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SAARC team tells CEC Election was free fair

The SAARC poll observer group yesterday told Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Mohammad Abu Hena that they didn't find any irregularities in Bangladesh's parliament election, reports UNB.

The observation came when a four-member team of the non-governmental election observer group from South Asia (SAARC) called on the Chief Election Commissioner at his office yesterday.

On the delegation were Devenra Roy Panday (Nepal), Niaz A Naik (Pakistan), Jeevan Thiagarajan (Sri Lanka) and Muchkund Dubey (India).

They told the CEC that 40 members of the SAARC observer group visited different polling centres to monitor the June 12 polls.

"The election was held in a peaceful atmosphere and free, fair and impartial manner," the team opined.

The SAARC observers congratulated the Election Commission on holding the vote successfully.

The CEC told them that the election was held peacefully with the cooperation of all quarters including the political parties.

The observers expressed their satisfaction over the massive 74 per cent turnout of voters in the election. They said they were overwhelmed with the spontaneous participation of women voters.

Cyclone weakens

NEW DELHI, June 17: Heavy monsoon rains lashed India's eastern coast today, but a cyclone that had threatened to sweep into Bangladesh weakened over southern India, weather officials said, reports AP.

Two cyclones and three days of rain battered southern India last week, killing at least 123 people, Press Trust of India news agency said.

As rain continued to swell rivers and overwhelm urban drainage systems, more than 3,000 families in the coastal districts were left homeless and many towns were under several feet of water, said officials in Hyderabad, the capital of Andhra Pradesh state.

At least 54 people in Andhra Pradesh died over the weekend, said the officials. Sixty-nine deaths were reported farther south in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka states. Most drowned or died when houses collapsed. About 240 fishermen from Tamil Nadu were reported missing.

Quake

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floor between the islands of Flores and Sulawesi.

It was not immediately clear if the quake had affected populated areas in Indonesia.

There were no immediate reports of deaths, injuries or damage.

"It's a big earthquake but its location and its depth could help minimise any damage," Murhead said.

Scientists regard a magnitude 7 as a major quake, capable of widespread, heavy damage. A magnitude 8 quake can be a great earthquake, capable of tremendous damage.

CA: People's vigilance

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polling and uphold the hard-earned reputation of the country. There is no scope of becoming desperate in rejoicing or despondent in frustration.

Q: Elections have already been held in 273 constituencies without any hindrance. Are the results of the repolling equally important?

A: It will be easier to maintain constitutional process if the repolling is held in a healthy and peaceful atmosphere. The neutral caretaker government aspires cooperation of all in this regard. Nobody can halt the auspices march of the people on the path of peace, development and democracy.

The government is determined to extend all possible assistance to the Election Commission in carrying out its constitutional responsibility keeping itself above all controversies and in the face of all possible sensitive situations.

Q: There is an allegation that despite repeated requests the caretaker government did not transfer some deputy commissioners and police superiors from certain districts and as a result certain political parties have suffered. What is your opinion about it?

As the election results had no reflection of the allegations made about those districts. If

you look at the election results you will find how freely the voters have exercised their rights of franchise.

Q: Have we anything to learn from this elections?

A: I believe that the Election Commission will be able to take more proper measure for future elections by reviewing the alleged irregularities of this election. We have the scope to know and learn from the objective survey and information on the success or otherwise of the elections.

Q: Will you address the voters on the coming repolling?

A: I addressed the nation on the eve of the election. There is no need for it. The heavy turnout of voters along with family members and neighbours to the polling centres with great spontaneity and enthusiasm have delighted everybody. A peaceful atmosphere has been created in the country. People have heaved a sigh of relief. Friendship between religious communities are there in the country. People will resist all evil instigations by rising above group and communal interests. The government stands by peace-loving people of the country. I fervently appeal to all political leaders, particularly the leaders of major political parties to extend all-out cooperation to the Election Commission for peaceful holding of re-polling.

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Election was free fair

This the delegation told the CEC, indicates the progress in democratic practice of Bangladeshi people.

The SAARC observers apprised the CEC that they would also monitor the June 19 repolling in 122 centres in 27 constituencies.

They expressed their hope that the repolling would also be held in a free, fair and peaceful manner.

The SAARC observer group has published an interim report on the June 12 election and will make a full-fledged report shortly.

KM Obaid shot at in Faridpur

FARIDPUR, June 17: Former secretary general of BNP KM Obaidul Rahman was today shot at while he was crossing Nupurda bridge at Nagarkanda here by a car at about 1 pm.

Witnesses said some armed men shot at his car while they damaged the automobiles of the BNP nominee Obaid on the eve of the June 19 repolling in Faridpur Nagarkanda constituency from where the former minister was elected MP several times.

KM Obaid later told BSS that his political opponents not only wanted to snatch victory from BNP by force silencing the common voters but also wanted to kill him by their goons.

BNP urges

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the June 12 polls before the oath-taking of the MPs-elect. The CEC assured us of proper action. Haris Choudhury said at the regular press briefing at the party's Kakrila election office in the city yesterday evening.

"We also reiterated our request to the CEC to exercise his power under Article 7(9)(1) (C) of the People's Representation Order to dispose of our complaints", he said.

At the press briefing, BNP candidates in the parliamentary polls from Bholo-1 Motasharrif Hossain Shahjahan and from Bholo-2 Hafiz Ibrahim blamed their AL rivals and their supporters of attacking BNP workers and voters in their respective areas.

False voting

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Hasina

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League chief, Carrieir congratulated Sheikh Hasina for her party's victory in June 12 Jatiya Sangsad poll.

Carrieir discussed in details with Awami League chief the UN activities in Bangladesh. Sheikh Hasina lauded the performances of the UNICEF in Bangladesh. She also sought UNICEF support and cooperation in the pragmatic approaches and steps for eradicating illiteracy in Bangladesh.

Awami League leaders Abdul Mannan, Amir Hossain Amu, Tofael Ahmed and Abul Hasan Abdullah were present.

Businessman killed in road accident

From Our Correspondent

KHULNA, June 17: A businessman — Habibur Rahman, 27, was crushed under the wheels of a Jessore-bound truck at KDA avenue near Sonandanga thana this morning.

The driver, however, managed to escape with his vehicle.

Election violence

From Our Correspondent

ALL-PARTY MEET REVIEWS SITUATION IN LALMONIRHAT

LALMONIRHAT, June 17: An all-party peace meeting here today reviewed the overall situation that followed violence in a polling centre and adjoining areas in Sadar thana on the polling day last week, reports UNB.

The meeting at the Sadar thana headquarters unanimously called completely false and fabricated recent news reports in some national newspapers on the incidents at Deutti polling centre and its surrounding areas.

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