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Divisionwise seats secured, retained, won and lost in 299 Constituencies

Division	No of Seats	Results	BNP Won 1996	BNP Won 1991	BNP Retained	BNP New Seats	BNP Loss of Old Seats	AL Won 1996	AL Won 1991	AL Retained	AL New Seats	AL Loss of Old Seats	JP Won 1996	JP Won 1991	JP Retained	JP New Seats	JP Loss of Old Seats	JI Won 1996	JI Won 1991	JI Retained	JI New Seats	JI Loss of Old Seats	Others Won 1996	Others Won 1991
Rajshahi	72	72	32	27	20	12	7	18	20	9	9	11	21	18	17	4	1	1	7	0	1	7	0	0
Khulna	37	37	12	13	9	3	4	22	16	13	9	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	8	1	0	7	1	0
Barisal	23	23	5	10	3	2	7	11	11	7	4	4	5	1	1	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1
Dhaka	90	90	30	56	25	5	31	59	29	24	35	5	1	3	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Sylhet	19	19	3	1	0	3	1	13	9	5	8	4	3	8	2	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Chittagong	59	58	34	37	24	10	13	23	14	7	16	7	0	5	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	2	1	1
Total	300	299	116	144	81	35	63	146	99	65	81	34	31	35	20	11	15	3	18	1	2	17	3	4

— Courtesy: Centre for Analysis and Choice (CAC)

News Analysis

Seat swings in June 12 polls

From Nazim Kamran Choudhury, guest contributor

The 12 June 1996 national parliament election produced some interesting swings in the 299 Parliamentary seats to which the results have been announced.

Though the table gives a good picture, an explanation may be helpful. The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) went into elections defending 144 seats. This included Maj (Rtd) Hafizuddin of Bhola-3, Nurul Islam Moni of Barguna-2, Redwan Ahmed of Comilla-6, and three independent winners in 1991 who joined the BNP. It also included the Bhola-2 constituency won in the by-election in 1991. Of the total 144 seats, the BNP defended, it could retain only 81. It lost 63 old seats but won 35 new ones to take it's total to 116.

The Awami League and its allies who contested with the boat symbol in 1991 won 100 seats. They lost Bhola-2 in 1991 and such, were defending 99 seats. Of these, they retained 65 and lost 34. However, they gained 81 new seats to take their total to 146.

The Jatiya Party were defending 35 seats. They lost 20 but gained 11 new ones to bring their total to 31. The Jamaat-i-Islami were defending 18 seats. They lost all but one (Satkhira-2). They won two new seats to bring their total to 3.

Seven independents and other parties were elected in 1991, of whom the three independents and Shahjahan Siraj joined BNP. With the exception of Major Hafizuddin, these seats were lost. Salauddin Quader Chowdhury had won on a NDP ticket in Chittagong 6. This time NDP merged with BNP. The balance 2 of the 7 seats (IOJ and Workers Party) were lost.

Rajshahi Division

This Division has 72 seats, of which the BNP had won 27 in 1991, the AL 20, the JP 18 and the JI 7. This time around the BNP retained 20 of the 27, and won 12 new ones to increase their net tally to 32. The AL had won 20, but lost 11 of those. They won 9 new ones. In 1996 their net loss is 2, bringing the total to 18. The JP had won 18 seats in 1991. Of these they retained 17 and won 4 new ones to increase their total to 21. The JI had won 7 seats in 1991. They could not retain any of those, but won one new seat. No seats were won by any one other then from these parties.

Khulna Division

The BNP had 13 seats to defend. They retained 9 and won 3 taking their total to 12, a net loss of one seat. The AL had 16 seats, of which it retained 13 and won 9 new ones. Their tally increased to 22, a gain of 6 seats. The JP won one new seat in this Division. The JI had 8 seats, of which it lost 7 without adding any new ones. Other then these parties, only one independent candidate won.

Barisal Division

The BNP were defending 10 seats but could retain only 3. They won 2 new seats but saw their previous total reduced to half (5). The AL had 11 seats of which they retained 7. They won 4 new seats to keep their total at 11. The JP had one seat, but picked up 4 new ones to take its total to 5, while the JI won one new seat. Aside from these parties, one seat was won by the IOJ (Barguna-2).

