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Awami League nominee for Dhaka-7 constituency M Sayeed Khokon brought out a rally in the city's Sutrapur-Dayaganj area yesterday as part of his election campaign. Picture shows Khokon flashing a victory sign aboard a car amidst a huge crowd.



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Sportsmen and sport organisers brought out a procession in the city's old part yesterday seeking votes for BNP candidate Sadek Hossain Khoka who is contesting the upcoming election from Dhaka-7 constituency.

British council English courses from Sept 30

UNB, Dhaka

Registration for the new term of various courses at the British Council Teaching Centre in Dhanmondi will start on Sunday and continue till Thursday.

The new term is going to start from September 30 and will finish on December 6.

Adult courses include the general English classes as well as preparation for IELTS and Business English Certificate level-I and level-2 exams and more specialised 'Written Business Communication' and 'Reports and Proposal Writing' courses.

This term of the British Council is also offering special 25-hour intensive 4-week course for young learners (8-14) years old which are based around a popular film.

The registration for these courses will start from November 18 to 20 from 12.30 pm to 2 pm and will run from November 21 to December 11.

Further information on all courses can be obtained from the British Council Teaching Centre on 9116171 or 9116545 or by email: dhaka.teachingcentre@bd.britishcouncil.org.

Over 200 foreign observers will monitor polls

UNB, Dhaka

More than 200 polls observers of 30 nationalities will arrive in the country to monitor October 1 general elections, says UNDP.

These observers will come from all over the continents of the world except South America.

With Japan announcing its leader of the monitors, the United Nations Development Program, on its website on the Bangladesh elections, also commented that the major observer delegations would be headed by VIP politicians of the world.

Former US president Jimmy Carter will lead the observer delegation fielded by National Democratic Institute (NDI) and The Carter Centre. President of the Victoria State Legislative Chamberlain in Australia Bruce Chamberlain will co-chair the 30-member delegation.

Japan has announced that its eight-member observer team will be led by Shin Sakurai, a long-serving former member of the Japanese Upper House of Parliament.

Joachim Miranda da Silva, a well-known Portuguese member of the European Parliament and

chairman of its influential committee on Development Cooperation, is the leader of the European Union observation group.

The European Union has fielded 31 long-term observers (LTOs) who have been here since August 30 to oversee the pre-poll situation. They will be joined by 26 short-term observers (STOs) today.

Apart from the 30 STOs, fielded by NDI/Carter Centre, the USA will have another 30 observers under the USAID. Added to that, the USAID will deploy 30 resident expatriates as STOs.

The list of foreign observers includes Canada (4), Norway (8) and a number of countries in South and South East Asia (27). Observers are also expected from Australia and Nigeria.

The EU countries having observers in the election are Austria (3), Belgium (5), Denmark (7), Finland (2), France (5), Germany (5), Greece (1), Ireland (2), Italy (3), the Netherlands (7), Portugal (4), Spain (2), Sweden (4) and the UK (7).

For identification, the observers fielded by the EU will display the blue EU flag with the well-known circle of 12-yellow stars.

'JP will form govt if it gets 8 seats in Sylhet'

UNB, Sylhet

Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad here yesterday said his party would form the next government if it gets eight seats in the division in the upcoming general election.

"I hope that the people of Sylhet would extend help to Jatiya Party in forming the government by casting their votes for plough," he said at a meeting at Tuberbazar in Compañiganj upazila on the second day of his electioneering tour in Sylhet region.

He said a surge has been created in favour of "plough" across the country because the people no longer want to see woman leadership in the helm of power. "They want to get rid of the two woman leaders' misrule and want terrorism and corruption-free country."

The JP chief said if elected, his party will introduce Islamic rule in the country and it will not promote women in important posts. He said neither Awami League nor BNP will get more than one hundred seats in the election.

He said Jamaat-e-Islami is not an Islamic Party. "Jamaat is bluffing the people in the name of Islam as it taking part in the election under a woman's leadership," he

said adding Jatiya Party believes in Islamic values. So the Muslims would cast their votes for "plough" to protect the Islamic values.

Presided over by Compañiganj Upazila Jatiya Party president Mahbubul Alam, the meeting was also addressed by JP candidate Abdul Mukit Khan.

Ershad also addressed election meetings at Chhatka and Sunamganj.

Jute wholesalers' assoc executives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Foyez Uddin Ahmed Lablu and SM Musleuddin have been elected president and general secretary of Bangladesh Pat Aratdar Samity (Bangladesh Jute Wholesalers' Association) respectively.

