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Chittagong polls results

Only Khaleda, Oli among former ministers return

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, June 13: Among the former ministers who contested Wednesday's polls only Begum Khaleda Zia and Oli Ahmed came out successful in Chittagong-1 and Chittagong-13 respectively.

Following are the unofficial results:

Chittagong-1 (Mirersarai): Begum Khaleda Zia of BNP (68,336 votes) won, nearest rival Engr Mosharrat Hossain of Awami League (62,040 votes).

Chittagong-2 (Sitakunda): Abul Kasem of Awami League (45,476) won, nearest rival LK Siddiqi (43,119).

Chittagong-4 (Fatikchhari): Rafiqul Anwar of Awami League (72,536) won, nearest rival Jamaluddin Ahmed of BNP (55,701).

Chittagong-5 (Hathazari): Syed Wahidul Alam of BNP (57,005) won, nearest rival Abusalam of Awami League (42,298).

Chittagong-7 (Rangunia): Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury of BNP (39,296) won, nearest rival Sadek Chowdhury of Awami League (34,753).

Chittagong-9 (Doblemooring-Kotwali-Panchlaish-Chandgaon): MA Mannan of Awami League (99,171) won, nearest rival Abdullah Al Noman of BNP (85,146).

Chittagong-12 (Anwara-Patiyal): Saeed Jamal Nizam of BNP (53,098) won, nearest rival Ataur Rahman Khan Kaiser of Awami League (41,901).

Chittagong-13 (Chandanaish-Satkania): Alhaj Oli Ahmed of BNP (62,322) won, nearest rival Alhaj Nazrul Islam Chowdhury of Awami League (30,728).

Chittagong-14 (Lohagara-Satkania): Alhaj Oli Ahmed of BNP (75,865) won, nearest rival Shahjahan Chowdhury of Jamaat-e-Islami (41,410).

Maudud alleges false voting in Noakhali 1 & 5

By Staff Correspondent

Moudud Ahmed, a Jatiya Party Presidium member, yesterday said that widespread violence and false voting sponsored by interested groups were responsible for his defeat in the June 12 election.

He was giving his reactions to The Daily Star over telephone last night.

Moudud contested from Noakhali-1 and 5 constituencies as the JP nominee.

Claiming to have sent to the Chief Election Commissioner a representation demanding fresh election, Moudud said, "I had earlier informed all concerned including the CEC, the Returning Officer and the SP of Noakhali about my apprehension of terrorism and violence in my constituencies, but no action was taken."

Alleging that the elections in these two constituencies were not free and fair, Moudud criticised the poll observers for certifying that the elections were free and fair.

When told that all defeated leaders speak of electoral manipulation and terrorism, Moudud said, "all that I have said are true."

Stalwarts who lost polls



Repolling in 27 constituencies

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92. result available 82, postponed 10, Kazi Shah Mofazzal Hossain (Kaikobad) of JP: 47,297 Md. Rafiqul Islam Mia of BNP: 42,360.

3. Comilla-4: Total centre: 67, result available 62, postponed 5, Alhaj Eng Manjurul Ahsan Munshi of BNP: 42,480 ABM Golam Mustafa of JP: 33,765.

5. Comilla-6: Total centre: 51, result available 46, postponed 5, Prof M Ali Ashraf of AL: 33,172 Redwan Ahmed of BNP: 29,070 Abdur Rashid Khandaker of FP: 20,202.

5. Comilla-7: Total centre: 58, result available 55, postponed 3, Muhammad Abdul Hakim MP of AL: 40,869 ABM Abu Taher of BNP: 37,078.

6. Comilla-8: Total centre: 60, result available 56, postponed 4, Lt Col Akbar Hossain of BNP: 45,303 ATM Shamsul Haque of AL: 35,677.

7. Comilla-9: Total centre: 51, result available 45, postponed 6, Ahmed Mostafa Kamal of AL: 48,438 Manirul Haq Chowdhury of JP: 45,750.

8. Comilla-10: Total centre: 77, result available 62, postponed 15, Muhammad Tajul Islam of AL: 36,216 ATM Alamgir of BNP: 31,593.

9. Comilla-12: Total centre: 66, result available 57, postponed 9, Muhammad Mujibul Haque of AL: 43,550 Dr Syed Abdullah Muhammad Taher: 25,854.

