

Polls in 300 upazilas

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Sadar, Kathalia and Nalchhiti of Jhalakathi district, Patuakhali Sadar, Pirojpur Sadar and Mathbaria of Pirojpur district, Amtoli and Barguna Sadar of Barguna district, Bandarban Sadar, Rowangchhari and Ruma of Bandarban, Ashuganj, Kasba, Sarail and Banchharampur of B'Baria, Chandpur Sadar, Hajiganj and Faridganj of Chandpur, Sirakunda, Raozan and Sandwip of Chittagong, Comilla Adarsha Sadar, Comilla Sadar South, Brahmanpara, Burichong, Daudkandi and Meghna of Comilla, Cox's Bazar Sadar, Maheshkhal of Cox's Bazar, Feni Sadar, Fulgazi and Daganbhuiyan of Feni, Khagrachhari Sadar, Matiranga, Mahalchhari of Khagrachhari, Raipur and Ramgati of Laxmipur, Companiganj of Noakhali, Rangamati Sadar, Barkal, Rajasthali, Kapitai, Baghaichhari and Jurachhari of Rangamati, Savar and Dhamrai of Dhaka, Faridpur Sadar, Charbhadrassan and Sadarpur of Faridpur, Kaliganj of Gazipur, Gopalganj Sadar, Kashiani of Gopalganj, Jamalpur Sadar, Dewanganj and Islampur of Jamalpur, Kishoreganj Sadar, Hossainpur, Karimganj, Tarail, and Pakundia of Kishoreganj, Madaripur Sadar, Rajoir and Kalkini of Madaripur, Manikganj Sadar, Singair and Daulatpur of Manikganj, Munshiganj Sadar, Tongibari and Lohaganj of Munshiganj, Mymensingh Sadar, Muktagachha, Phulbaria, Bhaluka, Trisail and Gafarganj of Mymensingh, Palash and Manohardi of Narsinghdi Sadar, Netrokona Sadar, Atpara and Mohanganj of Netrokona, Rajbari Sadar, Shariatpur Sadar, Zanjira and Naria of Shariatpur, Tangail Sadar, Mirzapur, Bhuapur, Ghatail, Basail, Delduar and Nagarpur of Tangail, Bagerhat Sadar, Mongla, Kochua and Rampal of Bagerhat, Chuadanga Sadar and Damurhuda of Chuadanga, Jessore Sadar, Sharsha, Abhaynagar and Keshabpur of Jessore, Jhenaidah Sadar and Kaliganj of Jhenaidah, Rupsa, Phultala and Paikgachha of Khulna, Kushtia Sadar and Kumarkhali of Kushtia, Meherpur Sadar, Mujibnagar of Meherpur, Narail Sadar and Kalia of Narail, Satkhira Sadar, Bogra Sadar, Dupchanchia, Shajahanpur, Kahaloo, Adamdighi, Sariaikanda, Sonatara and Dhunat of Bogra, C'Nawabganj Sadar and Shibganj of C'Nawabganj, Parbatipur, Khansama and Phulbari of Dinajpur, Gaibandha Sadar and Gobindoganj of Gaibandha, Joypurhat Sadar, Akkelpur and Kalai of Joypurhat, Kurigram Sadar, Rourmari and Rajibpur of Kurigram, Aditmari, Kaliganj and Patgram of Lalmonirhat, Naogaon Sadar, Rananagar, Atrai, Porsha and Niamatpur of Naogaon, Lalpur of Natore, Nilphamari Sadar, Dimla and Jaldhaka of Nilphamari, Panchagarh Sadar, Atwari and Boda of Panchagarh, Puthia, Paba, Tanore, Charchat and Bagmara of Rajshahi, Rangpur Sadar, Gangachhara, Taraganj, Badarganj and Kaunia of Rangpur, Sirajganj Sadar, Kamarkhanda, Kazipur and Chauhali of Sirajganj, Thakurgaon Sadar, Habiganj Sadar, Bahubal and Lakhai of Habiganj, Maulavi

Bazar Sadar and Lakhai of the district, Sunamganj Sadar, Tahripur, Dakkhin Sunamganj, Chhatak, Jamalganj, Bishwambharpur and Derai of Sunamganj, Golapganj, Sylhet Sadar, Beanbazar and Zakiganj of Sylhet district.