The election to the executive committee was held at the general meeting of the association recently.

Other members of the committee are MA Rashid - vice president; Omar Ali - joint general secretary; Mobarak Hossain - organising secretary; and Abdul Haq - treasurer.

Oct 1 election BTB reviews telecommunication arrangement

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board (BTB) has completed the arrangement to ensure uninterrupted and flawless telecommunication service across the country during the October 1 parliamentary election.

This was informed at a high-level meeting of the board in the city on Thursday with BTB Chairman AFMNH Chowdhury in the chair.

The meeting reviewed the BTB facilities established from the upazila headquarters to district headquarters, and in the capital, particularly at the Election Commission.

It also reviewed the progress of setting up telephone connections in 525 assistant returning officers' offices, BTB, Bangladesh Betar, PID, BSS and the conference room of Election Commission Secretariat.

Besides, the progress of preparatory work to set up the media centre at Hotel Sheraton was also examined at the meeting.

BTB members, high officials and representatives of suppliers of telecommunication technology were present at the meeting.

DHAKA TODAY

Workshop on earthquake

CARE-Bangladesh and Network for Information, Response and Preparedness Activities on Disaster (NIRAPAD) will hold a workshop on "seismic hazard (Earthquake) in Bangladesh". Venue: IDB Bhaban (3rd floor), Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 9 am.

Rabindra Sangeet Mela

Abhuddoy Music Associates will hold a day-long fair on Rabindra Sangeet. Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy. Time: 9.01 am.

Reception

Shikha Bichitra will accord a reception to successful and meritorious students of the HSC examinations 2001. Venue: TSC auditorium, TSC campus. Time: 10.00 am.

NCBC workshop

Beijing Plus 5 NGO Committee Bangladesh (NCBC) will hold a national level workshop on "Ensuring empowerment of women: Strengthening at grass root level." Venue: British Council Auditorium, 5, Fuller Road. Time: 10 am.

Alfred Hitchcock retrospective

Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen Under Capricorn by Alfred Hitchcock. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Rd No 2, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 6.00 pm.

Memorial meeting

Performing Art Center will hold a memorial meeting on noted poet Azizul Huq. Venue: Biswa Shahitya Kendra auditorium, Rd No 2, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 6.00 pm.

WEATHER TODAY

Light rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Khulna and Barisal divisions during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today.

Little change in day temperature is expected over the country, Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 34.8 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore and Chuadanga and the lowest of 22.8 degree at Sirimongal.

The sun sets in the capital at 5.55 pm today and rises at 5.48 am tomorrow.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.7	23.4	85	85
Chittagong	32.5	25.5	81	70
Rajshahi	33.8	25.6	87	84
Khulna	34.7	26.4	87	78
Barisal	33.4	25.8	87	84
Sylhet	33.0	23.5	75	79
Cox's Bazar	32.8	24.8	78	82