10. Feni-2: Total centre: 91, result available 89, postponed 2, Jaina Abidin Hazari of AL: 65,139 Ferdous Ahmed Qureshi of BNP: 61,900.

11. Sylhet-1: Total centre: 131, result available 130, postponed 1, Saifur Rahman of BNP: 58,755 Humayun Rashid Chowdhury of AL: 58,850.

12. Sylhet-3: Total centre: 78, result available 77, postponed 1, Abdul Mukti Khan of JP: 26,443 Mahmud-us-Samad Chowdhury of AL: 25,814 Shafiqul Islam Chowdhury of BNP: 25,862.

13. Sylhet-4: Total centre: 64, result available 62, postponed 2, Muhammad Saifur Rahman of BNP: 22,115 Imran

Ahmed of AL: 21,059

14. Sylhet-5: Total centre: 85, result available 84, postponed 1, Muhammad Fariduzzaman Chowdhury of Jamaat: 29,669 Hafiz Ahmad Majumder of AL: 27,564.

15. Chittagong-6: Total centre: 71, result available 64, postponed 5, Giasuddin Kader Chowdhury of BNP: 45,765 ABM Fazle Karim Chowdhury of AL: 31,538.

16. Chittagong-11: Total centre: 84, result available 80, postponed 4, Gazi Muhammad Shahjahan of BNP: 45,374 Moslem Uddin Ahmed of AL: 31,538.

17. Chittagong-15: Total centre: 83, result available 79, postponed 4, Jafarul Islam Chowdhury of BNP: 41,441 Sultanul Kabir Chowdhury of AL: 32,593.

18. Narsingdi-4: Total centre: 85, result available 84, postponed 1, Lt Gen (rtd) Noor Uddin Khan of AL: 78,155 Sakhawat Hossain Bakul of BNP: 76,638.

19. Narayanganj-2: Total centre: 69, result available 63, postponed 6, Ataur Rahman Khan of BNP: 53,257 Emdadul Haq Bhuiyan of AL: 49,802.

20. Chandpur-4: Total centre: 54, result available 48, postponed 5, (Ballot papers snatched from one paper) Abu Nasar M Ehsanul Haq of BNP: 27,492 Alhaj Mesbahuddin Khan of AL: 26,434.

21. Chandpur-3: Total centre: 51, result available 49, postponed 2, GM Fazlul Haque of BNP: 37,390 Flight Lt (rtd) AB Siddique: 30,957.

22. Brahmanbaria-3: Total centre: 123, result available 119, postponed 4, Harun-al Rashid of BNP: 73,566 Lutful Hai Sachchu of AL: 68,101.

23. Faridpur-2: Total centre: 62, result available 59, postponed 2, (Prsiding officer of did not report in 1 centre) KM Obaidur Rahman of BNP: 51,000 Sajeda Chowdhury of AL: 51,128.

24. Jamalpur-2: Total centre: 68, result available 61, postponed 7, Haji Rashed Mosharrat of AL: 37,230 Muhammad Sultan Mahmud Babu of BNP: 34,319.

25. Barisal-2: Total centre: 73, result available 72, postponed 1, Syed Moazzem Hossain Alal of BNP: 31,396 Syed Mainul Haque of AL: 30,294.

26. Patukhali-2: Total centre: 76, result available 75, postponed 1, ASM Firoz of AL: 45,109 Md. Shahidul Alam Talukdar of BNP: 44,865.

27. Sirajganj-4: Total centre: 58, result available 52, postponed 3, Dr Mazharul Islam of AL: 50,265 Hasibur Rahman Swapnan of BNP: 48,223.

Indonesian jet bursts into flames: 3 killed

TOKYO, June 13: An Indonesian passenger jet filled with vacationers aborted its takeoff and burst into flames after skidding into a muddy field in southern Japan Thursday. Three people died and 108 were hurt, officials said, reports AP.

But nearly all of the 275 people aboard, mostly Japanese, managed to flee before leaping flames gutted the Garuda Indonesian Airways DC-10, bound from the southern city of Pukuuko to the resort island of Bali and then on to the Indonesian capital of Jakarta.

Passengers said the plane was airborne for only a few seconds, jerking and bouncing violently as it rose from the runway. As it jolted back to earth, luggage spilled from overhead, the cabin ceiling partially collapsed and smoke began pouring in, they said.