Dhaka Division

This Division perhaps presents the most interesting picture in that as there appears to be a direct switch between the BNP and the AL. In 1991 the BNP had won 56 seats while the AL had won 29. This time the AL won 59 while the BNP won 30. Of the 56 seats that BNP had won, it retained 25 or less then half, while it gained only 5 new ones. Of the 29 that the AL had won, it retained 24 and won 35 additional seats. The JP lost all 3 of its 1991 seats but gained one new in Mymensingh (Begum Raushan Ershad). The JI had won one seat in 1991 which it lost in 1996. Aside from the one JP seat, all seats in this Division went to either the AL (59) or the BNP (30).

Sylhet Division

In 1991 the BNP had only one seat in this Division which it lost in 1996. However it gained 3 new seats, all won from the AL. The AL had 9 seats of which it retained 5 and lost 4 (three to BNP and one to JP). It won 8 additional seats to increase its tally to 13. The JP had 8 seats. It lost 6, retained 2 and won one new. No other party or candidate won any seats in this Division.

Chittagong Division

The BNP in 1991 had 37 seats of which it retained 24. They won 10 additional seats to take their total to 34. The AL had 14 seats, of which it lost 7 or half. However, it gained 16 additional seats in 1996 to increase its total to 23. The JP lost all 5 seats it held in this Division and the JI the 2 seats they held. With the exception of JSD-Rab (the sole other winner) all seats in this Division went to either the BNP (34) or the AL (23).

Almost half of the members of the 7th parliament will be new. After the election of the 30 women seats and by-election (16) to the seats to be vacated, the figure may cross the half-way mark (166) of the 330 seat parliament.

Armed outsiders return to DU dormitories

Star Report

Armed outsiders belonging to different student organisations have returned to some of the residential halls of the Dhaka University after the June 12 parliamentary polls, according to sources on the campus.

Though there was no incident of violence on the DU campus in the last few days, the armed outsiders have consolidated their position in the "politically important" halls, the sources said.

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), the studentwing of BNP, is dominant in five residential halls of the university, Bangabandhu Hall, Zia Hall, Jasimuddin Hall, Surya Sen Hall and Mohsin Hall, together known as the "Northern Zone".

Chhatra League (BCL), the student front of Awami League, is dominant in Zahurul Haq Hall, Salimullah and Jagannath Hall known as "Southern Zone" the sources said.

Guards are seen at the hall gates. In some halls, students are being asked to show their identity cards while entering the halls. Sometimes guests coming to the hall residents are harassed which has created resentment among the students, said a resident of Zahurul Haq Hall.

In one of the BCL-dominated halls many of the single-bed rooms have already gone under the possession of the outsiders, said another resident of a hall. In some of these rooms, sofa sets and other materials have been taken from the hall guest room, he claimed.

When asked about the overall situation a student said, "We are not even allowed to watch television according to our choice." "They (outsiders) tune the TV".

It was gathered from the sources that a "cold war" was going on between the two rival factions of the BCL and that both the groups were increasing their strength.

Police have been deployed in only two halls of the university, Zahurul Haq Hall and Salimullah Hall.

Meanwhile, an outsider in the Jahurul Huq Hall, Gopal, along with two others were arrested by police on Wednesday on charge of hijacking on the road near the Zahurul Haq hall.

A central leader of a student organisation told The Daily Star requesting anonymity, "The student leaders are not strong enough to take any bold decision against these terrorists."

"In a sense we don't have any control over the armed terrorists," he said.

The Midnight File

US to veto Ghali's reelection bid

WASHINGTON, June 20: The United States is prepared to use its veto in the United Nations to force a replacement for Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, the State Department said today, reports Reuter.

AL leaders meet

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The names of AL presidium member and former Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Fifth Parliament Abdus Samad Azad and general secretary Zillur Rahman are being heard as Awami League's choice for the post of the President.

Sheikh Hasina may keep the portfolio of defence along with the charges of some other ministries, the sources said.

It is being heard that elderly party leader Abdul Mannan, who had served the post-independence Bangabandhu government in the capacity of Home Minister, may be taken for the service of the Speaker and Salahuddin Yusuf may be made Deputy Speaker.

For the Foreign Ministry portfolio, the name of Humayun Rashid Chowdhury who had earlier been a Foreign Minister, is being heard along with the name of Shah AMS Kibria.

