

UP poll campaign gains momentum all over

The Union Parishad (UP) election campaign has already gained momentum throughout the country.

MOULVIBAZAR

Our Moulvibazar Correspondent reports: Activities of Union Parishad (UP) election are gradually rising in the district.

There are 67 UPs in six thanas of the district. Of these, 12 UPs in Baralekha thana, 17 UPs in Kulaura thana, 8 UPs in Rajnagar thana, 9 UPs in Srimongal thana, 9 UPs in Kamalganj thana and 12 UPs in Moulvibazar sadar thana.

According to district election office, election will be held in 64 out of 67 UPs in the district this time. Election will not be held in 3 union parishads as their duration were not expired. These 3 UPs are Monsurnagar UP in Rajnagar thana, Brahmin Bazar UP in Kulaura thana and Adampur UP in Kamalganj thana.

In the meantime, a total of 289 candidates submitted their nomination papers for 64 posts of chairman. A total of 2716 candidates submitted nomination papers against 576 posts of members and 653 candidates submitted nomination papers against 192 reserved seats for women members.

Every Union Parishad has 9 seats of members and 3 seats for women members.

Ranabir Deb, a chairman candidate of Satgaon Union Parishad under Srimongal thana declared elected unopposed as single nomination was submitted for the seat of chairman from this union.

However, characteristic of the local body election campaign in Moulvibazar district is different from any other parts of the country.

Most of the candidates are young. They are entertaining the voters with sweets, tea, bidi and cigarettes. Some candidates are providing free transport facility to the voters for the whole period.

KHULNA

Our Staff Correspondent from Khulna adds: Elections in 67 out of 68 unions under nine thanas in Khulna district will be held as per schedule this year. But Banishanta union under Dakop thana will go to polls after two years when its term will expire. The last election in this union was held in 1994 after the disposal of the dispute on delimitations.

In Khulna district, polls will begin on December 1 and end on December 23, said an official source. This year two new unions of Arhoughata and Jugpole have been created.

The source said that six unions under Terokhedha thana

By Staff Correspondent will go to polls first on December 1 and seven unions under Koira thana will go to polls on the last day of December 23.

According to the Police Superintendent (SP), Khulna security measures will be beefed up more strongly this year for ensuring free and fair elections. None will be spared in case of violation of election code of conduct, the SP said.

FARIDPUR

Our Faridpur Correspondent says: With the publication of UP election schedule, electioneering in eight thanas of the district has gained momentum. Election will be held in 79 unions of eight thanas in the district. Probable candidates for members and chairman have become busy consolidating their acceptance to the people. A great zeal and enthusiasm have been visible among the womenfolk because of the fact that a woman candidate will be elected from each ward of every union through direct votes which is undoubtedly a new dimension.

Election campaigning has already been started every year. Hats, bazars, tea stalls, and clubs of the rural area have turned to be the places for exchanging opinions about probable candidates. Besides, the candidates are visiting houses of prominent persons of their respective election area seeking their blessings.

SIRAJGANJ

Agencies report: The possible candidates of different political parties are found moving door-to-door in different unions seeking support for their candidature with high sounding development programmes.

Meanwhile, leaflets and posters of almost every prospective candidates are being distributed in every union before finalisation of their candidature and symbols by their respective parties.

People at hat-bazars, tea-stalls, and other gathering spots are busy discussing about the victory of the candidates of their choice in the coming elections.

Local people said the possible party candidates including independent ones are preferring to go to every houses of their respective areas to drum up their support.

PIROJPUR

In Pirojpur, officials have already completed the formalities and brisk preparations are afoot to hold the ensuing elections peacefully.

Police have geared up arms recovery drives to maintain the law and order situation before election and taking additional

measures in certain centres fearing violence.

Among the total 461 centres, 119 centres have been identified as highly volatile. About five lakh people are expected to exercise their right to franchise in the coming UP elections.

Centering the UP election, the candidates, including women, are also found busy to gain people's support to win the election.

Police sources said it is necessary to set up seven temporary police camps in the district to avert any untoward incident during the election. At present there is only one police camp in Naserabad thana.

RAJSHAHI

In Rajshahi, elections in 71 unions of nine thanas of the district, except the thanas under city corporation, would be held between December 1 to 24.