"I heard this terrible metallic scraping noise when the plane hit the ground," passenger Kazumi Yoshitake, 28, told Kyodo News. "I heard a woman scream... Another passenger yelled that the plane was on fire and to get out quickly."

The jetliner plowed through a fence and careened across an access road, cutting a wide brown swath through a green field at the runway's end. It stopped just short of another roadway, coming to rest on its belly, with pieces of the landing gear and fuselage strewn over 100 yards (meters).

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Rocket attack on Kabul: 5 killed

ISLAMABAD, June 13: At least five people were killed and seven injured in a rocket attack on Kabul, the government-controlled radio Kabul said today. The radio, monitored here, said an unspecified number of rockets hit residential areas in the capital. It blamed the rival Taliban Islamic militia for the attack, reports AFP.

Rao wards off fresh challenge to leadership

NEW DELHI, June 13: Former Indian Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao today warded off a fresh challenge to his leadership of the Congress (I) when a key party meeting overlooked two corruption scandals in which he had been named, reports AFP.

Sources said the Congress Working Committee (CWC), the party think tank, decided to hold a session of the All India Congress Committee in July, but did not question Rao's leadership of the 111-year-old party.

The meeting was held in a very cordial atmosphere, spokesman Vithal Gadgil said here. "It was very smooth."

He said no individual was blamed for the Congress' worst electoral debacle in the April-May general elections and corruption was only discussed in a "general context".

Gadgil said the 17-member CWC would meet again Saturday for "self-inspection".

Today's meeting had been called to discuss in detail the party's support in parliament on Wednesday to the united front coalition government which won a confidence vote and whether to join the government, sources said.

They had warned that disension could erupt at the meeting, widely expected to be a stormy affair.

Gadgil had admitted for the first time Wednesday that the number of Rao's detractors was increasing.

"Yes, they seem to be growing in number," he said. "The dissidents are likely to be aggressive in the meeting. What shape it takes remains to be seen."

Rao's defenders, however, said he would emerge unscathed and added that a 38-million-dollar urea scandal allegedly involving his son, was being investigated with no wrongdoing proved yet.

Violence

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Mujibar Rahman who was basking at a corner of the stadium received bullet injuries. He was immediately taken to hospital where doctors declared him dead.

Masum, 13, and Rafiq, 20, also received bullet injuries in the clash. Rafiq was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital and Masum to a local clinic.

During the clash, at least 5 shops were damaged.

Local BNP leaders claimed that Rahman was a member of Juba Dal but his elder brother said Rahman had no political affiliation.

Our DMCH Correspondent added that at least seven persons were injured while an unidentified gang stabbed a young man in separate post-polls violence in the city yesterday.

Two persons - Sri Banash Chandra, 32, and Amir Mohammad, 28 - received bullet wounds when the supporters of two political parties were locked in a clash in Sutrapur area at about 1:30 am. The victims were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), hospital sources said.

In another incident, Md Hossain, 35, a BNP activist, was stabbed seriously following an altercation over the election results in Sipahibagh area, Khilgaon yesterday morning. He was admitted to the DMCH.

Meanwhile, at least five persons were injured when an unidentified gang attacked the office of the bus drivers association at Sayedabad yesterday morning.

Of the victims, four were identified as Nurul Haque, 40, Fayezuddin, 50, Mayenuddin, 30, and Tofayel, 30. They were admitted to the DMCH.

Jatiya Party

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destabilised and was allowed to complete its full five-year term.

Only some mid-ranking JP leaders, including Sayeed Tareq and Mahbubul Haq Dolon, were present at the press conference. The party stalwarts, excepting Manirul Haq Chowdhury, were absent.

On Wednesday's parliamentary election, JP had no major complaint. But the party's acting chief seemed quite unhappy about the Supreme Court's directive barring Ershad from addressing the electorate before the polls.

"JP lost its goodwill by the judgement denying our party chairman of his constitutional right to address his electorates," Chowdhury said.

He added that there was a "psychological breakdown" on the part of JP workers and leaders following the Supreme Court action which, according to him, resulted in loss of many seats for the party.

The JP leader argued that Ershad was an under-trial prisoner and, therefore, eligible to get bail under the existing law of the land.