But, hints are also there that Kibria, who is political advisor to the AL president, may be given an even bigger responsibility to offer his advisory services to the new premier and her administration.

AL may go for a technocrat minister to take care of the country's fragile economy. M Sayduzzaman, a former finance minister, is one among the few options that AL leadership takes into consideration in its persuasion for further economic reforms and investments.

The name of Abdul Momin, Mohammad Nasim and Begum Matiya Chowdhury are being heard for the Home Ministry portfolio. However, talk of the town is that none from the party frontliners are willing to take charge of the job of dealing with law and order, as according to many, "it's thankless job". Names of some retired servicemen like Nooruddin Khan, Abdus Salam, Shafiullah— who sailed their political luck with AL recently— are also being heard for holding the charge of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Abdur Razzak, Tofael Ahmed, Amir Hossain Amu are also in the choice-list for the portfolios of LGRD and Cooperative, Establishment and Labour and Manpower respectively.

The other persons whose names are also being heard as likely ministers, state ministers and deputy ministers are ASK Sadek, Khandaker Asaduzzaman, Sajeda Chowdhury, Abdul Jalil, Mohammed Selim, Prof Abu Sayeed, Abul Hasan Chowdhury, Akhtaruzzaman, Abdul Mannan, Dewan Farid Gazi, Saber Hossain Chowdhury and Sultan Mohammad Mansur Ahmed.

Biswas

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ion.

The members of the delegation said they came to Bangladesh to see the election process as observers and not to support any particular party.

They expressed satisfaction to see a very large participation of voters. It is now the responsibility of the new government to materialise the hopes and aspiration of the people in the light of democratic spirit, they said.

The delegation wished a better peaceful journey of the country towards development.

President Biswas thanked them for their appreciation and hoped that the democratic exercise will gain ground in the country in future.

Foreign Secretary Farooq Sobhan and senior officials of the President's office were present on the occasion.

Comilla-3

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task force will be present on the spot to watch the repolling, the sources said.

Repolling had to be held in 122 centres of 27 constituencies on June 19, as voting was suspended there due to various reasons.

The EC announced the results of repolling in 26 constituencies withholding that of Comilla-3.

Sources said that in addition to the task force member, local and interested foreign observers will be present at Brahman Chapitola.

It is learnt that the ADC of Comilla would be the Presiding Officer at the centre tomorrow while the DIG and the Divisional Commissioner of Chittagong Range would also be present on the spot.

Some 3,457 voters are expected to cast their vote tomorrow at Brahman Chapitola. In Comilla-3, Jatiya Party candidate is leading with 52,901 votes, followed by AL candidate with 49,993 votes and BNP candidate 47,716 votes.

EC yet to decide on gazetting repolling results

By Staff Correspondent

The Election Commission (EC) may decide today when to publish the gazette notification on the results of repolling in 26 constituencies held on June 19, EC sources said.

"We expect to receive all the consolidated polls results from the Returning Officers today," an EC official said.

He, however, added that the EC may wait until the results of re-repolling at Brahman Chapitola centre under Comilla-3 tomorrow reach it to gazette the results.

"It is possible that we may gazette the results of 26 constituencies tomorrow or we may wait until the re-repolling results of the Brahman Chapitola to reach us. In that case we will gazette the results of all the 27 constituencies together," the official said.

MPs-elect from more than one seat to retain only one

By Staff Correspondent

The MPs-elect from more than one seat will have to retain one seat only and vacate the rest before oath-taking begins today.

Sources in the Election Commission (EC) said that none of the 9 political leaders who were elected from more than one constituency, vacated their seats until yesterday.

Awami League will have to vacate five seats, BNP six and Jatiya Party five seats. By-elections to these vacated seats will be held later.

The seats to be vacated are: AL chief Sheikh Hasina two seats and party leaders M A Razzak, Tofael Ahmed and Mohammad Nasim one each; BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia four seats and party leaders Saifur Rahman and Oli Ahmed one each and JP chief H M Ershad four seats and party secretary general Anwar Hossain Manju one.

