

Chittagong University Proctor resigns

CU CORRESPONDENT

Professor Towhid Hossain Chowdhury, Proctor of the Chittagong University (CU), has resigned from his post.

Prof Towhid did not show any reason in his resignation letter, but he told this correspondent that he could not work freely due to obstructions by the Islamic Chhatra Shibir, the student organisation of Jamaat-e-Islami.

Meanwhile, Assistant Proctor Dr. Ashraf Ali, associate professor of the Economics Department, has been appointed as the new acting proctor of the university.



Chief Advisor of the caretaker government Justice Latifur Rahman called on President Shahabuddin Ahmad at Bangabhaban yesterday.

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DU postpones exams till Oct 11

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka University syndicate has postponed all the examinations of the university till October 11 and urged the JCD leaders to withdraw their ongoing strike.

In an emergency meeting yesterday, the syndicate said the examinations under Science and Arts Faculties and Institutions will be announced later.

Chaired by Vice-Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, the meeting discussed the campus situation and expressed concern over the attacks on the students, teachers and provosts' offices and houses.

The meeting, held at the residence of the VC, took a number of decisions, including negotiation with the representatives of the striking student organisation to bring back normalcy on the campus.

The meeting urged all concerned not to hamper the activities of hall administrations.

The meeting also expressed their concern over illegal staying of some 'outsiders' and 'non-students' in the halls.

Nizami calls on President, Chief Advisor

UNB, Dhaka

A delegation of Jamaat-e-Islami called on President Shahabuddin Ahmad at Bangabhaban and thanked him for properly guiding the process of holding the election.

The two-member delegation, led by MP-elect Jamaat Ameer Maulana Motiur Rahman Nizami, told the President that the election was held peacefully throughout the country.

President Shahabuddin expressed happiness that the election was held peacefully and said the people of all ranks sincerely cooperated with the men engaged in election duty.

The other member of the delegation was Jamaat secretary general Ali Ahsan Mujahid.

BSS adds: Moulana Matiuur Rahman Nizami also called on Chief Advisor Justice Latifur Rahman at his office yesterday.

He thanked the Chief Advisor for holding a free, fair and impartial elections in the country.

The Jamaat Ameer was accompanied by Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mujahid and Mohammad Quamruzzaman.

Indian papers urge Hasina to accept polls outcome

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

The Indian print media yesterday continued to urge Awami League president Sheikh Hasina to accept the result of Monday's parliamentary elections saying it would only help the democracy in Bangladesh and could see her return to power in future. The Times of India in its editorial said Hasina "can be expected to be returned to power if she takes the verdict on the chin and not to lose nerve and do things that could inflict on her party and the always fragile polity of Bangladesh."

"With many opinion-makers in Dhaka urging Hasina to accept the electoral verdict, she should reconsider her apparent plans for a campaign against the latest election results, unless incontrovertible evidence (about her charges) can indeed be cited," said the editorial of this national daily "The Hindu."

"While Sheikh Hasina is widely seen as a proactive champion of Bangladesh's democracy, her record in office left much to be desired," it said. Both The Hindu and The Times of India have

commended BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's reported remarks that her party would not turn Bangladesh into an Islamic republic in spite of inclinations of her some of her allies. The Hindu said Khaleda Zia "struck the right note" by asking her followers to practice tolerance now that her party has returned to power.

The Times of India said Khaleda Zia's victory is a "good occasion to have a re-look at India's policy towards Bangladesh...sentiments and personalities cannot have a place in state-to-state relations. India has to deal with whoever is elected by the Bangladeshis and formulate a policy that will promote Indian national interests without in any way harming our neighbour."

All JU exams postponed till Oct 11

Examinations of all departments of Jahangirnagar University has been postponed until October 11, says a JU press release.

Elections were free and fair: BHRC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Human Rights Commission (BHRC) has termed the election free and fair with the exception of a few scattered incidents of false voting, intimidation of minority voters and violence.

"The voters turned up in their thousands at the polling centres with unprecedented spontaneity and enthusiasm, though some pre-election violence and political killings somewhat dampened the election atmosphere," the BHRC stated in its report on election observation.

BHRC assigned a total of 32,500 election observers to monitor the election in all the 300 constituencies. The commission released its report at a press conference in the city yesterday.

The report estimated the voter turnout to be over 70 per cent with an extraordinarily high number of female voters exercising their franchise virtually without any hindrance or intimidation.

