in the area were happy to find AL workers at their doors. He opined that the AL candidate was defeated in the February 27 polls since she failed to launch a massive campaign in the area.

Swapan, however, admitted that female voters were not favouring the AL candidate Advocate Shahara Khatun.

NAM has failed to resolve conflicts

ACCRA, Sept 4: Ghana's head of state Jerry Rawlings opened a meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) here today calling on members to step out of the Cold War era and bring about a new world economic order, reports AFP.

The nations of the Non-Aligned Movement must ensure that we earn respect as partners in the evolution of this new world order," Flight-Lieutenant Rawlings told the opening session of the NAM's 10th ministerial meeting.

Rawlings, however, blamed NAM countries for mismanaging their economies and south-south trade as well as failing to resolve internal conflicts.

Rawlings, dressed in his traditional green army fatigues and dark sunglasses, told delegates of the 102-nation organization that with the end of US and Soviet block politics, member countries — most of them from developing countries — should concentrate on economic cooperation so as not to be "marginalised" by the international community.

The rapprochement between the two superpowers and the crumbling of old alliances have ushered in a new period of unprecedented fluidity and even instability," Rawlings warned, citing recent events in the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia as examples.

What developing countries

needed most from the industrialised world in economic relations was "not charity but fair prices for our products and fair access to international market," Rawlings said.

For his part, Yugoslav Foreign Minister Budimir Loncar, outgoing NAM Chairman, told delegates the meeting was "an opportunity to re-adjust our step and keep abreast of the new realities" facing the world by ushering in a new world order.

The changes on the world political scene are far-reaching and irreversible. The Cold War is over, so are bipolar ideological, political and military confrontations," Loncar said.

Flood situation worsens in Sylhet

SYLHET, Sept 4: Flood situation in the district has aggravated further due to incessant downpour during last two days and onrush of water from hilly areas, reports UNB.

Seven among eight unions of Goainghat upazila and vast tract of low lying areas of Comapanjanj upazila went under water.

About 6,000 acres of land with standing crops in Goainghat and 2,000 acres of land in Comapanjanj upazila have been submerged following onrush of water

Khaleda Zia

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Begum Khaleda Zia said the Chittagong seat, from where she was returned with a big margin in the February 27 polls, would always remain as her seat as she had a great fascination for the people of Chittagong.

The public meetings were addressed, among others, by Communication Minister Col (Retd) Oli Ahmed, State Minister for Environment Abdullah Al-Noman, State Minister for Textile Major (Retd) Abdul Mannan, Whip Mahbul Alam, Tara, Amanullah Aman, MP, Barkatullah Bula, MP, Mayor of Chittagong City Corporation Mir Nasruddin, Syed Wahidul Alam, MP, Prof Jahana Begum MP, Mrs Rozy Kabir, MP, Nazrul Islam Khan, General Secretary of Jatiyatbadi Samik Dal, Zahruddin Khan, Dr A F M Yusuf and BNP nominee from Chittagong-8 constituency Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury.

She said her government believed in deeds and not in words and had been fulfilling the election pledges one by one despite resource constraints. This success belonged to the people as they had given their full support, she told the jubilant crowd.

Now is the time for massive development work to change people's lot, she said. The government would take a massive economic plan under which new mills and factories would be set up to generate employment, she said. She urged the people to elect her men in the by-election to carry out the development programmes.

The Prime Minister also said that roads and bridges, schools and colleges and mosques, temples, churches and other places of worship which were destroyed during the April cyclone would be reconstructed.

The Prime Minister said that the government managed the aftermath of the worst



Posters appear on walls but fail to warm up the by-election campaign in the city.—Star photo

CHT districts

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had sanctioned Taka six crore to three districts in hill tracts while Taka 20 crore was allotted for rest of the 61 districts. The fund would help generate employment for the people.

But he regretted that the tribal insurgents were obstructing development works and causing sufferings to the people.

When asked, some tribal people particularly the Chakmas said that the granting of autonomy to the district councils would further dampen the activities of the so-called Shantibahini. But it would not end as they were getting external support. They claimed that the tribal people in Seven Sisters in India — Tripura, Mizoram, Nagaland, Assam, Arunachal, Meghalaya and Manipur — had a feeling of separate national entity and trouble in the Chittagong hill tracts would always benefit the Indian government.