Ershad to chair JPPP meet Sunday

By Staff Correspondent

The Jatiya Party (JP) chairman and the leader of the JP Parliamentary Party HM Ershad would preside over its first meeting at the conference room of the Jatiya Sangsad (JS) at 12:00 pm Sunday, according to a party press release issued last night.

Prior to the meeting of the parliamentary party, the JP Members of Parliament (MPs) are scheduled to be administered oath at 10:00 am the same day at the JS, the release added.

Meanwhile, Anwar Hossain Manju, Secretary General of the party, met the Chief Adviser, the Speaker and the Chief Election Commissioner separately and handed over letters to them seeking necessary measures to ensure the swearing in of the jailed JP chief as an MP, the release added.

3 detained Lions released

By Staff Correspondent

Three leaders of the Lions Club International arrested under the Special Powers Act on June 2 were released Wednesday.

Moslem Ali Khan, JL Bhowmik and AR Atique were freed after the High Court had ordered their release following hearing on a writ petition filed against the warrant of detention, said a press release of Lions Club yesterday.

The Special Branch detained the Lions for 120 days following an order issued by the Home Ministry. They were arrested in connection with the incident relating to the Seoul Convention of Lions International last year, according to reports.

JSD (Rab)

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was a mandate in favour of running the state affairs on the basis of national consensus.

He suggested introduction of a bicameral parliament with representation of professionals, revival of the Upazila system, separation of judiciary, autonomy of media, repealing of all 'black' laws and taking pledge for materializing the spirit of the Liberation War.

6 held for stealing electric cables from DMCH

By DMCH Correspondent

Police arrested six persons from the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) campus yesterday on charge of stealing electric cables.

They were identified as Iqbal Hossain, Selim, a van driver Shah Ali, van owner Rahmat Ullah and labourers Selim and Abdul Qaiyum, police and hospital sources said.

Witnesses said, the security guards of the hospital challenged the six persons when they were going out of the hospital campus in a van loaded with electric cables at around 1 am. The guards, in cooperation with some employees intercepted the van and caught the persons.

Later, they were handed over to the Ramna police. The cables were installed for air-conditioning and other electrical works in the hospital.

Storm kills one in Rajshahi

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, June 20: A minor boy was killed and fifteen others were injured in a severe cyclone here today.

More than fifty houses and shops were also damaged in the storm, lasting only four minutes.

Person convicted in absentia arrested

By Staff Correspondent

A person convicted in absentia was arrested from Bagmari village in Nawabganj thana on Wednesday.

Sharier Gomez alias Gabu was sentenced to life in prison in a case under the Anti-terrorism Act filed with the Tejgaon thana in the city in 1994.

He was convicted of opening fire on a businessman at Kawran Bazar.

Following his confession, police also recovered a foreign-made pistol with seven bullets from Paribagh under Ramna thana, police said.

Sharier, who was also known as Ihsanul Huq alias Yasin, is wanted in more than 12 cases filed with different thanas in the city, police said adding there are charges of murder, dacoity, rape and terrorism against him.

He also formed a terrorist group which was active for a long time in Ramna and Tejgaon thana areas, police added.

Gopibagh clash

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Sutrapur thana Razu's father alleged that his son was killed following a previous rivalry. However, police sources said, there were at least two cases against Razu.

None was arrested in this connection till last night.

Meanwhile, the three of the persons injured during the clashes at Golapbagh and Gopibagh were identified as Rasel, 20, Shubhash, 26 and Babul, 25. They were admitted to the DMCH, hospital sources said.

A number of shops in the area were also damaged during the clashes.

Ershad

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at 3 pm yesterday, he said, adding that it had already been forwarded to the Home Ministry for a decision.

The JP chief was also granted parole for taking oath as a parliamentarian when he returned from five seats in the 1991 elections.

Provisional budget

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Programme (ADP) of Tk 12,500 crore, of which Tk 11,300 crore has been earmarked for the core projects.

Funds for non-core projects will not be released till regular budget is finalised.

The government also announced the revised budget for the outgoing 1995-96 fiscal, with a revenue receipt of Tk 15,512 crore and revenue expenditure of Tk 11,814 crore, showing a revenue surplus of Tk 3698 crore.

The provisional budget, which came at the end of the tenure of caretaker government, has been prepared on the basis of existing duties and taxes, and no new tax proposal has been included.

