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Parliamentary form chosen

By Staff Correspondent

The people have given a massive mandate in favour of parliamentary democracy by casting 'yes' votes in Sunday's referendum on the Constitution 12th Amendment Bill, unofficial results announced by the Election Commission on Monday show.

Out of every ten votes cast in the referendum more than eight were 'yes' votes and less than two 'no' votes. The total turnout of voters in the referendum was 35.25 per cent.

Election Commission sources say, out of a total of 6,22,042, 118 votes

2,19,19,003 were cast in the referendum. Out of the votes cast 1,90,408 votes were rejected.

'Yes' votes totalled 1,83,42,882 and 'no' votes 33,85,718. Out of the valid votes 'yes' votes comprised 84.41 per cent and 'no' votes 15.59 per cent.

Division-wise the highest number of 'yes' votes came from Chittagong where 55,88,141 'yes' votes and 7,35,561 'no' votes were cast, the percentages being 88.37 and 11.37 respectively.

The lowest percentage

(75.68) of 'yes' votes was from Rajshahi division where 'no' votes amounted to 24.32 per cent. A total of 38,63,197 'yes' votes and 12,41,484 'no' votes were cast in the division.

In Khulna division 'yes' votes were 88.25 per cent and 'no' votes 11.75 per cent. A total of 36,51,443 'yes' votes and 4,85,940 'no' votes were cast in Khulna.

The percentage of 'yes' votes was 85.03 in Dhaka division where 'no' votes amounted to 14.97 per cent — close to the national average. In Dhaka division 'yes' votes

totalled 52,40,101, and 'no' votes 9,22,728.

The results show that the people of Rangpur as a whole rejected the Constitution 12th Amendment Bill by casting 63.96 per cent 'no' votes. In four other northern districts of Gaibandha, Nilphamari, Lalmonirhat and Kurigram 'yes' won the election by narrow margins.

In the district of Rangpur a total of 2,97,541 'no' votes were cast as against 1,75,062 'yes' votes.

'Yes' votes totalled 171,060 and 'no' votes 1,54,213 in

Gaibandha district, the respective percentages being 52.59 and 47.41.

In Nilphamari district the percentage of 'yes' votes was 62.93 and that of 'no' votes 37.07. 'Yes' votes totalled 1,84,444 and 'no' votes 1,08,640 in the district.

'Yes' and 'no' votes totalled 1,26,365 and 74,060 in Lalmonirhat district. The respective percentages were 63.05 and 36.96.

Similarly in Kurigram district there were 1,94,540 'yes' votes and 1,10,559 'no' votes, the percentages being 63.76

and 36.24 respectively.

Following were the division wise final results of the referendum available from the Election Commission:

Division	Centre	YES	NO
Dhaka	7,258	52,40,101	9,22,728
Chittagong	6,201	55,88,141	7,35,561
Rajshahi	6,202	38,63,197	12,41,484
Khulna	4,948	36,51,443	4,85,940
TOTAL	24,309	1,83,42,882	33,85,718

District-wise final results were as follows:

District	Total Centre	YES	NO
1. Rajshahi Div.	6,202	38,63,197	12,41,484
2. Panchagarh	187	1,02,171	24,639
3. Thakurgaon	243	2,24,130	44,286

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People thanked for endorsing parliamentary system

Different political parties Monday congratulated the people for giving their verdict in favour of parliamentary form of government in the referendum Sunday, reports BSS.

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Tk 1 cr given from PM's Relief Fund

Taka one crore has been given to the Relief Ministry from Prime Minister's Relief Fund for taking up emergency relief measure in the flood affected areas of the country, reports BSS.

MPs to take oath today

The oath taking ceremony of the MPs, elected to the Jatiya Sangsad on September 11 by-election, will be held today (Tuesday) at the chamber of the Speaker in Sangsad Bhaban at 10 am, reports UNB.

ODA fund for flood victims

Britain's Overseas Development Administration (ODA) has made funds available to alleviate the distressed conditions of Bangladesh's flood victims, reports BSS.