According to the local schedule, election of all unions in Bagmara thana will be held on December 1 and 3, Mohonpur thana on December 6, Tanor on December 9, Godagari on December 11, Paba on December 14, Durgapur on December 17, Putia on December 20, Bagha on December 22 and Charchat thana on December 23-24.

Meanwhile, intending candidates, including women candidates, have started door-to-door campaign and seeking support of political parties of their choice although the UP elections will be held on non-party basis.

PATUAKHALI

Election fever has already gripped the rural areas of Patuakhali district following the announcement of the schedule of election in the 66 union parishads of the district from December 1 to 24.

The election will be held in six unions of Mirzaganj thana on December 1, 16 unions of sadar thana on December 4 and 6, 14 unions of Bauphal thana on December 9 and 11, six unions of Dashmina thana on December 13, 15 unions of Galachipa thana on December 15 and 18, and in nine unions of Kalapara thana on December 24.

COMILLA

Union parishad elections of 175 unions out of 179 in 12 thanas of Comilla district will begin from December 1.

According to the announcement of Election Commission, election of 13 unions in Chandina thana will be held on December 1, eight unions each in Burching and Brahmanpara thanas on December 3, 11 unions in Sadar thana on December 6, 21 unions in Laksham on December 8 and 10.



NOAKHALI : Nijhum Dip is an island detached from the main land of the district. Touch of modern life is yet the reach there. Usually children pass their time playing on the streets as there are no schools or other educational institutions. — Star photo by AKM Mohsin.

Crimes up in 6 S-dists

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, Nov 11: A total of 4562 crimes of different types like murder, rape, repression on women and children, child trafficking, smuggling, dacoity, robbery and rioting were committed in different districts of Barisal, Patuakhali, Bhola, Barguna, Jhalakati and Pirojpur under Barisal division during the last 10 months.

Last year it was 4269. According to reports published in different newspapers, 35 incidents of women repressions were reported in six districts under Barisal division during October, where eight women were killed or committed suicide.

Microbus owner killed in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Nov 11: A microbus owner was chopped to death allegedly by a group of young men near Bhairaba under Moherpur thana in the district last night, police said.

The group had hired the microbus of Shamsul Alam, 28, hailing from Jibannagar under Chuadanga district yesterday evening, police added.

The young men allegedly killed Alam and left the body at Bhairaba under Moherpur thana.

A case was filed with Moherpur thana and the body was sent to Jhenidah sadar hospital morgue for autopsy.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Dhaka PWD Divn No. IV 15, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka

Notice Inviting Tender

No. 36/1997-98

- Fresh sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from Special Class-I (One) & Class-I (One) enlisted Building Contractors/Firms and Class-I (One) Sanitary and Plumbing Contractors/Firms of PWD, who have successfully completed minimum one no. 150 mm or higher mm dia deep tubewell installation work in PWD for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, Dhaka PWD Division No. III, Dhaka/Eden Building PWD Division, Dhaka and Medical College PWD Division, Dhaka in their respective office chamber up to 12-00 Noon of 27.11.97 and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of the contractors/firms who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it. No tender form and schedule will be sold to contractors/firms who have no VAT Registration and Tax-payers Identification Number (TIN).
- Name of work : Installation of 150 mm dia deep tubewell at the site of Khilgaon, Govt. Staf Quarters, Dhaka. During the year-1997-98.
- Estimated cost : Taka 9,91,611.00
- Earnest money : Taka 19,833.00
- Time allowed for completion of the work from the date of issue of work order is 60 (sixty) days.
- Tenderers shall have to obtain permission to get ready for death if he violates the ultimatum of the terrorists.
- Local leaders said everyday many probable candidates are being served with such letters creating tension among them.

Terrorist activities rising as UP poll coming nearer

PATUAKHALI, Nov 11: Terrorist activities have been increasing in the rural areas of the district as the UP elections is coming nearer, reports UNB.

Local people said in most places terrorists are serving letters to the UP candidates asking them not to contest in the ensuing election, violation of which they will have to face dire consequences.

The reason behind the serving of such letters could not be known.

According to a report, Maulana Abdul Mannan Muzahid, a prospective candidate of Deuli-Subidkhali union parishad in Mirzaganj thana recently received such a letter from the terrorists.

He has been further asked to get ready for death if he violates the ultimatum of the terrorists.

Local leaders said everyday many probable candidates are being served with such letters creating tension among them.