TRADED ISSUES IN THE WEEK													
DSE		CSE		Financial Performance		DSE		CSE					
Company	FM/ML (Tk./No.)	Price Closing Chg (%) Pre-Day	Turnover Share	Last AGM	EPS (Tk.)	DPS (%)	Company	FM/ML (Tk./No.)	Price Closing Chg (%) Pre-Day	Turnover Share	Last AGM	EPS (Tk.)	DPS (%)
BANK													
AB Bank Ltd.	100/5	206.00 -5.83	218.75	561.50	100	212.00 -3.64	220.00	100	261.00	10.16	12.5	261.00	10.16
Bank of Bangladesh Ltd.	100/5	261.00 -4.40	358.00	120.00	Not Traded	261.00 -4.40	358.00	100	257.00	9.23	23.3	257.00	9.23
ITC Bank Ltd.	100/5	358.00 -4.91	376.50	63.85	Not Traded	351.25 -4.83	377.00	40	607.00	21.3	30.0	607.00	21.3
Islamic Bank BD Ltd.	100/20	260.00 -2.84	267.00	1172	257.00	3.64	267.00	127	620.00	35.6	25.0	620.00	35.6
National Bank Ltd.	100/20	246.75 -3.80	256.50	540.65	247.00	4.63	259.00	11740	33.00	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
Public Bank Ltd.	100/5	246.50 -1.15	279.00	455.5	30.00	Not Traded	30.00	Not Traded	30.00	Not Traded	30.00	Not Traded	30.00
Rupali Bank Ltd.	100/10	85.00 -4.49	89.00	592.00	92.00	Not Traded	92.00	Not Traded	92.00	Not Traded	92.00	Not Traded	92.00
UCBL	100/5	146.00 -10.02	162.25	1155.5	150.00	Not Traded	150.00	Not Traded	150.00	Not Traded	150.00	Not Traded	150.00
Uttara Bank Ltd.	100/5	319.25 -19.99	399.00	843.5	Not Traded	319.25 -19.99	399.00	843.5	Not Traded	319.25 -19.99	399.00	843.5	Not Traded
Uttara Finance and Inv.	100/50	242.00 -3.20	257.00	1676	135.05	Not Traded	135.05	Not Traded	135.05	Not Traded	135.05	Not Traded	135.05
Uttara Bank Ltd.	100/20	470.00 -2.89	484.00	520	492.00	Not Traded	492.00	Not Traded	492.00	Not Traded	492.00	Not Traded	492.00
Eastern Bank Ltd.	100/20	280.25 -1.00	295.00	220	Not Traded	280.25 -1.00	295.00	220	Not Traded	280.25 -1.00	295.00	220	Not Traded
United Leasing Co. Ltd.	100/20	609.25 -5.88	637.75	100	Not Traded	609.25 -5.88	637.75	100	Not Traded	609.25 -5.88	637.75	100	Not Traded
Dhaka Bank Ltd.	100/50	323.00 -4.58	335.50	1980	321.00	4.58	335.50	200	22.00	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Al Arifa Islamic Bank	100/5	364.50 -5.14	384.25	3520	380.00	-1.30	383.00	1000	1070.00	81.0	100.0	1070.00	81.0
Prime Bank Ltd.	100/50	258.25 -5.92	274.50	5800	258.25	-6.13	274.75	32150	100.00	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Southeast Bank Ltd.	100/50	142.00 -1.43	144.00	550	145.00	Not Traded	145.00	Not Traded	145.00	Not Traded	145.00	Not Traded	145.00
NCC Bank Ltd.	100/50	203.00 -4.36	212.25	7680	203.25	4.13	212.70	6760	2805.00	23.4	24.0	2805.00	23.4
Social Investment Bank	100/50	939.75 -3.02	993.50	145	Not Traded	939.75 -3.02	993.50	145	Not Traded	939.75 -3.02	993.50	145	Not Traded
Investment Bank Ltd.	100/50	417.25 -4.85	455.75	19350	510.00	Not Traded	510.00	Not Traded	510.00	Not Traded	510.00	Not Traded	510.00
INVESTMENT													
1st ICB Mutual Fund	100/5	60.00 -1.00	160.00	50	118.25	Not Traded	118.25	Not Traded	118.25	Not Traded	118.25	Not Traded	118.25
2nd ICB Mutual Fund	100/5	39.00 -1.00	39.00	40	37.00	Not Traded	37.00	Not Traded	37.00	Not Traded	37.00	Not Traded	37.00
3rd ICB Mutual Fund	100/5	20.00 -2.44	41.00	70	40.00	Not Traded	40.00	Not Traded	40.00	Not Traded	40.00	Not Traded	40.00
4th ICB Mutual Fund	100/10	360.00 -2.86	377.00	40	320.00	Not Traded	320.00	Not Traded	320.00	Not Traded	320.00	Not Traded	320.00