The report noted that most of the centres where voting was suspended for false voting and violence were the same centres that were named as suspect by BHRC observers.

It observed that in some places like Shahrasti in Chandpur, Bhowfal in Patuakhali and few areas in Narsingdi, minority voters were subjected to intimidation but presence of army and other law-enforcing personnel however ensured their voting.

Although a tribal group enforced strike in three hill districts, both tribal and Bangali voters showed up in huge numbers to cast their votes with no violent incident occurring during polling hours, it said.

The report observed that frequency and tendency of false voting and violence was high in Noakhali and different char areas in Bhola and Chittagong compared to other districts.

The commission observed that the negligible amount of false balloting had little effect on the result as most wins were determined by a wide margin.

The commission urged the losing party to accept the result of the election with grace and participate actively in the Jatiya Sangsad, and shun the path of harral for the greater interest of the country.

Victory of four-party alliance hailed

UNB, Dhaka

Different socio-political organisations have greeted President Shahabuddin Ahmad, Chief Advisor Justice Latifur Rahman and Chief Election Commissioner MA Syed for holding the national election in a free, fair and impartial manner.

In separate messages yesterday, they also congratulated BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia on her party's landslide victory in the election.

The organisations include Bangladesh Chamber of Industries, Bangladesh Teachers' Federation, Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Oika Parisad, Jahangirnagar University Jatiyatabadi Democratic Teachers' Parisad, Bangladesh Public Works Employees Union, Peshajeebi Samannaya Parisad, Bangladesh Minority Welfare Association, Biman Jatiyatabadi Samik Dal, Society For Information Research & Social Advancement and Bangladesh Sammabadi Dal.

The organisations hoped that the foundation of democracy would further be consolidated and good governance, transparency, accountability and the rule of law would be established in the country through this election.

They urged all political parties to involve themselves in nation-building activities imbued with the spirit of fraternity and tolerance, putting behind all differences and the mentality of non-cooperation.

BSS adds: In Chittagong, leaders of different political parties and professional bodies and associations yesterday hailed the victory of BNP led four-party alliance in the October 1 election.

In separate statements, they said the victory of four-party alliance will help strengthen democracy, bolster economic activities and make the country free from corruption and nepotism.

Chittagong University Democratic Teachers' Association in a statement congratulated the leader of the four-party alliance Khaleda Zia and other elected parliament members.

They also thanked and expressed gratitude to the countrymen for casting their votes in favour of the four-party alliance.

President and general secretary of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA), Chittagong chapter, Dr Shahadat Hossain and Khurshed Jamil congratulated the newly elected parliament members from Chittagong and hoped that they will play an important role in developing country's health sector.

Hailing the unprecedented victory of nationalist forces, president and general secretary of Doctors Association of Bangladesh (DAB) Dr G M Harun and Dr Ashrafur Kabir said the next government under the leadership of Khaleda Zia would be able to free the country from terrorism, corruption and politicisation.

Islami Shasantantra Andolan, Jatiyatabadi Tarun Dal, Chittagong south unit, Shop Owners' Association, Dhalghat Oli Parishad and Jatiya Jubo Sanghati also hailed the victory of the four-party alliance in separate statements.

Quader Siddiqi greets Khaleda

UNB, Dhaka

Bangabir Quader Siddiqi has greeted BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia on her party's landslide victory in Monday's general election.

In a statement yesterday, Quader Siddiqi hoped that the nation would march towards its goal overcoming the present crisis under the able and fair leadership of Begum Zia.

BSS adds: Peshajeebi Samonny Parishad (PSP) also congratulated BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia for her party's landslide victory.

The statement lauded the role of the caretaker government, Bangladesh Election Commission, administration, members of the armed forces and different law enforcing agencies personnel including Bangladesh Rifles (BDR), village defence party and Ansar in holding the election in a free and fair manner.

Indian film show in city October 7-11

The Indian High Commission will organise a 5-day screening of Indian films in the city, says a press release.

The films will be screened at the auditorium of the High Commission at Dhanmondi Road no 2 at 6 pm each day.

Five films by well known Indian directors will be screened, from October 7-11. The pictures are *Uttoron* by Sandip Ray (October 7), *Amodini* by Chidananda Dasgupta (October 8), *Wheelchair* by Tapan Sinha (October 9), *Attaja* by Madhabi Mukherjee (October 10) and *Sati* by Aparna Sen (October 11).

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His death has caused irreparable loss to both the companies.

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