

## Vote for honest, competent candidates: Abbas

KHULNA, Jan 28: Jamaat leader Abbas Ali Khan on Wednesday urged the people to vote for honest and competent candidates in the ensuing mayoral election of the four city corporations to save the cities from 'looters and terrorists,' reports UNB.

"Vote for the honest and fittest candidates. Otherwise, the cities will be in the hands of looters, terrorists and corrupt people," he told an election meeting organised by the city unit of Jamaat-e-Islami at the local Circuit House premises.

Khan said the condition of the people will not be changed and the country will plunge into deeper crisis if competent leaders are not elected in the January 30 mayoral elections.

Terming the mainstream political parties as the two sides of the same coin, he urged the people to discard their politics and refrain from

voting for their candidates.

Criticising the ruling BNP, the Jamaat leader said it had introduced 'Bismillah Rahman' in the Constitution but "it is during their regime that repressive measures against Islam has been the most."

Referring to last year's killings in BL College and Aliya Madrasa, Khan regretted that the killers were yet to be punished.

Describing Awami League as "the representative of the Indian Congress Party", he alleged that they were out to make the country an Indian colony.

Turning to Jatiya Party, he said people still remember the misdeeds of the ousted party during its nine years of autocratic rule.

The Jammat leader said, "it is Islam which can give solutions to all problems."

## Shortage of teachers, inadequate facilities to hamper pry edn

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Jan 28: Shortage of teachers, furniture and the dilapidated conditions of buildings will hamper the education of about 34.97 Lakh children in Rajshahi division.

There are 12,134 government and non-government primary schools in the division.

According to sources, out of the total 34,97,195 children of this division, education of about 1,74,228 children in Natore will be hampered as 523 government and non-government schools of the district are facing problems including shortage of 279 teachers.

Education of 2,57,314 children in Rajshahi will be hampered as 769 schools of the district have shortage of 273 teachers.

About 1,40,570 children in Chapainawabganj will face problems as 488 schools are facing problems for shortage of 209 teachers. About 2,51,261 children in Naogaon district will face problems as 996 schools of the district are facing various problems including shortage of 397 teachers.

About 2,75,113 children in Pabna will face educational problems as 876 schools of the district have shortage of 348 teachers.

About 3,37,236 children will face problems in Sirajganj as 303 posts of teachers are

laying vacant.

About 3,19,300 children in Bogra will face problems as about 376 posts of teachers are laying vacant.

About 91,793 children in Jaypurhat will face problems as 299 schools of the district have vacant posts of 193 teachers.

Education of about 2,54,748 children will be hampered in Rangpur as 397 posts of teachers are laying vacant.

About 2,43,113 children in Gaibandha will face problems as 938 schools of the district have shortage of 279 teachers.

About 1,64,473 children in Nilphamari will face educational problems as 626 schools of the district are facing problems including shortage of 424 teachers.

About 1,89,433 children will face educational problems in Kurigram as 742 schools have vacancy of 245 posts of teachers.

About 1,22,832 children will face problems in Lalmonirhat as 388 schools of the district have vacancy of 208 posts of teachers.

About 3,07,123 children will face problems in Dinajpur as 1,133 schools of the district have vacancy of 811 posts of teachers.

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