The upazilas of which draft voter list have been published are - Mehendiganj, Uzirpur and Bakerganj of Barisal, Lalmoan, Manpur, Burhanuddin, Char Fasson and Tazumuddin of Bhola, Kathalia of Jhalokathi, Nazirpur, Nesarabad and Zia Nagar of Pirojpur, Betagi of Barguna, Ali Kadam, Thanchi and Lama of Bandarban, Matlab South of Chandpur, Anwara, Hathazari, Boalkhali, Potiya and Mirsharai of Chittagong, Chaudagram, Laksam, Homna, Monoharganj, Titas and Nangolkot of Comilla, Ktnaf, Ramu and Ukha of Cox's Bazar, Parshuram and Chhagolnaya of Feni, Panchhari, Manikchhari, Dighinala, Ramgarh and Laxmichhari of Khagrachhari, Kamolnagar, Rangamati and Sadar of Laxmipur, Noakhali Sadar, Begumganj, Hatiya, Subarnochar and Shonaimuri of Noakhali, Langodu, Naniarchar and Belaichhari of Rangamati, Bhanga and Nagarkanda of Faridpur, Kaliakoti, Kapasia and Gazipur Sadar of Gazipur, Tungipara of Gopalganj, Sharishabari of Jamalpur, Nikli, Kotaidi, Kuliachar and Bhoirhat of Kishoreganj, Ghior of Manikganj, Sreenagar of Munshiganj, Nandail and Phulpur of Mymensingh, Sonargaon of Narayanganj, Shibpur, Narsinghdi Sadar, Belabo of Narsinghdi, Madan, Kalkamanda, Durgapur and Kendua of Netrokona, Pangsha of Rajbari, Bhedorganj and Damudya of Shariatpur, Sherpur Sadar, Nakla and Nalitabari of Sherpur, Sakhipur of Tangail, Morelganj of Bagerhat, Jiban Nagar and Alamdanga of Chuadanga, Manirampur of Jessore, Kotchandpur and Harinakunda of Jhenaidah, Dumuria, Terokhada, Batiagata, Dacope and Dighalia of Khulna, Daulatpur, Bheramara and Khoksa of Kushtia, Gangni of Meherpur, Lohagara of Narail, Tala of Satkhira, Sherpur and Nandigram of Bogra, Gomastapur and Nachole of C'Nawabganj, Dinajpur Sadar, Birampur, Hakimpur, Biral, Nawabganj, Ghoraghat and Chiribandar of Dinajpur, Phulchhari, Slughatta and Sundarganj of Gaibandha, Panchabibi and Khetlail of Joypurhat, Chilmari, Ulipur and Rajarhat of Kurgram, Lalmonirhat Sadar and Hatibandha of Lalmonirhat, Sapahar, Manda, Dharmoirhat and Badalgachhi of Naogaon, Singra and Bagatipara of Natore, Domar of Nilphamari, Pabna Sadar, Ishwardi, Atharia, Chatmohor, Bera and Sujangan of Pabna, Debiganj and Tentulia of Panchagarh, Mohanpur and Durgapur of Rajshahi, Mithapukur and Pirganj of Rangpur, Belkuchi and Tarsh of Sirajganj, Haripur, Ranisankail and Priganj of Thakurgaon, Nabiganj, Chunarughat, Madhabpur of Habiganj, Juri and Baralekha of Maulavibazar, Jagannathpur, Jaintpur, Companiganj, South Surma, Fenchuganj and Bishwanath of Sylhet district.

JCD leader killed

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JCD's Barisal city unit president, was shot dead one day after his arrest.

LT Commander AKM Mamunur Rashid of Rab-8 in Barisal said Rab-3 personnel arrested Sentu at Katabon area of Dhaka on Tuesday afternoon.

"During interrogation, Sentu confessed where his stock of arms was hidden in Barisal. He was then taken to Barisal and handed over to Rab-8 at Mawa Ghat early yesterday," Rashid said.

The Rab-8 members took Sentu to Kashipur Bilbobari in Barisal to recover the hidden arms but as they reached the area, Sentu's accomplices opened fire on them.

Rab retaliated with gunshots leading to a short gunfight at around 4:15 am.

"Sentu was shot dead as he tried to escape at the time," Rashid said. Two Rab members were also injured and a Rab car damaged at the time.

A Rab press release yesterday said that Rab recovered Sentu's body after the gunfight along with one AK-47 rifle, a shutter gun, a revolver and a home made gun, from the scene.