There are now about 10 to

Fingers of student leader cut off as JCD, Moitre clash

JHENIDAH, Sept 4: Five fingers of a Chhatra Moitre leader were cut off during protracted clashes here with JCD activists which also left at least six others injured seriously, reports UNB.

Tariqul Islam Palash, district joint convener of Moitre, who also received head injuries, was admitted to the Sadar Hospital in a critical condition.

Jatiyatbadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) district unit President Abdul Majid also suffered severe head injuries and was admitted to the same hospital.

Two more JCD leaders — Jhenidah unit General Secretary Abdul Majid (Junior Majid) and Sahjahan Noor Mithu of Government KC College, were seriously injured in second round of clashes in the afternoon.

Axes, rods and other weapons were used in the fighting between the student activists of ruling BNP and United Communist League.

Ershad's trial

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Ismael: I did not ask him. DL: Do you know that you have more power as a Magistrate to take into cognizance more cases than any other judicial officers?

Ismael: Yes, but I can't accept all cases, particularly those under the Special Powers Act.

DL: Do you know how much Ershad earned while in government service?

Ismael: I don't.

DL: When were the details of the case discussed?

Ismael: On the 9th of February '91. First an officer of Anti-Corruption Bureau interrogated me.

DL: Did you prepare any separate list of the items found in the Sena Bhaban bought during Ershad's presidency?

Ismael: There was no separate list.

DL: (showing a letter of Ershad written to the Home Ministry): Ershad authorised Mostafiz to receive the goods. There is no mention in the letter whether the items would be identified by Mostafiz.

Ismael: Everything is there in writing.

Judge: There is no mention here about identifying the items.

Ismael: There is a difference between the words receive and identify.

DL: Who gave the items to Ershad?

Ismael: There were some items given by some persons and it was labelled against the items. I could say which were the gift items if they were here.

DL: You have taken all the goods and made a list of those items.

Ismael: We have listed all the goods and we did not amalgamate the personal accessories as government property.

DL: Drinks may be both

Hasina

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as the government had failed to provide them with food, job and shelter.

Hasina said during the six-month rule of BNP, misery of the people had accentuated due to price-hike, unemployment and breakdown of law and order all over the country.

Hasina reiterated that her party would continue its struggle in and outside parliament for people's economic emancipation.

Awami League has already fulfilled its election-pledge by initiating restoration of parliamentary democracy, and it would continue its fight to force the government to re-align all reasonable demands of the people, she said.

The meeting was also addressed by Tofael Ahmed, MP, K M Jahangir, MP, Mohiuddin Ahmed, MP, Kader Siddiky, Latif Siddiky and Awami League nominee Anwar Hossain Bhuiyan.

Tofael Ahmed said the strength of the opposition in parliament was almost equal to that of the ruling party. If opposition does not want, BNP won't be in power, he warned.

He, however, said the opposition wanted to cooperate with the government in halting price-hike and improving law and order situation.

Kader Siddiky requested the people to vote for Awami League candidates to help repeal the Indemnity Ordinance.

Hasina visited some erosion-affected coastal areas including Charpata, Bhabanipur, Medua, Dhania, Kalia and Kazipur in Bhola and Daulatkhan upazilas.

She announced donation of Taka 50,000 for repairing mosques damaged by the April 29 cyclone in these areas. She also announced a donation of Taka 10,000 to local volunteer groups repairing the coastal embankment in the areas.

The Awami League chief is expected to return to Dhaka tomorrow.

Tuhina murder: Husband gets 10-yr sentence

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJOANJ, Sept 4: Nesarul Haq Chowdhury, a PDB engineer, was given a 10-year rigorous imprisonment term today for murdering his wife Tuhina.

The District and Sessions Judge Abdul Jalil handed down the sentence and also fined Nesarul Haq Chowdhury a sum of Tk.75,000, non-payment of which would earn him an additional two and a half years in jail.

The money would be distributed among the victim's three daughters, the Judge said.

