

## National



PABNA: An old woman (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 Jamaat-e-Islami. The winners were Moulana Matiur 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 Tafiz Uddin won from Pabna-2 constituency by securing 67,250 votes, Waziruddin Khan won from Pabna-3 by securing 85,644 votes and Shamsur Rahman Sharif Dilu 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 Matiur 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 Yahiya of Islamic Okya Jote (902 votes) and Dewan Sultan Mohammad, an independent candidate (198 votes).

In constituency No. Pabna-2, Awami League candidate Ahmed Tafizuddin 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 A.K.M. Selim Reza Habib, who was nominated by the BNP this time, won 65,745 votes.

As regards the other contesting candidates 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 Gano Forum-228 votes and Habibur Rahman Habib-204 votes.

From constituency No. Pabna-3, Awami League candidate Waziruddin 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.

From constituency No. Pabna-4, Awami League candidate Saiful Islam Suja won in 1991 from this seat by capturing 91,540 votes but although a nominated again this time from his Party, Saiful Islam's nomination paper was declared invalid on ground of his being a Bank-loan defaulter. This time, however, Awami League candidate Air Vice Marshal (retd) 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 was forfeited. They are: Md. Iqbal of Jatiya Party 4,377 votes, Prof. Afzal Hossain 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 7,43,387 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 33,036 votes.

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

Alhaj 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. Jilquai Ahmed of Awami League got 38,795 votes.

The voters turnout was huge during the elections which was highest after liberation.

Besides this 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 Bangladeshi territory Saturday afternoon. The incident occurred near the 'No Man's Land' near the border pillar number 1285.

BSF 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.

## PATUAHKHALI

### 57 dev schemes near completion

PATUAHKHALI, June 17: Execution of some 57 development schemes are nearing completion in Dasmuna 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, Grameen 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 ratal 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: Sapha 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.

Sapha 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

## 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-storey Govt Servant Benevolent Fund Building (In the 1st phase 12-storey twin tower including Civil, Sanitary and Water Supply, Internal Electrification and other ancillary works).

Md Shahidul Islam  
Executive Engineer  
DFP-13532-15/6  
G-761  
15, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.

## PDB Auction Notice

বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহারে মিতব্য 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 (Mait), 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.

Work on the project will 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

### Development works nearing completion in Manikganj

From Our Correspondent

BARGUNA, June 17: Bidis without bandrolls are being sold in rural hats and bazaars 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 bidis 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 bidis is increasing day by day following the price hike of different low brand cigarettes in the district.

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.

Biddit/Jan-1671 (3)/95-96  
DFP-13529-15/6  
G-760

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

27-2-03  
Dated: 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 tenders (if any). Renewed contractary 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)			