Sentu was a known criminal in Barisal city and an accused in 19 cases, including four for murder. He had been in hiding since launch of the anti-crime operations.

However, Sentu's family claims that all cases lodged against Sentu were politically motivated and that he had been acquitted of all of them.

Meanwhile JCD leaders and activists protested the incident by bringing out a procession on the DU campus that ended with a rally rear Dhaka University Central Students' Union building.

Talking to The Daily Star, DU unit General Secretary of JCD Saiful Islam Feroz alleged that Sentu has been killed following a conspiracy by a vested quarter to realise their interests in the upcoming Barisal City Corporation polls.

He demanded proper investigation into the incident.

However a section of JCD activists yesterday expressed hope that the organisation would now be spared the blame of patronising terrorism and create new leadership free from the clutches of someone like Sentu.

No talks

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different crucial issues with US envoy in Dhaka James Moriarty in the presence of Jamaat leader Mohammad Qamaruzzaman.

Earlier, AL leaders informed the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and the International Republican Institute (IRI) representatives in Dhaka about their stance.

Insiders say AL Publicity Secretary Asaduzzaman Noor, who along with acting general secretary Syed Ashrafur Islam attended the meet, called Jon Danilowicz, political councillor to the US embassy, and conveyed the decision, which is also a crucial stance of the AL-led 14-party combine.

"I've phoned the US embassy and made the request not to invite us in future if Jamaat is also invited," Noor told The Daily Star. On Tuesday's talks at the US envoy's residence, he said they did not know that Jamaat leaders would be there.

He added, "As we've decided to boycott Jamaat, we'll never sit at any talks or discussion with any diplomats in presence of Jamaat leaders."

"We don't mind attending ceremonial programmes like that of the US Independence Day," he said adding, NDI and IRI now don't invite them to the event where Jamaat leaders are invited.

In response to Noor, Danilowicz said they would definitely keep it in mind in future.

The AL has earlier decided to boycott every programme attended by Jamaat leaders accusing them of resorting to war crimes during the Liberation War. However, several AL leaders violated this decision by joining programmes arranged by diplomats in recent past.

AL rejects

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Gulshan residence of AL acting President Zillur Rahman in the evening.

Ashrafur recalled that the RPO 1972 was passed in parliament, but this government has undermined that.

He said if the government tries to hold upazila elections before the parliamentary polls, there will be a serious trouble in the country.

Ashrafur alleged the government is retreating from its promise made with the political parties during its dialogue.

He said the AL will observe mass hunger strike on July 19 across the country demanding effective steps to check soaring prices of essentials.

He said the AL presidium members think that the state of emergency should now be lifted fully for creating a democratic environment in the country.

About the transit issue with India, Ashrafur said they hope the government will take into consideration the public interest first.

Deadly dengue back

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resident was admitted to Mitford Hospital and two people residing on Modonlal Saha Lane were admitted to Sumona Clinic.

However, no information regarding latest detection of dengue cases was available at the health directorate.

An official at the control room of the directorate yesterday said he was not aware of any detection of dengue case this season as the directorate did not "receive" any information regarding it.

DCC Chief Entomologist Nasim said the DCC has been in close contact with hospitals and clinics in the city since July 1 to keep record of the dengue cases.

When asked what the DCC is doing following the latest detection of the mosquito-borne disease, he said, "We've already instructed our officials at zonal offices to spray adulticide and larvicide within a 500-yard perimeter of the dwellings of the dengue-infected patients."

The DCC collects the addresses of the patients from the hospitals that treat them, he added.

The DCC hopes to control dengue in the city by raising awareness among the city residents, the chief entomologist of DCC said adding that the DCC has been creating awareness through informative posters and announcements published in daily newspapers. They also organise special programmes at

different schools as part of its mass awareness campaign, he said.

The DCC also sought assistance from Real Estate and Housing Association of Bangladesh (Rehab) in this regard, Nasim said.

The DCC has requested Rehab to ask its members to destroy discarded water tanks or reservoirs and clean up any possible places in any demolished or under construction buildings where water can stagnate for over five days, he added.

In the middle of the breeding season of Aedes mosquito, the carrier of the disease, everyone needs to use mosquito nets when going to bed, even during the daytime, he cautioned.

Entomologist Tuhid Uddin Ahmed said since the present pattern of rain creates a suitable atmosphere for Aedes mosquito to breed rapidly, the authorities concerned should take precautionary measures.

