

Latest results of 4 city polls

Results of 704 out of the 737 centres of the DCC.

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Complete unofficial results of Chittagong, Khulna and Rajshahi City Corporation elections:

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Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin (BNP)	1,63,713
Afsaruddin Chowdhury (Jamaat)	28,888
Mahmudul Islam Chowdhury (JP)	23,008

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Sheikh Tayebur Rahman (BNP)	77,487
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S M A Rab (JP)	41,250
Md Golam Parwar (Jamaat)	24,703

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Mizanur Rahman Minu (BNP)	58,532
Abdul Matin Khan (AL)	23,001
Md Siddiqur Rahman (Jamaat)	17,692
Md Siddiqur Rahman (Ind)	10,501



Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina addressing a press conference at her Minto Road residence in the city yesterday. DCC mayor-elect Md Hanif (extreme left) is also seen with other senior AL leaders. — Star photo

AL, BNP share posts

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Announcement of the results of three centres on the Dhaka University campus have been withheld by the EC authorities, while the commission failed to give the results of the rest four centres as both ballots and officials concerned remained 'untraced' until 3 pm yesterday.

AL bagged 23,001 votes. Jamaat candidate Md Siddiqur Rahman and independent Md Siddiqur Rahman, who secured third and fourth positions got 17,692 and 10,501 votes respectively.

In Chittagong, AL nominee ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury won the elections by securing 180,468 votes while his nearest rival, Mir Md Nasiruddin of the BNP, polled 1,63,713.

Ashrafuddin Chowdhury of the Jamaat and Mahmudul Islam Chowdhury of the JP secured the third and fourth positions by polling 28,888 and 23,008 votes respectively.

In Khulna, mayor-elect Shaikh Tayebur Rahman of the BNP polled 77,487 votes while his nearest contestant Mahbubul Alam Hiron of the AL got 63,654 votes.

SMA Rab and Md Golam Parwar, of the JP and Jamaat respectively, bagged 41,250 and 24,703 votes.

According to the counting of ballots of 704 Dhaka centres, the AL nominee Mohammad Hanif is now leading his nearest rival Mirza Abbas of the BNP by a margin of 75,200 votes.

Hanif had secured 4,15,036 votes while Abbas bagged 3,39,836.

The polling agents of Mirza Abbas had left the Election Commission office a few minutes before the unofficial results of the 704 centres were announced by the commission officials at 3 pm yesterday.

The BNP representatives left the EC office in protest against, what they said, the commission's failure to trace the results of the four centres.

According to the unofficial results, Col (Retd) MA Malek of the Jatiya Party (JP) bagged 59,589 votes while the Jamaat candidate ATM Azharul Islam polled 34,430 votes in the capital.

The mayor elect of the Rajshahi City Corporation Mizanur Rahman Minu polled 58,532 votes while his nearest rival, Abdul Matin Khan of the

Malek greets Hanif

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Jatiya Party leader and mayoral candidate Col (Retd) Abdul Malek yesterday congratulated Mohammad Hanif, Awami League's nominee, for his massive success in the Dhaka City Corporation polls.

He also greeted Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina.

In a statement, Col Malek said the success achieved by Hanif was the victory of the common people.

He also hoped that Hanif would bring about qualitative changes in the civic amenities and the city would grow more beautiful.

JP demands BNP's resignation

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Jatiya Party leader Barrister Moudud Ahmed yesterday demanded resignation of the BNP government accusing it of rigging the just-held city corporation election and unleashing terrorism during the polling.

Addressing a press conference at the party's Elephant Road office in the city, Moudud said the rigging and violence in the polls had justified his party's demand for holding the next general elections under a care-taker government.

Moudud said the Election Commission's steps for ensuring fair polling were not effective due to lack of sincerity of the government in holding the polls in a free, fair and peaceful manner. Similar measures worked better during the 1991 general elections as those took place under a care-taker government, he said.

The JP president member claimed that his party's popularity had increased and this had been reflected in Sunday's polls.

Meanwhile our Khulna correspondent adds: Former prime minister and JP leader Kazi Zafar Ahmed also demanded the resignation of the government.

He was speaking at a press conference at the Khulna Press Club yesterday.

Kazi Zafar accused Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia of violating the election rules in her recent speech at a public meeting in Khulna.