Adviser Dr Wahiduddin Mahmud said it was necessary to prepare this budget to preserve the "continuity and legality" of the government's financial management and that no change had been proposed in respect of the existing tax and duty rates.

"The next elected government will be able to make any change in this budget through discussions in the Parliament," the Finance and Planning Adviser said, following the approval of the provisional budget.

According to the budget estimates, a total of Tk 13,206 crore including revenue surplus of Tk 5,017 crore will be available for funding both ADP and non-ADP projects during the 1996-97 fiscal, up from the revised budget's Tk 11,810 crore.

Of the total available resources of Tk 13,206 crore, an amount of Tk 2,782 crore will come from foreign grants, Tk 4,212 crore from foreign loans, Tk 900 crore from net domestic capital, Tk 145 crore from T&T Bond and Tk 150 crore from self-financing autonomous bodies.

The resources will be used as follows: Tk 12,500 crore in the annual development programme (ADP), Tk 600 crore in the Food for Works Programme, Tk 50 crore in non-ADP projects and Tk 56 crore in net outlay in food operation purpose.

Food for Works Programme will have an additional expenditure of Tk 60 crore in next fiscal over the revised budget of 1995-96.

Spendings for non-ADP projects will come down from Tk 218 crore this year to Tk 50 crore and net outlay in food operation from Tk 605 crore to Tk 56 crore in the next fiscal.

NDI call

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their defeat graciously and with dignity and to take up their vital role as a responsible and loyal, democratic opposition."

They remarked that if the future opposition parties do so, these elections would allow Bangladesh to face the future with optimism and confidence.

In a statement, which the team said was its second preliminary statement, it was said that Institute had organised this election observation programme to demonstrate its interest and support of the international community for the continued development of democracy in Bangladesh and to promote confidence in the election process.

Solarz said that NDI was welcomed by the President, the Election Commission, the caretaker government and the leaders of all major political parties.

Solarz said that the NDI team had divided itself into five teams and observed balloting and counting in many parts of the country. They have consulted with representatives of the SAARC, Commonwealth and European Union observers who visited a number of constituencies also during the repoling on June 19.

Replying to questions about the allegation of the BNP that he was biased in his comments on the elections, Solarz said that his comments on the fairness of the elections were the comments of the National Democratic Institution (NDI), not his own. Peacock said that he too was the co-leader of the NDI team and the comments made by Solarz were the comments of the NDI, not his.

Arafat leaves Dhaka

Palestinian President Yasser Arafat left Dhaka yesterday evening after a brief visit to Bangladesh, reports UNB.

Arafat, who flew into Dhaka in the afternoon from China, was seen off at Zia International Airport by Chief Adviser Muhammad Habibur Rahman.

Earlier, the Chief Adviser called on President Arafat at state guest house Padma. He spent some time with the Palestinian President.

Hasina, Khaleda meet Arafat

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina and BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia called on Palestinian President Yasser Arafat separately at the State Guest House Padma yesterday, reports UNB.

Hasina, who emerged as leader of the single largest party in parliament, welcomed the legendary Palestinian leader in Bangladesh and had a meeting with him that lasted for over half an hour in a "rare homely atmosphere," her party leader Abdus Samad Azad told newsmen.

Arafat said he was praying for the success of the leadership of Sheikh Hasina with whom Bangladesh would become a stable, prosperous and developed country.

During his meeting with Begum Khaleda Zia that lasted half an hour, the two leaders discussed various national and international issues of common concern.

President Arafat conveyed greetings of the Palestinian people to Begum Zia. He also recalled his personal relationship with Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman.

Palestinian ambassador to Bangladesh Mohammad Shahta Zarab was present on the occasion.

SAARC team says

June 19 repolling in 121 centres was free, fair

The South Asian Election Mission has said the June 19 repolling held in 121 centres of 27 constituencies of the country was free and fair, reports UNB.

"Apart from a few incidents the polling was held in a peaceful atmosphere," according to an interim-statement of the 40-member mission on repolling release here yesterday.

The group observed the repolling at 25 centres of Comilla-2 and 3, Jamalpur-2, Chittagong-6 and 11, Faridpur-2 and Narayanganj-2 constituencies.