People also have their responsibilities, he said elaborating that they should keep their houses and yards clean and they should destroy any type of pots or containers before throwing those in the garbage.

"People have the wrong idea that people once infected with dengue will not be infected again. They should be more careful as they are under a greater risk of catching haemorrhagic dengue," he warned.

Transit, trade gap

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Foreign Adviser Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury has said that Bangladesh would not give any concession regarding issues of transit but discuss with importance strengthening security to tackle terrorist activities on both sides of the border.

"We will address the issues in a way that safeguards the interest of the country," he said.

Speaking at a briefing after talks with the Jatiya Ganotantrik Party (JGP) at the chief adviser's office yesterday, Iftekhar Chowdhury reiterated the government's position on transit, saying the interim government would not take steps that go against the sovereignty of the country.

Dhaka is taking the issues of reducing the trade gap, that amounts to nearly US\$ 2 billion, removal of non-tariff barriers, duty-free access, exporting more Bangladeshi products to India, border demarcation in the remaining 6.5 kms, unfettered access through the Tin-bigha corridor, exchange of enclaves and unsettled territories to the meeting.

Killings of innocent Bangladeshis by BSF and sharing of water are also expected to feature in the talks.

India, keen to raise both transit and security issues at the talks, is also optimistic about Bangladesh's positive response over Delhi's request for nearly two decades for

transit through Bangladesh to reach its seven north-eastern states known as the seven sisters.

"We have discussed the transit in different forums. We are interested in the transit and will remain interested," Indian high commissioner Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty told reporters earlier last week.

He portrayed the matter as purely an economic issue than a political one.

Responding to his statement, both the foreign adviser and the foreign secretary ruled out any possibility of reaching consensus on the issue at the talks this week.

"Bilateral mechanism would be strengthened at the foreign secretary level talks," Iftekhar earlier told The Daily Star. He said major issues like the transit would be discussed at a greater forum.

The foreign secretary assured journalists on Tuesday that no decision would be taken on the issue of transit at the talks.

Both countries will also discuss improvement of the Dhaka-Kolkata train and bus services, reducing duration of immigration clearance on the Indian side and how to woo more passengers to the service.

Sources at the foreign ministry said that Shillong-Guwahati bus service might also come up for discussion. Expediting the process of exchanging criminals hiding in each other's territory is also likely to be discussed, the sources added.

Fresh step to shut

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the EC drafted the new proposal.

The draft was supposed to be sent to the government yesterday for incorporation into the draft RPO, the sources added.

The advisory council last Sunday approved in principle the RPO 2008 to conduct the parliamentary elections. The draft will be made laws through the promulgation of an ordinance by scrapping the existing laws.

The law ministry is now vetting the draft ordinance and will send it back to the cabinet for final approval.

On getting the final approval, the president will promulgate the ordinance at the end of this month.

According to the draft RPO 2008, criminal offences involving moral turpitude include extortion, theft, misappropriation of property, violation of oath, rape, murder and also criminal misconduct defined in the Prevention of Corruption Act 1947.

However, the draft does not specify whether an aspirant candidate is disqualified from contesting polls on such conviction or is allowed to contest the polls as long as an appeal against the verdict is pending in a court, which might go on until the appeal is adjudicated in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

The draft ordinance only refers to the constitutional provision for disqualification from contesting polls.

According to the constitution, a person shall be disqualified from contesting elections if they are convicted of criminal offences involving moral turpitude and sentenced to imprisonment for a term of minimum two years, and unless a period of five years has elapsed since the individual's release.

There has been a debate over the interpretation of the term "conviction" as to whether it means conviction by a trial court or a final conclusive conviction after all appeals have been disposed of.

However, once the amendment is done to the RPO with the specific provision, none will be allowed to contest the polls after being convicted by a trial court of criminal

Climate change

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mitigation are being incorporated in the country's development strategy, which needs a lot of funds and resources. So, the world community, particularly rich countries, historically emitters of greenhouse gases, should come forward with contribution to the countries vulnerable to climate change.

He hoped that the noble committee would make aware the world forums of contributing to vulnerable countries to minimise the adversities.

The Nobel Committee chairman said bad climate newly added to poverty, which makes peace and poverty alleviation process risky.

"If you cannot fight poverty, you cannot win peace," he was quoted as saying.