Mustafiz to attend UNGA session

Foreign Minister A S M Mustafizur Rahman leaves Thursday for New York to lead Bangladesh delegation to the 46th session of United Nations General Assembly beginning today (Tuesday), reports UNB.

SSC results announced

67.58 pc pass in Dhaka Board



Frenzied SSC examinees and also their guardians crowding at the gate of Dhaka Board as they came to know that results were announced yesterday afternoon. —Star photo

By Staff Correspondent

The results of Secondary School Certificate (SSC) Examination held this year under the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Dhaka was announced Monday. The percentage of the pass was 67.58.

A total of 1,48,003 candidates appeared at the examination. Of them 1,00,027 came out successful. Among them, 19,023 got first division, 45,456 second division and 35,548 third division.

Jalal Ahmed Mirza of Mirzapur Cadet College, Tangail secured the first position in the combined merit list of the first 20 successful candidates with general science. He secured total 887 marks with letters in six subjects.

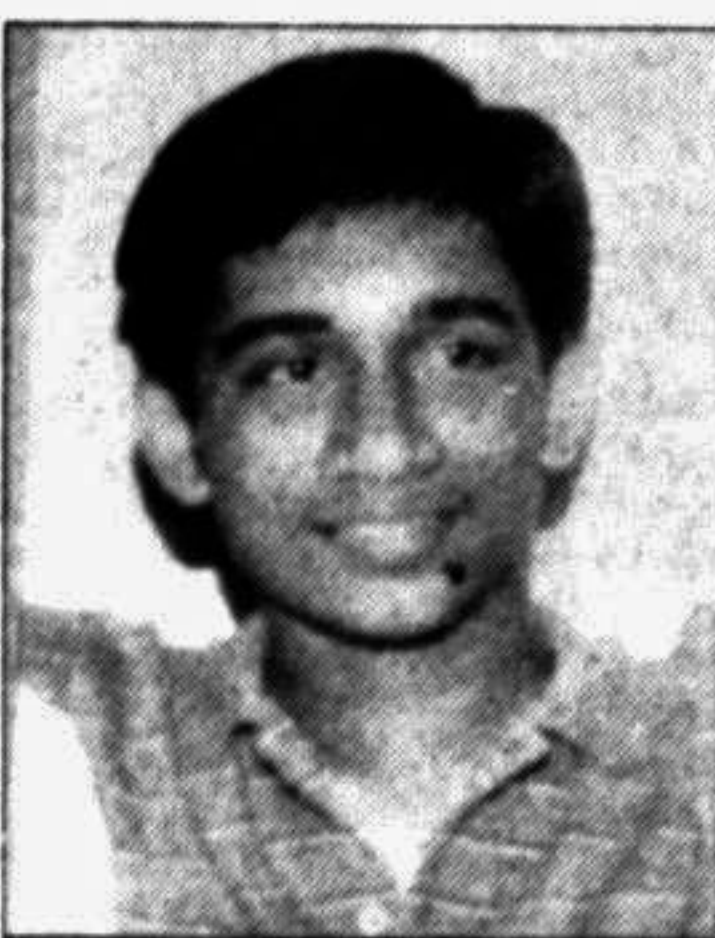
The second position in the combined list went to Nazimuddin Md Wasuddin of the same college who scored 871 with six letters. Md Tanvir

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Islam of Mirzapur Cadet College stood third in the combined list with 867 marks and five letters. A total of 14 students of the Mirzapur Cadet College came on the merit list.

In the combined merit list with Social Science as the common subject, Monishita Ghosh of Udayan school in Dhaka secured the first position with 790 marks and three letters. Mohammad Sabrin Munshi of Faridpur Zila School stood second securing 776 with four letters while the third position went to Md Moazzem Hussain of Delpara High School of Narayanganj who got 775 marks and letters in four subjects.

