

Hope for a different polls in Khulna city

Candidates, voters happy as muscle power, black money out of scene this time

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For the first time since independence, Khulna, which was once known as valley of death, may witness a peaceful city corporation election today with no criminal activities, use of muscle power and black money and violence.

This may be possible due to initiatives by law enforcers, who failed to act properly earlier due to political influence, election officials said.

Both mayoral and councilor candidates have expressed their satisfaction over law enforcement agencies' performance as they contained notorious outlawed party carders and organised gangs.

The two main mayoral contenders--Talukder Abdul Khaleque and Moniruzzaman Moni--hoped that a free and fair election would be held today in which people's hopes would be reflected.

Talking to The Daily Star, they said they are not concerned about criminal activities this time.

The port cum-industrial city had witnessed use of muscle power and series of killings in every election in the past since 1971, including the 2001 parliamentary and 2002 city corporation polls. Use of small arms and bombs were usual in all the past polls, according to the law enforcers.

Normally, influential candidates, especially from major political parties, patronised criminals and outlaws and hired goons and to work in their favour, often intimidating voters and candidates.

This time, the city dwellers have heaved a sigh of relief ahead of the poll. Many of them expressed their opinions while talking to these correspondents.

Law enforcers started a massive operation from Saturday midnight in the city to nab criminals and outlaws ahead of the polls.

A number of law enforcers said they would continue their drives until the election result is announced. All polling centres have been brought under security



Law enforcers and election staff carrying ballot boxes to a polling centre yesterday as Khulna City Corporation prepares for election today.

cordon with intensified vigilance by intelligence agencies.

FORCE DEPLOYMENT
A total of 8200 police and Ansar personnel and 200 members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) will be deployed today. Each team comprising 28 to 30 policemen will guard each polling centre. Besides, 48 mobile police teams and 10 to 12 Rab teams along with intelligence wings and bomb experts will be on surveillance duty.

One mobile court headed by a First Class Magistrate will be on round-the-clock duty for each two wards to detect fake voters and punish them. One magistrate will head one mobile team in each ward to ensure peaceful voting.

"This time we will ensure a foolproof security to ensure that

the election is held in a free and fair manner," Assistant Commissioner of Khulna Metropolitan Police Mohammad Aslam Khan told The Daily Star yesterday.

Law enforcers arrested two persons for distributing handbills secretly among residents in Skid Ghat Labour Colony in ward no 21 in favour of councilor candidate Abu Saleh. The arrestees were identified as Azfar Hossain and Nazrul Islam.

CANDIDATES' VIEWS
Most of the mayoral candidates these correspondents talked to seemed to be very happy over the polls management although the election is being held under emergency.

"We still hope that the election will be free and fair and people would cast their votes independently," mayoral candidate Moni told The Daily Star. Khaleque said the polls would really be fair as criminals are on the run due to law enforcers' drives. "I hope I will win if there is no interference," he said.

'Vote for Cox's Bazar as one of 7 wonders'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

The district administration has taken initiative to create awareness among the people of Khagrachhari hill district to vote for Cox's Bazar through Internet to ensure its places among seven natural wonders in the world.

Speakers at a discussion meeting urged people to vote for Cox's Bazar as one of the most wonderful places through Internet.

With its immense scenic natural beauty, Cox's Bazar sea beach, the longest one in the world, is an attractive tourist spot and it is high time to vote for it as with the help of technology, people throughout the world are voting for their places to highlight their tradition.

District administration provided three computers to vote free of cost.

ASSAULT OF BAU HOUSE TUTOR
Teachers wear black badge, give Aug 12 deadline for action

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Wearing black badges, members of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) Teachers Council yesterday brought out a silent procession on the campus protesting assault on house tutor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall Assistant Professor Md. Wakilur Rahman allegedly by some Chhatra League activists Monday night.

They urged BAU authorities to take action against the culprits involved in the incident and

Leaders of the association also threatened of tougher action from August 12 if their demands are not met by August 11 and the culprits not punished. They retaliated their earlier demands that included cancellation of studentship and certificates of the accused students and their hand over to police.

The teachers council also held a rally, attended by over 100 teachers of different faculties. It was addressed by, among others, Prof. Dr. Md. Nurul Haq and Prof. Dr. Md. Monjurul Alam, President (in-charge) and secretary of the council.

A three-member probe body was formed to probe Monday night's incident. It submitted its report to BAU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain Friday night.

Soon after the incident, 37 BAU house tutors submitted their resignation letters to hall provosts, giving a three-day ultimatum.

Stranded BIWTC ship tugged to Horina ferryghat

A CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

Two tugboats yesterday tugged stranded rocket steamer PS Masud towards Horina ferryghat from Nayarhat (Katakhal), said Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) officials here.

The steamer will be tugged towards Sadarghat in Dhaka during low tide in the Meghna, they said.

Meanwhile, body of the missing wheelman, Amir Hossain, 35, is yet to be traced although a frantic search is going on in the Meghna.

3km human chain for new upazila

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Hundreds of people yesterday formed a three-kilometre human chain at Fakirhat of Pabna upazila in Palashbari upazila with a demand for setting up a new upazila there.