Thinking the Nobel Committee chairman for visiting Bangladesh, the CA said he can see for himself the activities of Grameen Bank, micro-credit and socioeconomic development.

Mjos said Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus and Grameen Bank are good ingredients for good things for Bangladesh that works for peace and fights against poverty.

The chairman said Grameen bank's role in women empowerment is remarkable.

Referring to the day of announcement of winning Nobel Prize by Prof Yunus, the CA said it was the great moment in the history of Bangladesh when people of the country burst into joy. Achieving the prestigious prize is a pride for the nation.

Nobel laureate Prof Yunus, who was present at the meeting, said it is the time now, not tomorrow, world community, particularly developed countries, should come forward in reducing the adversities of climate change, coming up with specific modalities as the year 2050 is far long.

Nobel Committee Chairman Mjos said Nobel prize enhances prestige, visibility and credibility of Nobel winner as well as encourages further carrying out his or her work for making contribution to people and the world.

The CA said micro-credit has brought about a silent revolution in last two decades in Bangladesh, which increases the capacity to cope with natural calamities like cyclone.

Chief's Adviser's Deputy Press Secretary M Sarwar Alam briefed newsmen about the meeting.

Norwegian Ambassador in Dhaka Ingebjorg Stofring, Director, Nobel Peace Centre, Bente Erichsen and Secretary of the CA's Office Kazi Aminul Islam were also present.

Mirza Azam

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wealth worth over Tk 53 lakh illegally and giving false information to the commission.

Judge Mohammad Azizul Haque of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court passed the order after Azam along with his lawyers appeared before the court and sought bail, as the High Court (HC) on July 14 asked him to surrender to the trial court within 10 days.

The trial court had earlier issued an arrest warrant against Azam as he has been absconding since the case was filed. The court passed the order following a plea by the investigation officer (IO) of the case.

Moving the bail petition, the lawyers for Azam argued that their client had earlier appeared before the HC and sought anticipatory bail in connection with the case.

After the hearing, the HC directed their client to surrender before the trial court within 10 days. The HC also said the trial court might consider the bail petition. So, their client appeared before the court, showing respect to the HC order, the lawyers added.

Opposing the bail petition, Metropolitan Public Prosecutor Ehsanul Haque Samaji said the trial court has no jurisdiction to entertain the bail petition.

After hearing from both sides, the court rejected the bail petition and sent Azam to jail. It also asked the jail authorities to give him division in accordance with law.

On July 7, ACC Deputy Director SM Mozilul Islam, also the IO of the case, submitted the charge sheet of the case to Dhaka Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM) Court showing 34 people as prosecution witnesses.

In the charge sheet, the IO mentioned that the charges brought against Azam were proved in primary investigation and he should be brought under trial.

The IO also prayed for dropping charges against Azam's wife Aleya Azam as the charges brought against her were not proved.

ACC Deputy Director Mobara Khanam on January 10 this year filed the case against the couple with Ramna Police Station.

In the case statement, the complainant said Azam accumulated wealth worth Tk 53,62,645 illegally and concealed information about his wealth worth Tk 64,34,295.

Aleya Azam was accused of abetting her husband.

CASE AGAINST RAFIQU
The same court yesterday issued arrest warrants against Nurunnahar Lily, wife of detained former state minister for energy Prof Rafiqul Islam, and their son Mostafa Ashish Islam in connection with a graft case.

On July 14, ACC Assistant Director Mohammad Aminur Rahman, also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, submitted the charge sheet before the CMM Court, Dhaka, showing 23 people as prosecution witnesses.

On November 16 last year, ACC Deputy Director Monzur Morshed filed the case with Dharmdudi Police Station.

Rafiq's wife and son were accused of abetting him in amassing the illegal wealth.

Fida Kamal quits

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office's lack of efforts in a case regarding the Muslim Marriage and Divorce (Registration) Amendment Ordinance 2008 which the High Court (HC) declared illegal and void on Sunday.

The HC also said during the caretaker government's rule the president cannot promulgate ordinances on issues not related to polls.

Sources at the AG office said following the verdict the government was angered with the AG office and members of different government agencies started gathering information about its role.

Government sources said none of the AG or the two additional attorney generals appeared at the hearing on the important case.

The AG office moved to the HC with its reply to the HC rule on Sunday but the court refused to receive it for being "too late," said the sources.

"Sunday's High Court verdict is one that can question most ordinances promulgated by the president during the caretaker government's tenure," said one source.