The public prosecutor said that the accused when stationed at the 71 megawatt gas turbine project of the PDB in the Baghabari river port at Shahzadpur upazila killed his second wife Tuhina Begum Baby on November 21, 1989 with his own revolver at his rented house in Shahzadpur.

A total of 40 prosecution witnesses and two defence witnesses were examined during the trial in the Sessions Court.

SKOP

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Uddin Ahmed, Fazlul Haque Mantu and Yaqub Ali Bhuiyan.

During the discussion the State Minister sought three weeks time again and talks after that to solve the problems.

According to SKOP leaders they also held a meeting on the demands on Monday last when the State Minister had sought two weeks time.

During Wednesday's discussion the SKOP leaders emphasised on formation of a single commission for fixation of wages instead of the present two-wage commission for private sector industrial employees and workers and pay commission for government employees.

However, the government agreed to announce a separate wage commission which would submit its report within six months but the SKOP leaders rejected. They demanded a national minimum wage structure irrespective of government and non-government employees.

The SKOP leaders also demanded repeal of some trade union laws which were amended by Ershad government.

Jamaat

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about 90 educational institutions including universities remained closed in the country due to campus violence, he said.

Crisis in another university was not being solved by implementing the judiciary committee report, he said.

Referring to the referendum of September 15, the Acting Amir said this ought to be successful because this provision could prevent 'parliamentary coup' and ensure people's right.

The Midnight File

Bangladeshis held in Punjab

AMRITSAR, Sept 4: The BSF has intercepted 21 Mohajirs and Bangladeshis from a goods train which was coming from Pakistan Tuesday. In a statement, A P Pandey, DIG, BSF, said the people had been apprehended while the BSF was conducting a search of the goods train at Attari station yesterday. The intercepted people told the BSF that Pakistan Rangers had caught them from different places and forced them to board the goods train just five minutes before its departure to India, reports PTI.

Grave robbers take away Akhromeyev's uniform

MOSCOW, Sept 4: Vandals dug up the coffin of Marshal Sergei F Akhromeyev, the military adviser who committed suicide after the failed coup, and stole the uniform in which he was buried. The Defence Ministry said the grave robbers similarly desecrated the nearby grave of retired Col Gen Sredin, the former chief political officer of the Soviet Union's land forces. Extra guards were posted at the cemetery and the men were reburied in civilian clothes, Komsomolskaya Pravda said, reports AP.

Defaulting loans

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determination to carry forward deregulation of the economy. He also said that the government at the same time also wanted to establish rule of law to guarantee the right to perform economic activities for development.

The Finance Minister who reiterated the government's determination to bring down unproductive expenditure and encourage greater national savings to lessen external dependence, however, added that because of obvious reasons many "unworthy" projects of the previous regime could not be rejected. He cited the example of the Dhaka Flood Protection Project where Taka 380 crore has already been spent, adding, abandoning the project would not be worthwhile. He said he had to accommodate certain situations even we do not accept those in principle.

The Finance Minister strongly advocated ensuring fair prices to growers and supplying of inputs at reasonable rate everywhere throughout the year. He said subsidy in agriculture does not always bring dividends. He said instead of fertilizers he would prefer timely and adequate supply of water, which was very difficult to get in many places.

UNB adds: Rahman was a critical of the opposition in parliament for favouring the full implementation of the Pay Commission and demanding exemption of farm loan up to Tk 10,000.

Full implementation of the Pay Commission requires Tk 1800 crore a year and waiving agriculture loans up to Tk 10,000 will cost the exchequer Tk 2,000 crore," he said.

"Where the money will come from?"

How could the government find investable surpluses to steer the economy to a self-sustaining footing if 55 per cent of the government expenditures go for only six lakh employees, the Minister questioned.

There has to be a responsible parliament, responsible opposition and a responsible press to ensure continuity of the democratic process," he said.

Rahman, praised the role of the press in helping the government to weather the Pay Commission crisis. "Please continue to help me," he requested the editors.

Premadasa behaving like a dictator, says Bandaranaik

COLOMBO, Sept 4: A Sri Lankan opposition leader today accused President Ranasinghe Premadasa of behaving like a dictator and threatening members of his own party, reports Reuter.

"He is behaving like a dictator," said Sirima Bandaranaik of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party.

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