Indian goods recovered from boat

From Our Correspondent GOPALGANJ, Nov 11: Gopalganj thana police recovered huge Indian made machinery goods from a boat at Bherar hat ghat on MBR khal under Gopalganj sadar thana of the district recently.

It has been learnt that following a tip-off of a police contingent led by Zamil Ahmed ASP (circle) and Amtnur Rahman Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Gopalganj thana raided a boat at Bherar hat ghat and searched the boat and recovered huge Indian made machinery goods, worth about Taka 50 lakh. Police also arrested one person in this connection.

The boat was going to Bairab from Rampal under Bangladesh district.

The goods were by coconuts.

Girl raped by miscreants

From Staff Correspondent KHULNA, Nov 11: A girl named Salma Khatoon, 10, of Mirzapara in Khulna city was raped by two miscreants named Nurul Islam, 18, and Alamgir, 20, on Wednesday evening at Digraj under Mongla thana in Bagerhat district.

Police said the rape was committed while she was going to her uncle's house by a three-wheeler van. Police later arrested Alamgir who confessed his guilt. A case has been lodged with Mongla thana.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer LGED, Kushtia

Memo No: XEN/LGED/KUSH/97/2432

Dated: 02-11-97

Tender Notice

No. 09/97-98

- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a Loan [No: 1215-BAN (SF)] from the Asian Development Bank in various currencies towards the cost of Rural Development Project-18: Infrastructure Greater Khulna, Jessore & Kushtia district. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the following works:

Code No	Name of Work	Completion time	Cost of tender document	Class of contractor
KU8F04BC184	Pavement work with BC on Bheramara-Kuchiamora Hat-Raita Road Ch: 6363-6550m, 9850-9904m, 10060-10122m, 10900-10951m, 13270-13328m & RD 18. To Kuchiamora GC.	90 days	Tk 500.00	A&B
KU8F07BC185	Pavement work with BC on Raita-Juniadah-Allardarga Road Ch:00-3500m	120 days	Tk 2500.00	A&B
KU8F07BC186	Pavement work with BC on Raita-Juniadah-Allardarga Road Ch: 3500-7000m	120 days	Tk 2500.00	A&B
KU8F08BC187	Pavement work with BC on Ujagram-Bamjani Road Ch: 00-1453 & 55-12019m	120 days	Tk 5000.00	A

The Executive Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Kushtia, now invites sealed tenders in prescribed form for construction and completion of the works mentioned above from prequalified contractors of class A & B under this project.

- Tenderers may obtain further information on the tender form and inspect the tender documents at the offices of the undersigned as well as the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Khulna Division, Khulna, the Project Director, Rural Development Project-18, LGED Bhawan, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207, the Executive Engineer, LGED, Bheramara & Kushtia Sadar and office of the DC, Kushtia.
- A complete set of tender document may be purchased by interested eligible tenderers upon payment of non-refundable fee mentioned from the offices in para 3 only on or before 23rd November, 1997 during office hours.
- All tenderers must be accompanied by a tender security of 2.5% (two point five per cent) of the total tender price in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Kushtia and must be submitted either via mail (registered with A/D) or in person to the offices mentioned in para 4 above on or before 12.30 PM on 24th November, 1997 and will be publicly opened at the same offices at 1:00 PM on the same date.
- The undersigned shall not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by tenderers in connection with the preparation or delivery of tenders, including costs and expenses related to visits to the site.
- The tenderer shall submit attested copy of enlistment/pre-qualification document valid for the fiscal year 1997-98 with the tender.

DFP-25046-6/11

G-2729

Executive Engineer
LGED, Kushtia

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Facilities Department, Ministry of Education Noakhali Zone, Noakhali

Tender Notice

No. 04/FURNITURE/RENOV. & DEV/FD/NZ/97-98

Dated: 28.10.97

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2908 are hereby invited from the enlisted A-1 (A-one) contractor of this department and also from the bonafide furniture manufacturers or supply of furniture to the selected Non-Govt. High School under the Project "Selected Non Govt. Secondary High School Renovation & Development Project" particular of works their location & other relevant papers as stated in the tender documents.

Gr. No.	Location	Estimated cost	Number of institution	Price of tender document (Non-refundable) Taka.
07.	Noakhali Zone	Quoted rate	3 (three) Nos	400.00

Tender documents may be obtained from the office of the undersigned and also from the office of the Executive Engineer under Chittagong Circle and Feni district Asstt. Engineer's office on all working days during office hours up to 18.11.97.