Insinuating a role of the caretaker government relating to the court action, he said: "It seems the caretaker government is taking care of all parties excepting the Jatiya Party."

"But we accept the verdict of the people and shall do our best to ensure that democracy survives in the country and takes an institutional shape," he added.

Chowdhury, who did not contest in the Wednesday's election, had no complaint about rigging and irregularities in voting, but spoke of the "abuse of money" in election.

"You can't imagine what amount of cash money were distributed, money was put on holy Quran and then handed over to poor people to purchase their votes," he said.

Asked to comment on the debacle of Jamaat-e-Islami in the election, Chowdhury said it signalled that people were increasingly becoming conscious.

Party stalwarts

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The routed Awami League top notches are Syeda Zohra Tajuddin, Mohiuddin Ahmed, Amir Hossain Amu, Suranjit Sengupta, Sudhanshu Shekhar Haldar and Abdul Jalil. JP leader Barrister Moudud Ahmed, Kazi Zafar Ahmed, Shah Moazzem Hossain and Sarder Amjad Hossain were trounced in the general election.

Moulana Abbas Ali Khan, party secretary general Moulana Mattur Rahman Nizami, Maulana Abdus Sobhan, Mohd Qamruzzaman, and Sheikh Anwar Ali of Jamaat also were crest-fallen.

AL largest

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Jatiya Party with its 29 seats so far bagged is likely to appear as the decisive factor in coming days' crucial politics of formation of government. According to political observers, Jatiya Party may be the kingmaker.

Jamaat, with two seats to its credit, is likely to face a disastrous end.

Islamic Oikya Jote, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD-Rab) and independent have so far got one seat each.

Results of two more constituencies, withheld for technical reasons, are expected to be announced by today (Friday) or tomorrow according to the Election Commission.

The constituencies are Brahmanbaria-1 and Satkhira-2.

Out of the remaining 27 constituencies where elections were postponed because of various incidents on the polling day and repolling will be held on June 19, Awami League is leading the probable list.

Awami League candidates are leading in 12 constituencies. BNP in 10, Jatiya Party in four and Workers' Party in one constituency, according to the partial unofficial results announced by the EC.

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symbol 'boat' with 12 other winning candidates and BNP got 141 seats, JP bagged 35 seats, Jamaat 18, Workers Party, Islami Oikya Jote and NDP one each and independent candidates won three seats.

A certain degree of voter disenchantment, coupled with complacency and indiscipline within the BNP, and a spirited, efficient and people-oriented campaign for the caretaker government, the AL gained valuable political mileage by forcing the then BNP government to accept the demand and quit in the face of an Opposition movement.

The oldest and one of the most well-organised political parties in the country, the AL also ran a more sober, systematic and matured election campaign. It avoided the strategies that did not work the last time, even to the extent of avoiding some sensitive issues like repealing the

BNP enforces hartal in Feni

FENI, June 13: BNP activists enforced a dawn-to-dusk hartal in the town today protesting alleged vote rigging at different centres in the local constituency, reports UNB.

Ferdous Ahmed Qureshi, the BNP candidate for Feni-2 seat, called the hartal to protest rigging, harassment of voters and partisan behaviour of the administration.

The Election Commission postponed polls on Wednesday in two centres of the constituency and did not announce the result.

Hasina: Invitation

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On insistence from newsmen she, however, said "We will seek every party's support" for building the nation.

"We will immediately initiate consultations with all the political forces in the country and begin a process of reconciliation," said the AL president. "What the nation needs today is single-minded attention to resolve the economic and administrative problems. We are determined to get on with the job without losing any time," she added.

She said that Awami League was hopeful of gaining absolute majority by now but violence resorted to by a former ruling party forced postponement of elections in certain constituencies. Re-elections in these seats are scheduled to be held shortly, she pointed out.

Asked for her comment on allegations of polls rigging made by BNP, Hasina said, "everyone should respect people's verdict. The election was reasonably fair."

She thanked the Election Commission for their "best efforts" for holding the elections. "There have been instances of false votes and intimidation but, given the enormity and complexity of the task, they seem to have made their best efforts."

She also thanked the caretaker government, law enforcing agencies and the armed forces for the role played by them to help ensure peaceful holding of the polls.

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