The president has so far promulgated more than 70 ordinances during this caretaker government's rule.

It was learnt that the AG office is processing an appeal petition for staying the HC verdict.

Fida M Kamal, who was appointed the attorney general in February last year, went to Law Adviser AF Hassan Arif's office yesterday afternoon and came out around 8:15 pm.

"I have tendered my resignation," he told reporters waiting there.

He went to his office around 8:30 pm and talked with Additional Attorney General Salahuddin Ahmad and several other officials of the AG office.

Meantime, a meeting on the Attorney Service Ordinance scheduled for 4:30 pm yesterday at the AG office was postponed due to Fida's absence.

Rajshahi city polls

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loan defaulters and Open Market Sale (OMS) dealers -- both barred by electoral laws from contesting polls.

Mayoral candidate Liton, also Rajshahi city Awami League (AL) general secretary, was issued the warning as he used an AL office to address his supporters. He acknowledged receipt of the warning and said he would abide by the electoral rules in future.

Rahman was warned as he was using the banner of 'Sromojeebi Parishad', a political organisation.

Electoral code of conduct prohibits the use of political party affiliations or office premises during campaigning.

Councillor candidate Ziaul Haque Tuku was issued the warning as he used color stickers, which were being posted on house and shops in areas under ward no 13, from where he is contesting.

Meanwhile campaigning for the local polls was running in full swing in Rajshahi yesterday with candidates pledging to clear the RCC from corruption and ensuring essentials, as supply of gas and power, for the people.

BBC DIALOGUE
AT SYLHET

Seven mayoral candidates for Sylhet City Corporation (SCC) yesterday pledged to free the organisation from all political influences if they are elected. A few also said they would resign upon failing to resolve major problems in the city corporation.

They vowed to turn the city corporation into a working institution in real sense through rooting out corruption and taking urgent measures for providing essential services within a limited time, reports our correspondent in Sylhet.

The mayoral candidates faced about 200 people in the concluding session of the two-day electoral dialogue organised by the BBC in association with the EC at the Jalalabad Gas auditorium. The BTV and Bangladesh Betar aired the programme live.

The candidates are former Sylhet Municipality chairman Babul Hossain Babul, district Jatiya Party chief Md Kunu Miah, district PDP Convener Syed Ali Afsar, Khelafat Majlis leader Syed Muhibur Rahman, district JSD (Rab) General Secretary Syed Habibur Rahman Hiron, and independent candidates Bashir Ahmed and Md Salah Uddin Rimon.

Seven others joined the first day's dialogue on Tuesday night. Incumbent Mayor Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran has been detained in a number of cases for over a year. Queries from the audience included issues like health, employment, women's rights, water crisis, water logging, land grabbing, law and order and corruption. Questions on the candidates' competency and their past, present and future also came up for discussion.

Babul Hossain said he would resign if he fails to resolve the existing water crisis within two years. He pledged crash programmes of setting up a treatment plant for using water of the Surma.

Sources said the AG has been at loggerheads with the law ministry over the ordinance for over a month.

On Tuesday, the law ministry sent documents to the AG office on the Attorney Service including the AG office's organogram with provisions for five additional attorney generals, 95 deputy attorney generals and 95 assistant attorney generals.

"The attorney general's office was not happy with this ordinance thinking that it would establish the law ministry's control on law officers through a director general of the Government Attorney Department," said a source.

The government from now on wants the law officers to be recruited through the Public Service Commission in a bid to make them government servants, a law officer told The Daily Star seeking anonymity.

Currently, the government appoints law officers from among practising lawyers who have to acquire Bangladesh Bar Council certificate before starting practice.

"The moment the law officers become government servants, they will have to surrender their certificates to the Bar Council. It will keep them off from appearing for any client anymore," said the law officer.

The government did not consult the attorney general's office while making the new provision for Government Attorney Service, which has frustrated the attorney general's office, said several sources.

Many such issues regarding the attorney service have been in discussion among the law officers a few of whom have already resigned.

Talking on another reason for Fida M Kamal's resignation, a source said he requested the government for permission to visit some countries including the US and Scotland from July 6 to 28 but the government did not give the permission.

Fida had disagreements with the government on many other issues including several foreign tours and his role in different cases.

Kunu Miah refused an allegation of loan defaulters and Open Market Sale (OMS) dealers -- both barred by electoral