5th ICB Mutual Fund	100/10	230.00 -0.88	228.00	220	196.50	Not Traded	196.50	Not Traded	196.50	Not Traded	196.50	Not Traded	196.50
6th ICB Mutual Fund	100/10	161.00 -5.29	170.00	1150	160.00	Not Traded	160.00	Not Traded	160.00	Not Traded	160.00	Not Traded	160.00
7th ICB Mutual Fund	100/10	142.00 -1.43	144.00	550	145.00	Not Traded	145.00	Not Traded	145.00	Not Traded	145.00	Not Traded	145.00
8th ICB Mutual Fund	100/10	132.00 -0.74	132.00	110	124.00	Not Traded	124.00	Not Traded	124.00	Not Traded	124.00	Not Traded	124.00
1st ISRS Mutual Fund	100/50	87.00 -2.20	93.75	16200	95.00	Not Traded	95.00	Not Traded	95.00	Not Traded	95.00	Not Traded	95.00
2nd ISRS Mutual Fund	125/50	1.03 -2.83	1.06	32500	1.03	Not Traded	1.07	1370000	Not Traded	1.03	Not Traded	1.07	1370000
ENGINEERING													
Alfab Automobiles Ltd.	100/5	219.00 -2.56	224.75	2316	220.00	-3.88	227.00	10	147.2000	18.9	16.0	147.2000	18.9
Azziz Piles Ltd.	100/5	141.00 -4.41	147.50	4860	136.00	-17.58	165.00	100	310.5013	7.35	10.0	310.5013	7.35
Olympic Industries Ltd.	100/5	118.00 -3.87	122.75	1585	123.00	Not Traded	123.00	Not Traded	123.00	Not Traded	123.00	Not Traded	123.00
Bangladesh Lamp Ltd.	100/5	39.75 -3.52	40.00	325	46.00	Not Traded	46.00	Not Traded	46.00	Not Traded	46.00	Not Traded	46.00
Eastern Cables Ltd.	100/5	125.00 -3.35	130.50	1920	124.00	-1.78	126.25	10	230.6011	10.7	12.0	230.6011	10.7
Karim Pile Ltd.	100/5	26.00 -3.70	27.00	200	Not Traded	26.00 -3.70	27.00	200	211.2000	12.9	50.0	211.2000	12.9
Monno Jute Ltd.	100/5	60.00 -4.92	65.00	120	Not Traded	60.00 -4.92	65.00	120	22.2100	5.20	50.0	22.2100	5.20
Monno Textiles Ltd.	100/5	38.00 -3.35	37.00	4365	36.00	Not Traded	36.00	Not Traded	36.00	Not Traded	36.00	Not Traded	36.00
Singer Bangladesh Ltd.	100/5	220.00 -6.15	230.00	80	221.00	4.65	227.00	55	240.5012	72.8	80.0	240.5012	72.8
Atlas Bangladesh Ltd.	100/50	137.00 -1.48	135.00	287	Not Traded	137.00 -1.48	135.00	287	10.1200	8.76	10.0	10.1200	8.76
BD Autocare Ltd.	100/50	20.00 -14.89	23.50	1675	21.75	Not Traded	21.75	17500	14.1000	13.0	10.0	14.1000	13.0
Qusum Drycleaners Ltd.	100/50	18.20 -6.19	19.00	1790	18.20	6.67	19.50	17650	26.1100	24.0	Not Traded	26.1100	24.0
Rumik Jangamur Ltd.	100/5	17.00 -19.55	21.00	1790	Not Traded	17.00 -19.55	21.00	1790	31.0301	85.2	35.0	31.0301	85.2
National Textiles Ltd.	100/50	475.00 -0.73	480.00	50	Not Traded	475.00 -0.73	480.00	50	180.0000	43.5	10.0	180.0000	43.5
BD Textile Mills Ltd.	100/50	18.20 -6.19	19.00	1790	18.20	Not Traded	18.20	1790	0.8010	14.4	10.0	0.8010	14.4
Key & Co (BD) Ltd.	100/50	146.00 -5.81	155.00	1500	107.00	Not Traded	107.00	Not Traded	107.00	Not Traded	107.00	Not Traded	107.00
Wander Land Toys Ltd.	100/50	24.00 -18.28	26.75	600	27.50	Not Traded	27.50	Not Traded	27.50	Not Traded	27.50	Not Traded	27.50
1st Bangladesh Textile Mills Ltd.	100/50	9.20 -2.51	10.90	423500	19.00	46.00	20.20	67000	0.2680	15.7	16.0	0.2680	15.7
FOOD & ALLIED													
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	100/50	46.00 -1.10	45.50	1050	46.50	Not Traded	46.50	Not Traded	46.50	Not Traded	46.50	Not Traded	46.50
Amann Sea Food Ltd.	100/5	221.00 -16.60	265.00	100	Not Traded	221.00 -16.60	265.00	100	22.9100	40.2	Not Traded	22.9100	40.2