Tender will be received in the abovementioned offices on 19.11.97 up to 12.00 Noon and will be opened on the same date at 12.30 PM in presence of the tenderer/tenderers (if there be any).

Time for completion of work is 5 (five) months from the date of work order. Earnest Money @ 2% (two per cent) of quoted amount in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh will have to be submitted with the tender in favour of the "Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Noakhali Zone, Noakhali."

INSTRUCTION

Tender documents may be obtained on producing the following documents:

- Up to date Trade Licence of the firm.
 - Up to date Income Tax (TIN) Payment Certificate.
 - Turnover Registration Certificate.
 - Work order and completion certificate (attested by an officer not below the rank of an Executive Engineer) for supplying of furniture amounting to Taka 3.00 (three) lac in a single work order under any Govt. Department.
 - The abovementioned documents must enclosed with tender schedule.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender/tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

DFP-25097-9/11

G-2724

Executive Engineer
Facilities Department
Noakhali Zone, Noakhali

News snaps

Tk 4.2m sanction for uplift work

MADARIPUR, Nov 11: The government has sanctioned Taka 4.2 million for implementation of a number of development projects in nine unions under Madaripur sadar thana in the current fiscal year, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the projects include renovation of nine high school buildings and construction of some bridges and culverts.

Blood donation programme

NOAKHALI, Nov 11: A voluntary blood donation programme jointly organised by district administration, health department and Sandhani club was held here, reports UNB.

The programme was arranged on November 3 in observance of the National Voluntary Blood Donation and Posthumous Eye Donation Day. Deputy Commissioner KMD Abul Kalam inaugurated the programme and led a colourful rally that paraded the main streets of the town. Some enthusiastic people also voluntarily donated blood on the occasion.

Cash, valuables worth Tk 2 lakh looted

BANDARBAN, Nov 11: A gang of Myanmar armed dacoits looted cash and valuables worth about Taka two lakh from the villagers of bordering area Baishari under Naikhangchhari thana of Bandarban district on November 5 night, police said, reports BSS.

A case was filed with Naikhangchhari thana in this connection now was arrested.

Massive rabi crop farming scheme

CHUADANGA, Nov 11: The district agriculture extension department has taken up a programme to bring about 6500 hectares under rabi crop cultivation during the ensuing rabi crop cultivation season in all the four thanas of the district, reports BSS.

According to official sources, 23,000 hectares will be brought under wheat cultivation, 900 hectares under potato, 130 hectares under sweet potato, 100 hectares under maize, 5,800 hectares under mustard, 16,000 hectares under musur, 14,000 hectares under gram, 500 hectares under mug, 2,500 hectares under mashkaki, 100 hectares under motor, 100 hectares under arahar and 1,200 hectares under kheshari cultivation.

Discussion on Jail Killing Day

PATUAKHALI, Nov 11: Patuakhali district Awami League held a discussion meeting here on the occasion of observance of Jail Killing Day, reports BSS.

Abdul Latif Khandoker, senior vice-president of the district Awami League presided over the meeting. Among others, Khan Mosharrar Hossain, General Secretary of the district Awami League, Kazi Alamgir Hossain organising secretary Md Shajahan Khan, Labour Secretary of Awami League, Abdul Mannan, Advocate Sultan Ahmed Mridaah, pourasava chairman, and Awami League leaders Aminul Huque Ahsan, Farkan Sikder, Dewar Hossain Dulal, and Mannu Sikder spoke in the meeting.

Wheat farming programme

MADARIPUR, Nov 11: A total of 8427 hectares will be brought under wheat cultivation programme this year in four thanas of Madaripur district, according to relevant sources, reports BSS.

The target of production was fixed at 16,322 tonnes.

Comilla telephone exchange on topsy-turvy

COMILLA, Nov 11: Comilla Telephone Exchange is on topsy-turvy with the cent per cent distribution of telephone lines of the 3,600-capacity switch room (turning down the standard of client service), reports UNB.

Troubles like getting wrong numbers, cross lines and absence of dialtone have increased manifold during last three to four years due to technical faults which caused for distribution of all 3,600 lines to the subscribers. Official sources said they have to distribute the lines on pressure of increasing number of applications and to comply with requests of influential people. At present, there are 5,000 applications lying pending at the telephone office most of which were submitted five years before.