

In Khulna, Sylhet, Barisal

Deposit money of 115 candidates forfeited

SYLHET, June 15: As many as 50 candidates out of 71 in 6 constituencies of Sylhet district lost their security deposits as they failed to secure even one-eighth of votes cast in June 12 elections, according to our staff correspondent in Sylhet.

Of the total of 50 who lost their security deposits, six are of Jamaat-E-Islami, 5 of Jaker Party, two of Jatiya Party one of BNP and the rests are of Khe-lafat Andolon, JSD (Rab), JSD (Inu), Jamaat-e-Ulama-e-Islam and others including Independents.

Besides, 13 candidates among 16 in Sylhet-1, six among 9 in Sylhet-2, nine among 12 in Sylhet-3, five among 10 in Sylhet-4, 10 among 13 in Sylhet-6 constituencies lost their security deposits.

Our Staff Correspondent from Khulna says: Security of 30 candidates out of total 46 in six constituencies of the district was forfeited in Wednesday's election.

Election office sources said, eight out of ten in Khulna-1, five out of seven in Khulna-2, six out of nine in Khulna-3, four out of six in Khulna-4, four

of eight in Khulna-5 and three out of six in Khulna-6 lost security money in the elections.

Our Staff Correspondent from Barisal adds: So far 35 candidates out of 50 candidates in total of different political parties who contested in six constituencies in Barisal district in last June 12 polls have lost their security deposits.

Six candidates out of 8 in Barisal-1 constituency, 7 out of 10 in Barisal-2, 7 out of 9 in Barisal-3, 4 out of 6 in Barisal-4, 6 out of 9 in Barisal-5 and 5 out of 8 candidates in Barisal-6 constituency have lost their security deposits as they could not even gain the requisite votes (one eighth) of votes cast in their respective constituencies in the polls.

The total number of voters in 6 constituencies of Barisal is 9,46,183 of which 6,87,594 voters have cast their votes in the 12 June election.

At least 4 national level stalwarts from different political parties who contested the polls from 6 constituencies of the district failed to win the electoral race this time.

In current fiscal year

Zeal Bangla Sugar Mills incurs loss of Tk 2 crore

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, June 15: Zeal Bangla Sugar Mills incurred a loss of Taka 2 crore in the current fiscal year due to rampant crisis of sugarcane, irregularities, corruption and smuggling of Indian sugar in various areas of the country.

It is learnt that last year this sugar mill earned Taka 1.50 crore and since its inception from 1958, there was no loss excepting in 1988. The mill sources said that the price of the sugar was fixed at Taka 35 in 1994 and in 1995 the prices of sugar per kilo was decreased by Taka 4.47. Due to decrease in the price and enhancement of the salary of 1,600 staff, the mill incurred the loss. The mill source said.

At present the price of sugarcane is Tk 37.50 fixed per mound. As price of sugar was fixed at Taka 25 per kilo instead of 29.47 this year, the

loss become inevitable.

It is reported that Taka seven lakh in excess was spent due to enhancement of the salaries of the staff. Moreover, due to VAT at the rate of 2.4 in 1991-92 the mill incurred a loss of Taka 1.50 crore. The sources also said that in absence of proper policy and assistance to export sugar and production of sugarcane in the mill area the authority is compelled to give money in advance to the sugarcane farmers for their cultivation.

It is learnt that the production capacity of the mill is 10,000 metric tons.

It is to be mentioned here that before independence of the country there were only five sugar mills in the country and the production target was 50,000 metric tons and now there are 16 sugar mill, in the country with the production

target of two lakh metric tons of sugar while the demand in the country is three lakh metric tons.

Bangladesh Food and Sugar Industries Corporation authorities viewed that they are able to produce three lakh metric tons of sugar from the existing sugar mills, if the government or the Food and Agricultural Organisation and other donor organisation patronise the small farmers of the sugar mill areas in sugar cultivation. An employee of this organisation also said that India produce one crore 10 lakh metric tons of sugar per year. Pakistan produces 30 lakh metric tons while Thailand produces 40 lakh metric tons of sugar.

The source said that due to rampant smuggling of sugar in the country, the local sugar mills are facing closure.

Kishoreganj-1 BNP candidate demands repolling

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, June 15: Md Idris Ali Bhuiyan, President, Pakundia thana unit of BNP and a candidate of the party from Kishoreganj-1 (Hossainpur-Rakundia) constituency demanded reelection in 10 centres of the constituency.

Addressing a press conference at the Kishoreganj Press Club yesterday (Friday) he alleged that there were massive malpractices like vote rigging, looting of ballot boxes by interested groups in co-operation with the local administration. The matter was immediately brought to the notices of concerned higher authorities, but no action was taken, he further alleged.

The centres where re-election were demanded include Tarakani primary school, Charateki primary school, Monirakanda primary school, Daggada high school, Lumxia high school, Parobaria primary school, Harsee high school, Sukhia high school, SRD high school and Paran Primary school.

Paddy worth Tk 600 cr produced in 10 S-dists

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, June 15: 9, 14, 200 metric tons of Paddy worth Taka 600 crore was produced in ten southern districts this season.

According to Agriculture Extension Department (AED) sources, about 2, 70, 500 hectares of land was brought under Boro cultivation in Khulna division this season. Sources said, about 48,200 hectares of land was brought under the programme in Jhenidah, over 19,200 hectares in Magura, 11,100 hectares in Narail, 5,100 hectares in Bagerhat, over 12,100 hectares in Rajshahi, about 40,000 hectares in Sathkha, 16, 400 hectares in Kushtia, 22,500 hectares in Chuadanga and about 10,900 hectares in Meherpur districts.

BNP candidate in Pabna-2 alleges irregularities in polling centre

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, June 15: BNP candidate from Pabna-2 constituency, A K M Selim Reza Habib, in a press conference held in Pabna Press Club Thursday night, alleged serious irregularities in four centres of his constituency and demanded cancellation of the polls in the said centres and holding of fresh polls in those centres.

He lodged written complaints before the Returning and Assistant Returning officers and forwarded copies to Chief Election Commissioner also on June 13.

Selim Reza Habib, according to unofficial results published, lost to Ahmed Tafiz Uddin of Awami League by a margin of 1732 votes only.

The BNP candidate alleged that in Kadoa Govt Primary School centre, at about 9-30 am, armed AL workers suddenly entered into the centre, forcibly pushed his polling agents out and took away ballot papers from presiding and polling officers, put seals and filled ballot boxes, freely.

Post-poll clash 11 hurt in Sailkupa

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, June 15: At least 11 persons including a woman were injured and seven houses were damaged in a post-poll clash at village Dhaura in Sailkupa thana of the district on Thursday evening.

According to local people and eye-witnesses, the clash took place when a group of BNP activists allegedly damaged houses of Malek Master, Rezaul, Shamsur Biswas and some other persons. During the clash house-wife Panpati Begum, 40, Awami League supporters Mohsin, 22, Hussein, 21, Siam, 20, Shahabuddin, 22, Hedayet, 23, and Laitu, 20, BNP supporters Mukul, 20, Asadul, 21, Shahin, 20, Gelam, 21 and Tuhin received injuries. Of them injured five were rushed to Sailkupa thana health complex and Jhenidah sadar hospital. Police visited the spot.

Turnout 85 pc in Sirajganj AL candidates win five out of seven seats

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, June 15: Awami League candidates have unofficially won in five constituencies, leading in one and a BNP candidate won the remaining one seat here.

From Sirajganj-1 Mohammad Nasim of Awami League won by getting 62383 votes while his nearest rival Abdul Majid Minu of BNP bagged 23827 votes.

Mohammad Nasim of AL also won in Sirajganj-2 where he bagged 67802 votes against 52400 votes bagged by his rival A K Shamsul Alam of BNP. However, the result of one centre out of 105 in this constituency is yet to be declared.

In Sirajganj-3, BNP candidate TMA Mannan won by getting 74190 votes while his closest rival Ishaq Hossain Talukder bagged 70974 votes.

AL's Abdul Latif Mirza won in Sirajganj-4 by getting 80476 votes while his closest rival BNP's AYM Kamal bagged 38290 votes.

In Sirajganj-5, AL's Abdul Latif Biswas won by getting 51679 votes while his closest rival BNP's Shahidullah Khan bagged 48360 votes.

In Sirajganj-6 winner AL's Prof Md Shahjahan bagged 29591 votes while his closest rival Lt Com (ret'd) Mahbulul Islam of BNP bagged 26855 votes.

In Sirajganj-7, AL candidate Prof Majharul Islam is leading with 50265 votes while his closest rival Hasibur Rahman Shawpan so far bagged 48223 votes. Results of 3 centres out of total 55 centres have been suspended by the EC fearing that clashes might take place in these centres between supporters of the two candidates.

The three suspended centres here are: Beskandi UP Office, Panchra Govt and Hatkhora Govt Primary School. In the 1991 elections, the

AL had won in only one constituency (Mohammad Nasim in Sirajganj-1) while the rest were won by BNP candidates.

The voters' turnout was huge during the elections which was observed in a festive manner on Wednesday. According to different figures given by the EC sources here, the minimum turnout was 70 per cent while the maximum turnout was 85 per cent.

Acute traffic jam in Kishoreganj

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, June 15: Violation of traffic rules, hazardous parking of vehicles and occupation of roads by the hawkers are creating traffic jam in the town causing much sufferings to the pedestrians.

The traffic system in the town collapsed due to non-enforcement of traffic regulations by the concerned department, it is alleged.

The town dwellers further alleged that various vehicles particularly rickshaws parked here and there in the busy areas are also disrupting movement of pedestrians.

Besides the vendors and hawkers sell their commodities illegally occupying the roads which aggravated the suffering of the people.

A large number of rickshaws are plying in the town without licence. Most of the rickshawpuller do not know the traffic rules which causes frequent accidents. The rickshawpullers also do not use light after sunset.

The town-dwellers urged the concerned authority to take immediate measures in this regard and mitigate the sufferings of the people.

2,600 MT of wheat seeds bought from 5000 contract growers in Chuadanga zone

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, June 15: A total of 2,600 metric tons of wheat seeds are procured from the 5000 wheat seed cultivators of contract growers Chuadanga Zone during the current wheat seed procurement season.

The procurement target of wheat seed from Chuadanga zone was fixed at 2,500 metric tons.

During the current season 3,385 acres of land were brought under wheat cultivation in Chuadanga zone of contract growers run by the BADC for the purpose of wheat seed

production. Three varieties of wheat seeds are procured from Chuadanga zone which are Kanchan, Akbar and Aghrani.

The seeds are procured through 8 purchasing centres. The price of wheat seed is Taka 10.50 per kg.

The BADC managed contract growers — Chuadanga zone consists of 14 blocks. The zone comprises with four thanas of Chuadanga district and part of Moheshpur thana of Jhenidah district.

Smuggled clothes pose threat to handloom factories in Sherpur

From Our Correspondent

SHERPUR, June 15: The handloom-oriented cottage industries are facing closure day by day due to influx of Indian smuggled clothes in the local markets of the district, according to local Handloom Board sources.

Minor girl crushed to death

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, June 15: A minor girl was crushed to death and two others injured when two autorickshaw vehicles collided at Gobindapur on Saikupa-Hatfaziapur route in Saikupa thana on Thursday.

According to police and eye-witnesses, the victim Sumi, 5 was knocked down by the speeding vehicles at about 4 pm on the day and she died on the spot.

Two other passengers were also injured. They were rushed to the Saikupa Thana Health Complex.

A case was lodged with Saikupa thana. Both the drivers managed to flee.

The rural markets of Sherpur and its adjoining districts, like Jamalpur, Tangail and Mymensingh have been flooded with various Indian goods including cotton pieces, dye, sugar, eggs, species, onion, cosmetics, major, blades, match boxes and medicines.

Every day printed sarees and blouse pieces worth lakhs of Takas are coming into the country affecting the local handloom industries. Many weavers have already gave up their profession as demands for their products have gone down in the local markets.

It is learnt that Bahadurabad and Jagannathganj ghat rail stations in Jamalpur district, Kamalpur and Patharacher border areas in Sherpur district are the main transit points of the smuggled Indian goods. It is alleged that smuggled goods from Rajshahi, Iswardi, Hilly, Dinapur and Patnagar are being brought here by local and inter-city trains and unloaded at Jagannathganj ghat rail station and these are being sold in the open market. Local people alleged that a group of influential section were involved with this unscrupulous business.



JHENIDAH: Artistes performing 'boul' dance at a function arranged by Saikupa thana Shilpakala Academy recently. — Star photo

Six ex-ministers fail to win seats in Sylhet Div

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, June 15: As many as six ex-ministers, state ministers and one central leader of Awami League, Jatiya Party and BNP who contested in June 12 elections from different constituencies of Sylhet Division this time failed to win seats.

Awami League ex-whip Azizur Rahman lost to BNP ex-finance minister M Saifur Rahman in Moulvibazar-3. Awami League central leader ex-MP Suranjit Sengupta lost to JP nominee, ex-upazila chairman Nasiruddin Chowdhury in Sunamganj-2. JP's ex-minister Major (Ret'd) Iqbal Hossain Chowdhury lost to BNP's Fazul Haque Aspia in Sunamganj-4. JP's ex-minister Sirajul Hossain Khan and BNP's ex-minister Jakaria Khan Chowdhury lost to Awami League ex-MP Sharif Uddin Ahmed in Habiganj-2. JP's ex-whip and state minister Syed Mohammad Kaiser who fought this time as an independent candidate lost to JP nominee Abu Lais Mohammad Mubin Chowdhury in Habiganj-3. and JP's ex-state minister Faruque Rashid Chowdhury lost to Awami League's ex-deputy leader of the House Abdus Samad Azad in Sunamganj-3.

20 hurt in AL, BNP clashes in Cox's Bazar

From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, June 15: Some 20 people were injured in separate attacks at two victory processions of Awami League and BNP in Ukhiya and Chokora thana of the district on Thursday night, reports UMB.

Awami League alleged that BNP workers of Ukhiya thana attacked their activists when they brought out victory processions. Some 15 AL workers were injured in the incident of them five were admitted to Ukhiya Hospital.

On the other hand, BNP of Chokora thana blamed AL workers for attacking their victory procession injuring five of their partymen.

Langalbandh sub-post office faces various problems

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, June 15: Langalbandh sub-post office in Sripur thana of the district is facing manifold problems.

According to the sources, Langalbandh post office was established during the period of British regime as Extra Department Branch Post Office (EDBPO) in a part of a shop in Langalbandh bazar. It was turned to the department sub-post office before independence and a tinshed house was built in one decimal of land which was donated by Mohindra Nath Kundu for running the sub-post office. Four extra

get damaged, local people alleged.

According to the official sources, on average 3000 letters and other documents are delivered through this office monthly and more than Taka one lakh is also distributed through this post office per month. Besides, postal saving bank services are also conducted by this sub-post office.

Langalbandh is a big business centre in this locality. The area of this business centre is vast. As a result two more post boxes are necessary



MAGURA: The tinshed Sub Post Office at Langalbandh in Sripur thana. — Star photo

departmental branch post offices including Masalta, Amal-sar, Karandi and Dhalahara Chandra are conducted by this sub-post office.

There are the post master and one post man in the office. They have to serve this office with out any office assistant, sources said.

It was learnt that this post office is not allegedly getting all facilities of a sub-post office. As for example the function of this sub-post office has been running in the said small tinshed house which is lying in a poor condition for a long time. Due to insecurity valuable letters and documents often

one at Adiluddin College and other at Langalbandh bus stand, the local people demanded.

The local people alleged that the authority concerned had not yet taken initiative to set up PCO or card phone or telegraph service in the sub-post office. As a result they have to face various problems.

There is no staff quarters for the post office. Even their is no urinal and latrine in this sub-post office.

The people of the locality have appealed to the authorities to take necessary step to remove problems for ensuring better service.

Tender Notice Military Engineer Services (Army)

- Applications are invited by AHQ, QMG's Br, DW&CE (Army) Dhaka Cantt for issue of tender documents for the following works. Applications to be submitted within 07 days from the date of publication of the advertisement:
 - Construction of RISD, Guard Room & Boundary Wall at Dhaka Cantt.
- MES enlisted 'B' & 'C' Class contractors may apply quoting their Class & Index Number. Contractors must have VAT registration certificate and VAT will be recovered from the amount received on services rendered. Applications should be submitted by post.
- Authority preserves full power to accept/cancel any/all applications without assigning any reason.

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Dhaka Cantt

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Principal Police Academy, Sardah, Rajshahi Re-Tender Notice

Tenders are invited from bonafide traders contractors/companies/suppliers for supply of the undermentioned goods for the Police Academy, Sardah, Rajshahi during 1995-96 financial year.

- For the 4th quarter of 1995-96 financial year:
 - Fuel wood (mango) : For Ration Store.
 - Supply of Daida : For Ration Store 3rd & 4th quarter.
 - Wheat crushing : For Ration Store.
 - Local carrying : Carrying of ration goods from local food godown Charnhat & Rajshahi for Ration Store.

Separate schedule for the said goods at Tk 400/= (four hundred) only (non-refundable) per set should be collected from the office of the undersigned by 29-6-96. Tender as per terms & conditions stated in the schedule should be submitted under sealed cover in the tender box kept at this office by 12:00 Noon of 30-6-96. Tender will be opened on the same day at 12:15 hours in presence (if any) of the tenderers. Incomplete tender will be treated as cancelled. The authority reserves the right to reject the tender in part or whole without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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CHANDPUR: Prof Md Abdul Khaleque, Principal of Chandpur Government College is distributing prizes among the winners at the children's competition recently. — Stat photo

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Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders in Local/Foreign currency are invited from bonafide manufacturers/suppliers/indentors/dealers (enlistment with this Directorate General is not necessary) for supply of following items for Bangladesh Army:

Serial	Nomenclature	Qty	Selling date	Date of opening	Cost of I/T and currency
a.	Hand Set H-189/GR	47 Nos	23-6-96 to 8-7-96	10-7-1996	Taka 15.00 foreign currency

2. Detailed specification, nomenclatures and quantity of items have been mentioned in the tender schedule. The tender schedule will be available on cash payment against the mentioned amount (not refundable) at above mentioned dates on any working day between 0800 hrs to 1300 hrs. The tender will be opened on aforesaid date at 1000 hrs in presence of all tenderers.

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