Referring to the trouble at Brahmin Chpitala Centre in Comilla-3 where polling has been withheld, the statement said miscreants captured two polling booths and threw two boxes full of cast ballot papers into a nearby pond despite the presence of the law-enforcing agencies.

The group which observed the repolling comprised Anura Bandaranaike (Sri Lanka), Prof Muchkund Dubey (India), Niaz A Naik (Pakistan), Dr Devendra Raj Panday (Nepal) and Jeevan Thiagarajah (Sri Lanka).

Yeltsin sacks 3 top hawks for 'internal coup bid

MOSCOW, June 20: President Boris Yeltsin, in a dramatic move following a bizarre overnight incident billed by liberals as an attempted coup, today swept three top hawks out of the Kremlin, Russian news agencies said, reports Reuter.

The three heads to roll were those of first deputy prime minister Oleg Soskovets, Yeltsin's personal bodyguard Alexander Korzhakov, and state security chief Mikhail Barsukov.

The dismissals, coupled with the sacking on Tuesday of hardline defence minister Pavel Grachev, meant that Yeltsin had effectively completed a purge of the top hawks in his entourage.

All four had been seen as pushing Yeltsin to take a hard line on many issues, especially pursuing the military crackdown in Chechnya in which more than 30,000 people have been killed.

the sackings today following a session of Russia's security council chaired by Yeltsin, climaxed a night of drama in which two of Yeltsin's campaign workers were arrested and interrogated for 11 hours before being released.

Former economic reform chief Anatoly Chubais and NTV commercial television said the arrests of Sergei Lisovsky and Arkady Yevstavyev had been carried out on the orders of Korzhakov and Barsukov.

Biman's airbus leaves for Dubai

The inaugural Flight BG 027 of Biman's newly-procured first Airbus A310-300 "The City of Hazrat Khan Jahan Ali (RA)" left Dhaka for Dubai and Abu Dhabi at 7 pm yesterday.

A press release of Bangladesh Biman says, the Managing Director Muhammad Omar Farooq, Executive Directors, high officials from Biman and the Civil Aviation Authority were present at the airport.

A munajat was offered seeking divine blessings for safe journey of the inaugural flight of the first Airbus.

Arafat: ME peace

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honour the peace deals.

"I don't know what the Americans are going to do... but we hope that Americans will do something (to force Israel to honour the already-signed peace accords)," said Arafat, second time in Dhaka in a week.

The Palestinian President pointed out that the European position was "very clear, they're supporting us, they're supporting the peace process". In this context, he referred to series of recent talks with the European leaders.

He said the international community, including the co-sponsors of Madrid conference, had extended total support to the peace process and its continuation leading "to just, durable and comprehensive settlement of all the Middle-East issues."

Welcoming the Palestinian leader in Dhaka, President Biswas said the Bangladesh government and the people have total and unflinching support to the cause of the State of Palestine and greater solidarity of the Islamic Ummah.

The Arab world should now be further united and work together in meeting the new challenges that confront them after the recent election in Israel, the Bangladesh President said.

Arafat, who is scheduled to attend a summit of Arab leaders in Cairo tomorrow, said the whole Arab world would participate in the conference to discuss the future of peace in the Middle-East.

It will be a very important summit... Jerusalem is not only a Palestine problem now, it's become an Islamic, Arab and Muslim problem," said the Palestinian leader.

Secretary to the President, Nooruddin Al-Masud, Foreign Secretary Farooq Sobhan, Military Secretary to the President Major General Ruhul Alam Chowdhury, Palestinian Ambassador in Dhaka Mohammad Shahta Zarab, members of the entourage of Arafat, senior officials of the Foreign Ministry were present on the occasion.

Arafat left Dhaka lastnight after meeting Chief Adviser Muhammad Habibur Rahman, Awami League President Sheikh Hasina and BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia during his short stay in Dhaka.

BNP

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from Chuadanga-1 and Goyeshwar Roy.

Redwan Ahmed said that he had won the '79, '86 and '91 parliamentary elections but this time he could not win because of the partisan role played by the administration.

Earlier, Anwar Zahid gave a lengthy statement reiterating BNP allegations of rigging, violence and 'biased role' of the caretaker administration and the Election Commission.

In reply to a question, Zahid said foreign polls observers had no legal and moral right to pass valuable judgement on fairness of the election.

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