He alleged that the Prime Minister declared the opening of the Afl Jute Mills and reversing the government policy of selling off the Khulna Hardboard Mills to benefit her party candidate in the KCC polls.

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Srinivasan, who turns 57 next month, will have a 13-month-long tenure.

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After seeing the bodies in the morgue, Chowdhury came out, but faced a similar attack. The DMCH premises' surrounded with slogans like "We will not let him see the dead," "Hang Mir Shawkat," and "Terrorist Minu: You have to answer."

Chowdhury, along with the BNP-backed Chhatra Dal leaders Fazlul Huq Nilam, Asaduzzaman Ripon, Nazimuddin Alam, State Minister for Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka and Telecommunications Minister Tariqul Islam, retreated through the same passage as volleys of brickbats and stones started pouring in through the gridded fencing.

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They said everything was normal until Minister Mir Shawkat Ali — the Member of Parliament from constituency, Dhaka-8 — left the area in the morning. Aziz had met Shawkat in the morning, they said.

Immediately after the incident, the whole area was gripped with grief. Hundreds of wailing people came out on the alleys in the densely populated area to protest the killings.

The mother of Nazrul Islam could say nothing except, "What a curse on me... my son was due to fly to Saudi Arabia on Thursday."

Delwar's father — Anwar Hossain — became unconscious after having the news of his son's death. Ramzan's mother — Rabeya Khatun — wailing uncontrollably, was repeatedly cursing the killers.

Meanwhile, large contingents of BDR and police were deployed in the area. Police rushed to Aziz's house in the area and arrested his father and five others — M Tarik Alam, Abdur Rauf, Motaleb, Mominul Islam, and Joyal.

Abdul Aziz, his wife and other members of the family left the house after the incident said police who cordoned off the empty house.

Post-mortem examinations of the six bodies were done at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital and later the bodies were handed over to the relatives.

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The city BNP leaders said Awami terrorists, led by Alam, again launched a surprise attack on Nazir Ahmed and his supporters this morning with firearms and bombs, seriously injuring six persons.

Mir Shawkat and Salahuddin said Awami terrorists hurled bombs and created panic in different areas of Dhaka city on election day, which compelled hundreds of innocent voters to leave to polling booths and they obstructed an innumerable number of voters from going to polling centres.

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বিশিষ্ট শিরপতি, সমাজসেবক, এহিম গ্রুপ অব ইন্ডাস্ট্রিজের চেয়ারম্যান ও ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক এবং ম্যাগনামাল ক্রেডিট এন্ড কমার্স ব্যাংক লিমিটেডের অন্যতম উদ্যোক্তা পরিচালক জনাব মোঃ আবদুল আজিজ সাহেবের মাজা, এহিম গ্রুপ অব ইন্ডাস্ট্রিজের প্রবীণতম পরিচালক আলহাজ্ব রাব্বো খান পত ২৯শে জানুয়ারী, শনিবার ইত্তেফাক করনে (ইয়াশারিহে রাজউন)। মৃত্যুকালে তাঁহার বয়স ইয়াছিল ৬৭ বছর। মৃত্যুকালে তিনি ৫ ছেলে, ৬ মেয়ে, নাতি-নাতালীসহ অসংখ্য পশতলী বাহিনী গিয়াছেন। তাঁহাকে একই দিনে দেশোপলব্ধ পারিবারিক কবরস্থানে দাফন করা হয়। মরহুমের কুলখানী অর্থাৎ ১-২-৯৪ইং তারিখে বাদ জোহর কেহানীপঞ্জর বানার কোভা ইউনিয়নের সোলেবুর গ্রামের বাজীতে অনুষ্ঠিত হইবে। আগামী ৩রা ফেব্রুয়ারী, বুধবারের বাদ আছর বাজী নং-২৪, রোড নং-১০, ব্রক-কে, বাহিরা মরহুমের জ্যেষ্ঠ পুত্র জনাব মোঃ আবদুল আজিজ সাহেবের বাসভবনে এক মিলাদ মাহফিলে সকল আত্মীয়জন এবং ভক্তাভীনাগণকে উপস্থিত হইয়া মরহুমের কবর মাহফিলে কামদায় শরীক হওয়ার জন্য সর্ববিধ অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে।