



PABNA: An old women(L) unable to walk came by a rickshaw van to cast her vote last Wednesday at the Dublia High School polling Centre. (Right) Turnout of women voters in one of the centres in Bera thana of the district was quite high.

— Star photo

AL regains four seats in Pabna after 21 years

From Ranesh Maitra

PABNA, June 17: After long 21 years, Awami League has been able to regain its political supremacy by capturing four out of five seats of Pabna district in the last June 12 general elections. The only other seat has been won by the BNP.

In no other election following the August 15, 1975, change-over, Awami League could win so many seats — not to speak of so many votes either. Only 1986 general elections, Awami League won two seats — three others having been won by the Jatiya Party. The BNP, however, did not participate in the said elections.

In 1991 general elections, to utter surprise of all, Awami League failed to win any of the five seats — three were won by the BNP while two others were won by the Jamaat-e-Islami. The winners were Moulana Matiar Rahman Mizami and Moulana Abdus Subhan of the Jamaat and Osman Ghani Khan, Serajul Islam Sardar and Saiful Azam of BNP.

In the June 12 general elections, Awami League candidates Prof. Abu Sayeed won from Pabna-1 constituency by securing 73,335 votes, Ahmed Taifz Uddin won from Pabna-2 constituency by securing 67,250 votes, Waziuddin Khan won from Pabna-3 by securing 85,644 votes and Shamsur Rahman Sharif Difu won from Pabna-4 constituency by securing a total of 66,424 votes. The lone BNP candidate, Rafiqul Islam Bakul, however, won from Pabna-5 constituency winning a total of 78,165 votes.

The gain of Awami League was not only evident from winning four seats in the district. They scored much higher number of votes than in 1991 general elections.

A comparative study of the number of votes secured by the different parties in this district would give a clear picture of their respective positions.

Awami League candidate from Pabna-1 constituency won 49,920 votes in 1991 but this

year, he has secured 73,335 votes.

BNP, on the other hand, won 24,815 votes in 1991 from the above constituency (their candidate was late Mirza Abdul Awal) but this time, their candidate, Major (Retd) Manzoor Quader made a tremendous gain and secured 58,652 votes but still lost to his Awami League rival.

In 1991 general election Jamaat-e-Islami candidates Moulana Matiar Rahman Nizami won a surprising victory from this constituency (first ever victory in his life) by securing a total of 55,707 votes but this time, in the June 12 general elections he secured only 42,265 votes — which means his vote this time was reduced by 13,500 votes.

The security money of all other candidates who contested from this seat was forfeited. They were: Anwar Hossain of Jatiya Party (1,231 votes) Advocate Sheikh Md. Abdul Aziz of (Freedom Party (99 votes) Moulana Saifuddin Yahya of Islamic Oikya Jote (902 votes) and Dewan Sultan Mohammad, an Independent candidate (198 votes).

In constituency No. Pabna-2, Awami League candidate Ahmed Taifz Uddin won 48,086 votes in 1991 general elections but was defeated. This time, the same candidate secured 67,250 votes and became victorious.

The BNP candidate Osman Ghani Khan won from this constituency in 1991 general elections by securing a total of 67,431 votes but AKM Selim Reza Habib, who was nominated by the BNP this time, won 65,745 votes.

As regards the other contesting candidates from this seat, security money of all were forfeited.

These candidates are: Advocate Hatem Ali of Jamaat-e-Islami 3,979 votes, Maqbul Hossain Shantu of Jatiya Party, 2,451 votes, Ferdous Alam Khan of Jaker Party 759 votes

and two independent candidates — Moulana Md. Abdul Wahab and Khondker Golam Murtaza who bagged 424 and 177 votes respectively.

From constituency No. Pabna-3, Awami League candidate Waziuddin Khan bagged 64,523 votes in 1991 general elections but was defeated. This time, the same candidate won by securing a record number of votes-85,644.

BNP candidate Saiful Azam Suja won in 1991 from this seat by capturing 91,540 votes but although a nominated again this time from his Party, Saiful Azam's nomination paper was declared invalid on ground of his being a Bank-loan defaulter. A.K.M Anwarul Islam was then nominated by BNP. He secured 71,435 votes but still lost to Awami League nominee Wazi Uddin Khan.

In this constituency as well all other candidates lost their security money. They were: Syed Muhammad Abdur Rahim Dudu of Jatiya Party-10,752 votes, Prof. Afzal Hossain of Jamaat-e-Islami-14,936 votes, K. M. Atur Rahman Rana of Workers Party-1,469 votes; Advocate Md. Abdus Sattar of Ganu Forum-665 votes and Moulana Ahaduzzaman of Jaker Party 973 votes.

From Pabna-4 constituency, Awami League candidate Habibur Rahman Habib (This year he joined BNP after he failed to secure AL ticket), obtained 40,970 but was defeated. This time, Awami League candidate from this seat, Shamsur Rahman Shari Difu bagged 66,424 votes and became the winner.

BNP candidate Sirajul Islam Sardar became the winner from this constituency in 1991 general elections by securing 48,058 votes but was defeated in the last elections by securing 55,944 votes.

Jamaat-e-Islami, also has a strong hold in this constituency and their nominee Moulana Nasiruddin obtained 37,562 votes in 1991 general elections but was defeated

The same candidate from the same party, however, bagged 35,596 votes.

All other candidates who contested from this constituency this year, lost their security money. They were: Md. Anwar Hossain Rumi of Jatiya Party 5,022 votes, Abdul Ghaffar of Jaker Party-797 votes, Advocate Md. Azizul Haque of Ganu Forum-228 votes and Habibur Rahman Habib-204 votes.

From constituency No. Pabna-5, Awami League candidate Rafiqul Islam Bakul (now BNP) won 48,559 votes in 1991 general elections but was defeated. This time, however, Awami League candidate Air Vice Marshal (retired) A.K. Khondker won much larger number of votes-69,119 but could not win.

In this constituency, Jamaat-e-Islami candidate Moulana Abdus Subhan won 75,586 votes in 1991 general elections and became the winner. But this, Moulana Abdus Subhan secured only 37,336 votes and won third position.

BNP candidate Advocate Abul Ahsan Gora won 23,734 votes from this seat in 1991 general elections, but this time, BNP nominee Rafiqul Islam Bakul won 78,165 votes and came out successful, miraculously.

The security money of all other candidates who contested from this seat were forfeited. They are: Md. Iqbal of Jatiya Party- 4,377 votes, Advocate Toshim Hasan Sumon of Jaker Party-659 votes, Amzad Hossain of Bhasani NAP-423 votes and Advocate Aminul Islam Talukder of Freedom Party-85 votes.

According to official statistics, a total of 8,57,720 voters out of 10,43,938 voters cast their votes in the June 12 general elections this year from Pabna district as against a total of 7,44,387 votes cast during the 1991 general elections from the five constituencies of Pabna district.

BNP bags all four seats in Manikganj

From Our Correspondent

MANIKGANJ, June 17: Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) candidates have won in all four constituencies in Manikganj district in the general election of June 12.

From Manikganj-1 Khondkar Delwar Hossain (ex-chief whip) of BNP won by getting 44,501 votes while his nearest rival A. M. Sayedur Rahman of Awami League bagged 33,306 votes.

In Manikganj-2, Harunar Rashid Khan (Member of BNP) won by getting 64,085 votes while his nearest rival Justice AKM Nurul Islam (ex-Vice President) of Awami League bagged 27,749 votes.

Ahaj Advocate Nizamuddin Khan of BNP won Manikganj-3 seat by getting 64,672 votes against his closest rival Colonel (Retired) Abdul Malek of Jatiya Party, who got 41,385 votes.

In Manikganj-4, Md. Shamsul Islam Khan (ex-minister) of BNP won getting 61,796 votes while his nearest rival Dr. Jilqat Ahmed of Awami League got 38,795 votes.

The voters turnout was huge during the elections which was ever highest after liberation. Besides these elections, BNP won in all four constituencies in Manikganj district in 1979 and 1991 election.

Dacoity in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, June 17: A daring dacoity was committed in the office room of Jhenidah pourashava in the night of June 13 last.

According to reports, a group of armed miscreants numbering

7 to 8 caught two night guards of the pourashava and tied them with ropes at gunpoint. Then they ransacked three rooms and looted cash money.

When the people rushed to office hearing hue and cry, the miscreants fled the scene leaving a pipe gun.

A case was lodged with Jhenidah thana in this connection. But none was arrested so far, police said.

BSF takes away 20 bullocks

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, June 17: The Indian BSF personnel took away 20 bullocks from inside the Bangladesh territory Saturday afternoon. The incident occurred near the No Man's Land near the border pillar number 1285.

BDR protested the incident and sent a protest letter to the BSF, but there was no response yet, said an official.

Development works nearing completion in Manikganj

From Our Correspondent

MANIKGANJ, June 17: The works of various development projects involving about Taka 3.28 crore in seven thanas of the district are nearing completion.

Official sources said the construction works of thirty three non-government secondary schools have already been completed and other nine are going to be completed soon.

On completion of the schools some 10,000 students of the district will be provided with educational facilities.

PATUAKHALI

57 dev schemes near completion

PATUAKHALI, June 17: Execution of some 57 development schemes are nearing completion in Dasmina thana of the district, reports UNB.

The schemes included repair and construction of embankments, excavation of canals and maintenance of road and earth filling of the religious and educational institutions.

Official sources said, 370 metric tons of wheat were sanctioned for execution of these schemes.

According to another report, Gramam Bank has taken up a programme to disburse Tk 15 crore in Pirojpur district in the current fiscal year as small loans.

Bank sources said, the loans will be distributed for cattle rearing, poultry birds, paddy husking, purchase of rural transportation, small trading and cultivation of vegetables.

About 17,200 distressed people of the district will be benefited out of distribution of the loans. It is learnt.

Arms recovered

NAOGAON, June 17: Saphar thana police in Naogaon district recovered three country-made pistols and two bullets recently, reports BSS.

OC Abdul Matin, acting on a secret information, recovered one pistol from a point under Talkura bridge. The thana police led by SI Motiur Rahman also recovered one pistol and ammunition near Anarpur bridge.

Saphar police filed cases in these connection.



CHANDPUR: The world environment day was observed recently at Chandpur organised by Sputnik Science Club of the district.

— Star photo

BAU Honours course admission test June 23

MYMENSINGH, June 17: Admission to first year honours courses (session 1995-96) under six faculties of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) will begin on June 23, reports UNB.

Students selected in the merit list have been directed to be present at Shilpacharya Jainul Abedin auditorium at 9 am with admission fees and other charges amounting to Tk 900, said a press release.

Students from waiting list will be admitted, in the vacant seats, on the basis of merit at 10 am to 12 noon on June 25, the release added.

Drinking water project in Netrakona

NETROKONA, June 17: Public Health Engineering Department, Netrakona, has taken up a project to ensure pure drinking water in the district town, reports BSS.

An official source said that three deep tubewells and sixteen kilometres long pipeline would be installed at Satpai, Bara Pukurpar and district council office areas at a cost of Taka three crore.

Work on the project would start from this month. It would be completed during the current year, the source said.

With completion of the project, water problem of more than 20,000 thousand people would be solved, the source added.

Bidis sold without bandrolls in rural markets

BARGUNA, June 17: Bidis without bandrolls are being sold in rural hats and bazars of the district depriving the government of considerable amount of revenue, reports UNB.

Official sources said under the existing law Tk 35 is to be paid as excise duty for every one hundred packets of bidi with bandrolls.

But used bandrolls collected from retailers are being stocked and used to evade the excise duty.

Actual production figures are also allegedly kept secret by the bidi factory owners to hoodwink the tax officials, they said.

It is alleged that concerned officials remain indifferent to this malpractice for reasons best known to them.

Meanwhile, smoking of bidi is increasing day by day following the price hike of different low brand cigarettes in the district.

Cancellation of Tender Notice

Due to unavoidable circumstances the tender invited vide this office Memo No 790 dated 10-4-96 and Corrigendum Notice vide this office Memo. No. 979 dated 14-5-96 for the undermentioned work is hereby cancelled.

Sl No	Name of work
1.	Construction of 24-storied Govt Servant Benevolent Fund Building (In the 1st phase 12-storied twin tower including Civil, Sanitary and Water Supply, Internal Electrification and other ancillary works).

Md Shahidul Islam
Executive Engineer
Dhaka PWD Division-I,
15, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.

DFP-13532-15/6
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PDB Auction Notice

বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহারে মিতব্যয়ী হোন

Sealed quotations are hereby invited from the interested buyers or organisations for selling of different kind of unserviceable materials on auction within the protected area of Ashuganj Power Station Complex store 'as is where is basis' vide our No MM/APSC/AE-18/96/2460 dated 8/6/96.

Quotation documents will be available in the offices of (1) Chief Engineer (Generation), PDB, WAPDA Building, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka (2) Chief Engineer, Power Station Construction, No 1, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka (3) Chief Engineer (O&M), APSC, PDB, Ashuganj, B. Baria up to 7/7/96 English, 23/3/1403 Bangla on payment of Tk 25/- (twenty-five) only (non-refundable) for purchase of each set of quotation documents in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order of any scheduled bank of Bangladesh and to be drawn in favour of Deputy Director (Accounts), RAO, PDB, Ashuganj, B. Baria subject to prior permission from the office of the serial No. 1 & 2. The said quotation documents will also be available in the Janata Bank, Ashuganj Bazar Branch, Ashuganj, B Baria subject to prior permission from the Manager (Maint), APSC and the form of the undersigned. The quotation will be simultaneously received in the office of the serial No. 1 & 2 and also in the office of the undersigned up to 12-00 Noon on 8/7/96 Eng, 24/3/1403 Bangla.

The quotation will be opened in the same day at 12-15 pm in presence of the bidders (if any). No tender document will be sold on the opening day. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all documents without assigning any reason thereof and not bound to accept the highest bidders.

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Deputy Director (Stores)
Ashuganj Power Station
Complex, Ashuganj, B. Baria

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
Local Government Engineering Department
Dist: Meherpur

Memo No: LGED/EE/Meherpur/743

Dated: 27-2-03
10-6-96

Tender Notice

Item wise rate quoting tenders are invited in BD Form No. 2911 from the enlisted contractors of LGED, Meherpur, Zila Parishad pre-qualified contractors of LGED all project renewed for the F.Y.-1995-96 for implementation of the undermentioned works under repair & maintenance programme of rural infrastructure financed by revenue budget approved in the financial year 1994-95 under LGED. Tender documents, are to be purchased on payment fixed price up to office time of 26/6/96 from the office of the Superintending Engineer (Maintenance), 4/5, Lalmatia, Block-B, Dhaka-1207, Thana Engineers of Sadar/ Gangni and in the office of the undersigned. Tenders are to be received up to 27/6/96 at 12-00 Noon in the tender boxes to be kept to the offices mentioned. All tenders will be opened on the same day at 2-30 pm in presence of the tenderes (if any). Renewed contractory licence and VAT registration certificate will have to show before purchasing of the tender schedule and to submit with tenders. Earnest money in form of BD/CD @ 2.50% of the estimated value in favour of Executive Engineer, LGED, Meherpur from any scheduled, bank will have to be deposited along with the tenders. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Sl No	Name of location of work	Estimated value	Value scheduled	Time limit for the work
1.	Rehabilitation of Jadabpur-Salika Rd by ASS+25mm BC (Ch. 00m-360m).	2,96,664/-	400/-	60 days
2.	Rehabilitation of Bamanpara-Kola Rd by ASS+25mm BC (Ch 400m-745m).	2,01,052/-	300/-	60 days
3.	Rehabilitation of Bamanpara-Kola Rd by ASS+25mm BC (Ch 74m-10.00m).	2,01,052/-	300/-	60 days

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Executive Engineer
LGED, Meherpur

Brahmaputra, Ganges record fall at all points

Almost nil rainfall has been recorded over the country during the 24 hours ending at 9 am Sunday, reports BSS.

Reporting on general river condition, Flood Information Centre said the Brahmaputra and the Ganges recorded further fall at all points. Rivers in the Meghna and the Lakiya registered rise and fall. All the rivers are flowing below their respective danger levels.

The Brahmaputra receded further by 14 cm at Noonkhawa, 24 cm at Chilivari, 15 cm at Bahadurabad, 11 cm at Sirajganj and by 13 cm at Aricha. The Dharla receded further by 6 cm at Kurigram. The Teesta recorded further rise by 7 cm at Dalia and by 9 cm at Kauria. The old Brahmaputra receded further by 15 cm at Jamalpur and by 16 cm at Mymensingh. The Buriganga at Dhaka and the Lakiya at Narayanganj remained almost steady. The Turag also remained steady at both the points. All the rivers in this basin are flowing below their respective danger levels.

The Ganges recorded further fall by 4 cm at Pankha, 15 cm at Rajshahi 10 cm at Hardinge bridge, 11 cm at Goal-

undo and by 8 cm at Bhagyalul. The Gorai at Gorai railway bridge and the Kumar at Faridpur receded further by 12 cm and 5 cm respectively. The Karatola at Panchagarh remained almost steady. The Mahananda at Chapainawabganj recorded further by 8 cm. All the rivers in this basin are flowing below their respective danger levels.

The Surma registered further fall by 19 cm at Sylhet and by 11 cm at Sunamganj. The Kushiara recorded fresh rise by 19 cm at Amalshid while it receded by 6 cm at Sheola. The Manu recorded fresh rise by 17 cm at Manu railway bridges and by 2 cm at Moulibazar. The Khowai at Habiganj and the Someswari at Durgapur registered fall by 23 cm and 9 cm respectively. The Megha also registered further fall by 4 cm at Bhairab bazar. The Gumti registered rise by 5 cm at Comilla.

The Haldi recorded fall by 38 cm at Narayanhat, but it recorded rise by 20 cm at Panchpukuria. The Matamuhuri registered fall 3 cm at Lama and by 13 cm at Chiringa. All the river in this basin are flowing below their respective danger levels.

June 12 polls in Barisal Div

137 out of 196 candidates lose security money

BARISAL, June 17: A total of 137 contesting candidates out of 196 have lost their security money from 23 constituencies in six southern districts of Barisal Division as they could not secure one-eighth of votes cast in the June 12 polls, reports BSS.

The percentage of candidates who lost security deposit is about 70. Altogether 35 candidates out of 50 have lost their security deposits in six constituencies in Barisal district, 11 contesting candidates out of 19 in two constituencies in Jhalakhati district, 33 contesting candidates out of 30 in four constituencies in Bhola district, 26 candidates out of 35 in four constituencies in Patuakhali district, 27 candidates out of 37 in four constituencies in Pirojpur district and 15 candidates out of 27 in three constituencies in Borgan district.

About 66 per cent of the total 35,12,564 voters of these

district cast their votes on June 12 Jatiya Sangsad elections this year, the source added. Some 13 national level leaders out of 18 of BNP, Awami League, Jatiya Party and Workers Party who contested June 12 election from different constituencies of this division this year failed to win the race.

They are Kazi Golam Mahbub, Nurul Islam Moni, Mosharaf Hossain Shahjahan, Syed Shahidul Huq Jamal and Keramat Ali of BNP, Mahiuddin Ahmed, Amir Hossain Amu, Shudangshu Shekhar Halder of Awami League, ABM Ruhul Amin Hawlader, Mostafa Jamal Hydar and Sunil Gupta of Jatiya Party and Rashed Khan Menon of Workers' Party and Dr Khitish Chandra Mondal, Independent.

Among these national level leaders, Sunil Gupta and Rashed Khan Menon have lost their security money as they failed to get one eighth votes.

TANGAIL: Jamuna Erosion engulfs fresh areas in the district. The photos of Beltia, Bhuyapur show erosion affected villages.

— Star photo by Manirul Islam