



BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia called on Chief Advisor Justice Latifur Rahman at his office in the city yesterday.

Different bodies hail Khaleda for victory

AGENCY, Dhaka

Different socio-cultural organisations yesterday congratulated BNP chairperson and four-party alliance leader Begum Khaleda Zia for her historic landslide victory in the October 1 general elections.

The organisations expressed the hope that the new government under the leadership of Khaleda Zia would play a pioneering role in the overall development of the country.

Bangladesh Non-government Primary School Teachers' Association felicitated the caretaker government for holding the 8th parliamentary election in a free, fair and impartial manner.

It also congratulated the BNP-led four-party alliance for its landslide victory in Monday's peaceful elections.

A statement issued by association president Shamsul Alam and secretary general Akkas Ali Sheikh said terrorism, massive corruption, deterioration of law and order, repression on opposition and assault on religious faith and values during the tenure of previous government resulted in a

major debacle for the immediate past ruling party.

They called upon the defeated parties to accept the verdict of the people with due respect. "The victory proves that no evil forces can withstand the unity of the nationalists and Islamic forces," said the statement.

Jatiya Mohila Sangstha Karmachari Kalyan Samity in a similar statement congratulated BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia for the landslide victory of BNP-led four-party alliance in Monday's national election.

They also felicitated the caretaker government and chief election commissioner for holding the election in a free, fair and impartial manner.

They hoped that the new government led by Begum Zia would give priority to making the country free from terrorism and corruption.

F F Council, Debate For Democracy, Bangladesh Jatiyatobadi Bhumihin Dal, Bangladesh Jatiyatobadi Poribesh Forum and Open University, also congratulated the BNP chief.

Parties urged to accept polls results

BSS, Dhaka

Leaders of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) urged all political parties to accept the people's verdict in the October 1 polls.

In a statement, FBCCI said it expected both the government and the opposition in parliament would play important role to continue the democratic process in the country and facilitate economic

development under the leadership of private sector entrepreneurs.

The leaders said that it was a great achievement in the national life as the eighth parliament elections were held in a festive mood.

The election conducting authority, the law enforcing agencies and the mass media had played a significant role in the elections, they added.

The people of the country expressed their strong support to democracy by casting their votes in this free, fair and peaceful elections, the statement said.

The business leaders congratulated the caretaker government and the election commission for holding the parliamentary elections in a free, fair and peaceful manner. They also congratulated the leaders of the winning party and the participants from different political parties in the polls.



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Muhit demands repolling in six constituencies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Awami League nominee for Sylhet-1 AMA Muhit yesterday demanded fresh polling in all six constituencies of Sylhet district, alleging that the election was rigged amid violence in different polling centres, but the administration failed to take action against the troublemakers.

Listing a number of such polling centres, he said the officials entrusted with the election duty were totally unfit. The Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet also worked in favour of a certain party, Muhit alleged.

Addressing a press conference in the town, Muhit said the election in Sylhet was marked by widespread violence and false voting. "If this is the situation, I wonder how Khaleda Zia would stop terrorism," he added.

Muhit said at least 20 per cent false votes were cast in Sylhet-1 constituencies. "I myself had seen people running with seals in their hands in many polling centres," he said, adding that about 90 per cent votes were cast in Lalabab union, a remote area where road communications are very poor. How it is possible, he asked.

Muhit also alleged that his supporters were also beaten up by the supporters of his rival in different places. Now, people do not feel secure outside their homes, he said.

He alleged that the residents of

Shibpur and minority voters were threatened and asked to vote for a certain party on the night before the election. He termed the administration 'ineffective'.

The press conference was attended by district Awami League president Syed Abu Nosor, general secretary ANM Shafique, joint secretary Iftekhar Hossain Shamim, Sylhet Pourashava Chairman Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran and others.

The district Awami League later held a rally at the Registry maidan of the town to protest the 'massive irregularities' in the October 1 elections.

Addressing the rally, the leaders said a vested quarter had made a blueprint to defeat the Awami League. But, the common people had rejected the polls results, they added.

The rally was addressed by AMA Muhit, town Pourashava Chairman Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran, district AL joint secretary Iftekhar Hossain Shamim and expourea chairman Babul Hossain Babul, and district AL president Syed Abu Nosor.

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