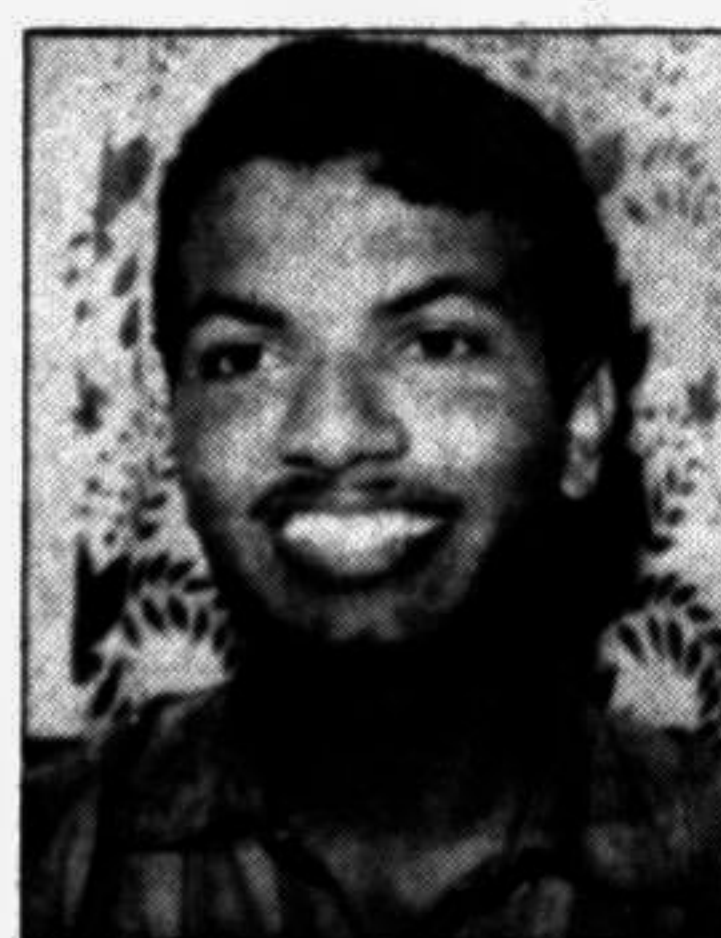
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Monishita Ghosh, first in Social Science group
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Nazimuddin Muhammad Wasuddin, Second in Science Group
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Flood situation improving

The overall flood situation improved on Monday with recession of water in all the major rivers of the country, according to flood control centres, reports BSS.

While many people returned to their homes, road and train communications were being restored after repairs. In some areas, however, road and rail communications still remained disrupted due to damaged bridges and culverts and eroded roads and railway tracks.

The death toll rose to 49 with 11 more deaths, by drowning and waterborne diseases, reported Monday. Of these, four were reported from Thakurgaon, three each from Rajshahi and Panchagarh and

one from Pabna.

According to flood control centres in district headquarters, flood situation in 19 districts of the country was improving fast as there was scanty rains in the flood-hit areas on the day. But rehabilitation was still a major problem as about ten thousand people were still staying at relief camps at Chapainawabganj and Thakurgaon.

Though many rivers recorded a drop in the water level, the Ganges at Pankha, Rajshahi, Hardinge Bridge, Goalundo and Bhagyakul, the Mahananda at Chapainawabganj, the Meghna at Bhairabazar and Chandpur were flowing above the danger level. Bangladesh Railway has un-

dertaken a crash programme to restore railway communication in four sections of the north-western region within this month.

According to official sources here, direct road communications on Rangpur-Pirganj, Sayedpur-Nilphamari, Niphamari-Domar, Domar-Dimla, Rajshahi-Natore, Sayedpur, Dinajpur and Thakurgaon-Panchagarh sections have been restored.

A vast area in Kamarkhand upazila went under water as affected villagers broke open a sluiceway of WDB embankment in Ullapara.

Officials said about 5,000 people in four unions of Kamarkhand — Jawail, See Page 12 Col. 7

Govt fails to stand by flood victims, Hasina

Chief of Awami League and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina Monday said the government had utterly failed to stand by the people affected by flood now engulfing various districts of the country, reports BSS.

In a statement Sheikh Hasina said the government was not playing its due role for alleviating the sufferings of the flood affected people while its relief work was being kept limited within the government controlled media.