They demanded of the government to form the new upazila consisting of eight unions of Nakai, Harirampur, Taluk Kanupur in Gobindaganj upazila and Pabnapur, Monoharpur, Harinathpur, Bedkapa in Palashbari upazila and Padumshahar in Shaghat upazila.

Later, a meeting was held at Fakirhat Shaheed Smriti Degree College ground. Upazila Implementation Committee leaders Principal Shahnur Fazilatunnessa, Jaridul Huq and others addressed.



GPA-5 achievers were accorded a reception at Khagrachhari Tribal Culture Institute by Bangla daily Prothom Alo and Aktel yesterday.

Wrecked roads, terminals in coastal Patuakhali

Half of 150km roads, most terminals unusable

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

About 10 lakh inhabitants of six upazilas in Patuakhali district are suffering as half of the 150 km roads connecting the areas is in a deplorable condition.

Large potholes on those roads cause nuisance for passengers as buses, loaded trucks and others vehicles often get stuck there while the situation worsens in the monsoon season with rainwater gathering in the holes.

Patients become the worst sufferers on the dilapidated roads.

Some 12 km of 17km-long Galachipa-Sakharja, a section of Patuakhali-Galachipa road, 5 km

of 10km-long Galachipa-Amragachia road, 2 km of 15km-long Patuakhali-Dumki road, 20 km of 39km-long Patuakhali-Baufal road and 12 km of 47km-long Patuakhali-Dashmina road and 3 km of 22km-long Kalapara-Kuakata road are badly damaged, Roads & Highways Department (RHD) sources said.

Vehicular movement on Patuakhali-Baufal road remained stopped for eight hours from 10:00pm to 6:00am on Thursday night as a truck loaded with jackfruit got stuck in a hole at Rajakhal on Dumki-Baufal road.

"We are facing loss in the hilsa season as trucks cannot move smoothly on the roads. Hilsa fish rots

when the loaded trucks get stuck on the roads for several hours," said Niam Chandra, secretary of Mohipur Trawler Owners Association.

RHD repaired those roads in 2005 when the then prime minister Khaleda Zia visited Kalapara, Galachipa, Baufal upazilas and Patuakhali district headquarters.

"We are starting work under PMP (Periodic Maintenance Programme) to keep the roads fit for use in the rainy season," an RHD official said.

"We have sent several letters to the higher authorities concerned for allocation of money on an emergency basis for repair of the damaged roads," said Abdus Salam, executive engineer of local RHD.



Passengers waded amid risk after getting down from a ferry at Baga-Chargarabdi terminal on Baufal-Dumki road in Patuakhali district as the pontoon becomes frequently inundated by tidal water.

UGC probe team arrives RU

RU Correspondent

A four-member probe committee of University Grants Commission (UGC) reached Rajshahi University (RU) yesterday to investigate alleged irregularities and corruption in recruitment at RU.

UGC Member Prof Zihadul Karim, also founding chairman of RU Anthropology department, leads the probe body while other members are UGC Deputy Director Mizanur Rahman and officials Abdul Jalil and Ferdous Mannan.

The team will investigate all sorts of illegal recruitment at RU, which was done during the last 10 years, UGC sources said.

In 2004, the then BNP-Jamaat backed administration appointed 544 third and fourth-class employees against 255 vacant posts in gross violation of university rules.

People wait for political govt

Ershad tells Rangpur meet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Jatiya Party (JP) Chairman HM Ershad yesterday said the country may go back to pre-1991 situation if identified dishonest and corrupt leaders are not punished.

People are eagerly waiting for general election to have a political government in the country, he said at a view exchange meeting with the people at Bhuraghat under Sadyapushkurni union in Rangpur Sadar upazila.

Expressing hope that JP would be a part of Awami League-led grand alliance and form the next government, he called upon people not to elect dishonest and corrupt political leaders in the

upazila and general elections.

He said they would bring gas to Rangpur through pipeline if voted to power.

"There is no alternative to industrialisation for poverty alleviation in the northern region. For this we need gas here," he said.

He criticised the immediate past BNP-led alliance government for keeping Rangpur and its adjoining districts out of gas supply that had reached Bogra.

"JP's central committee selected candidates for elections in the past but this time I have advised the party's grassroots leaders to select candidates for upazila and general elections," Ershad said.

মধ্যপাড়া গ্রানাইট মাইনিং কোম্পানী লিমিটেড
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মধ্যপাড়া, দিনাজপুর

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Due to the unavoidable circumstances the submitting and opening date & time for offer against Tender No. FDC/PD-MISC/2007-2008/8/101 Dated: 24/06/2008 for "Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Short-listing of Clearing & Forwarding Agent for Chittagong Seaport" has been re-scheduled as follows:-

Sl No.		Existing date & time	Changed date & time
01.	Receiving and closing of the tender	12/08/2008 up to 5.00pm	12/08/2008 up to 2.00pm
02.	Opening time of the tender	12/08/2008 at 2.00pm	12/08/2008 at 4.00pm

All other terms and conditions of the notice will remain unchanged.

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Assistant Director (Procurement)

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