Amann Sea Food Ltd.	100/5	4.90 -2.18	4.80	325	4.60	Not Traded	4.60	Not Traded	4.60	Not Traded	4.60	Not Traded	4.60
Tripti Industries Ltd.	100/5	43.00 -6.01	45.75	1350	45.25	Not Traded	45.25	Not Traded	45.25	Not Traded	45.25	Not Traded	45.25
Bangla	100/5	25.00 -4.67	26.25	1425	26.00	Not Traded	26.00	Not Traded	26.00	Not Traded	26.00	Not Traded	26.00
Bangla	100/5	40.00 -3.79	39.00	3800	40.00	Not Traded	40.00	Not Traded	40.00	Not Traded	40.00	Not Traded	40.00
BDATCL	100/50	10.10 -1.37	10.25	40	10.00	Not Traded	10.00	Not Traded	10.00	Not Traded	10.00	Not Traded	10.00
Gemini Sea Food Ltd.	100/5	186.00 -19.13	230.00	100	Not Traded	186.00 -19.13	230.00	100	20.0000	12.4	10.0	20.0000	12.4
National Tea Co. Ltd.	100/5	60.00 -4.50	60.00	50	61.00	Not Traded	61.00	Not Traded	61.00	Not Traded	61.00	Not Traded	61.00
2nd Zangla Sugar Mills	100/5	4.90 -2.18	4.80	325	4.60	Not Traded	4.60	Not Traded	4.60	Not Traded	4.60	Not Traded	4.60
Talip Dairies & Food Ltd.	100/10	77.00 -3.75	80.00	470	Not Traded	77.00 -3.75	80.00	470	20.0000	13.9	15.0	20.0000	13.9
Chittagong Vegetable	100/5	52.50 -0.96	52.00	50	50.00	-13.79	58.00	50	20.0000	3.69	50.0	20.0000	3.69
Shreep Textile	100/5	18.00 -1.10	18.50	100	18.00	Not Traded	18.50	100	21.7000	1.4	20.0	21.7000	1.4
Bengal Biscuits Ltd.	100/20	43.00 -3.37	44.50	2940	43.00	2.27	44.00	220	20.0000	13.9	15.0	20.0000	13.9
Minerva Shrimp	100/50	120.25 -2.21	120.50	29280	120.75	4.21	121.00	2780	23.2100	0.27	20.0	23.2100	0.27
AMCL (Pvt) Ltd.	100/5	9.00 -6.25	9.60	1603400	9.80	-8.25	9.90	7042000	20.0000	1.4	20.0	20.0000	1.4
Diakia Fisheries Ltd.	100/10	64.00 -1.54	65.00	800	66.00	Not Traded	66.00	Not Traded	66.00	Not Traded	66.00	Not Traded	66.00
Shampur Sugar Mills	100/10	2.90 -0.00	2.90	2100	Not Traded	2.90 -0.00	2.90	2100	30.0000	3.16	50.0	30.0000	3.16
Shampur Sugar Mills	100/10	44.75 -13.13	50.00	200	Not Traded	44.75 -13.13	50.00	200	20.0000	1.4	20.0	20.0000	1.4
Kalima Food Corp.	100/50	32.00 -0.00	32.00	2050	33.00	Not Traded	33.00	Not Traded	33.00	Not Traded	33.00	Not Traded	33.00
Food Goods Ltd.	100/50	65.00 -4.41	68.00	650	68.00	Not Traded	68.00	Not Traded	68.00	Not Traded	68.00	Not Traded	68.00
Musa Food Ind. Ltd.	100/50	38.75 -4.32	40.00	1400	38.50	-10.47	43.00	150	26.2100	3.16	50.0	26.2100	3.16
Pragati Industries	100/50	28.25 -2.42	28.50	1200	28.50	Not Traded	28.50	1200	17.0000	1.4	20.0	17.0000	1.4
Bionic Seafood	100/50	8.20 -7.87	8.90	13630	8.90	Not Traded	8.90	13630	10.0000	0.39	Not Traded	10.0000	0.39
Fu-Wang Food Ind.	100/50	91.00 -4.21	91.00	102500	91.00	5.26	91.00	25500	30.0000	3.16	50.0	30.0000	3.16
Pragati Industries	100/50	28.25 -2.42	28.50	1200	28.50	Not Traded	28.50	1200	17.0000	1.4	20.0	17.0000	1.4
Rangamati Food	100/50	8.20 -7.87	8.90	13630	8.90	Not Traded	8.90	13630	10.0000	0.39	Not Traded	10.0000	0.39
1st Zangla Food	100/50	9.20 -2.80	10.20	423500	9.30	9.71	10.30	540500	0.011	Not Traded	0.011	Not Traded	0.011
FUEL & POWER													
BOK (BD) Ltd.	100/50	92.00 -2.65	94.50	3440	Not Traded	92.00 -2.65	94.50	3440	17.0201	31.3	40.0	17.0201	31.3
Padma Oil Co. Ltd.	100/50	170.00 -0.00	170.00	20	166.00	-2.35	170.00	200	22.0000	0.05	Not Traded	22.0000	0.05
Shreep Welding	100/50	6.10 -3.17	6.30	29500	6.00	-7.69	6.50	12000	0.05	Not Traded	0.05	Not Traded	0.05
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