She said the people in the flood-hit districts were facing acute crisis of food and emer-

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DU reopens today amidst tension

By DU Correspondent

Violence and tension, not far away from the Dhaka University campus, renewed with reopening of the residential halls yesterday.

As the 14 hall gates were reopened, two factions of Awami League-backed Chhatra League (BCL) chased each other and scuffled at Modhu's canteen at around 11 am.

In a spillover of an incident at the nearby Engineering University (BUET), the Jatiyabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) also held a protest rally on the campus and warned the rival BCL saying 'they are strong enough to oust them (BCL) in five minutes if they continue unholy activities.'

The protest meeting was a sharp reaction to alleged beating of five JCD activists by BCL in the Engineering University campus.

Classes of the university resume today after 48 days' unscheduled closure following armed clashes between JCD and BCL activists on July 30.

The resident students entered their respective halls by enlisting their names at the hall gates. The arrival was

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Kabul agrees to dialogue without Najibullah

ISLAMABAD, Sept 16: The Kabul government has agreed to participate in a dialogue with the Mujahideen resistance without President Najibullah, Pakistan's Foreign Secretary Shaharyar Mohammad Khan said here today, report AFP and Reuters.

UN Secretary General Javier Perez De Cuellar is expected to consider the Kabul move and arrange the dialogue through his special envoy Benon Sevan.

Kabul has indicated that if

the dialogue goes ahead, Najibullah will not be there, Khan said.

The Afghan Mujahideen could agree to allow members of the Kabul regime or of the ruling Watan Party to play a part on an 'individual basis' in finding a 'global solution' to the Afghan conflict, a spokesman for the resistance movement said.

M N Lafratic, Information Minister for the Afghan government, in-castle added, however, that there was no ques-

tion at the moment of opening such a dialogue.

Mujahideen guerrilla leaders rejected Najibullah's weekend offer of a ceasefire and said they would continue to refuse any dialogue with the Afghan President.

Burhanuddin Rabbani, head of the Jamiat-i-Islami guerrilla group, called Najibullah's ceasefire offer a stunt, saying: "We cannot accept such an offer from an illegal government."

But several of the more fun-

damentalist guerrilla groups refuse to have anything to do with any of the ruling former Marxists in Kabul even without Najibullah's presence at talks.

"As long as the communists stay in power our fight will continue with them. If we accept a ceasefire with them that would mean we recognise them and this is impossible," said another guerrilla leader, Younus Khalid.

Pakistan today refused to give an unconditional undertaking to join the Soviet Union

and United States in halting arms supplies to warring forces in Afghanistan.

Shaharyar said that in principle Pakistan welcomed a halt to foreign arms supplies from January 1 but would have preferred it as part of an overall package leading to a settlement of the Afghan war. He said three months remained to agree an accord based on a five-point United Nations plan that includes a halt to weapons supplies.

"We have agreed in princi-

ple to these five points and therefore we have agreed in principle to the idea of negative symmetry," Shaharyar said.

But if no package deal is in place by January, he said Pakistan would only then decide whether to halt its aid to Afghan Mujahideen fighters based on its territory.

Jamiat Chief Rabbani, who is also acting Foreign Minister of the resistance government-in-exile, said the entire Afghan nation wanted peace but not with Najibullah.

ALEC condemns attack on Hasina

The Executive Council of Bangladesh Awami League at a meeting in Dhaka Monday in a resolution strongly condemned the incident of gunfire and bomb blast at a polling centre on Green Road in the city on September 11 describing it as an attempt on the life of Sheikh Hasina, AL chief and the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, reports BSS.

Sheikh Hasina presided over the meeting which was adjourned till 10 am today.

The council in the resolutions also said that the BNP Secretary General had tried to conceal the facts by his "motivated and imaginary" statement about the incident at a press conference. It also condemned the contention of BNP Secretary General and demanded exemplary punishment to those involved in this incident.

The council thanked the nation for their massive support towards the parliamentary system of government by casting 'Yes' votes in the referendum.

It also expressed shock at

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