

Sylhet AL leaders in field for upazila polls

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IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

Enthusiasm by recent polls results in four city corporations and nine pourasabhas in the country, Awami League aspirants have launched mass contact in all 12 upazilas in Sylhet to contest the upazila election, whenever held.

They feel they will do better in upazilas than in Sylhet City Corporation where AL backed candidate detained incumbent mayor Badruddin Ahmed Kamran won the August 4 polls with a big margin.

However, in most upazilas, there are several aspirants from the party, which may trigger intra-party feud at grassroots level, party leaders apprehend.

The Election Commission (EC) recently said upazila polls could be held in October.

Grassroots AL leaders believe, EC will not allow much time for preparation or for campaign as it happened in the case of four city corporations and nine pourasabhas.

Talking to this correspondent yesterday, district AL chief ANM Shafique said party leaders in upazilas have already started cam-

paigned on their own.

"There are good candidates in each upazila in Sylhet."

"But we will have to go by the central committee's decision", he added.

Former joint secretary of Sylhet district Awami League Ashfaq Ahmed and Sylhet city AL general secretary Misbah Uddin Siraj are considered a strong candidates for Sylhet Sadar upazila. But both are voters in Sylhet city and may be disqualified to contest for the post of upazila chairman, according to provisions of new electoral laws.

There are two others in the Sadar upazila. They are local Union Parishad chairman Sirajul Islam and former UP chairman Iqbal Hossain, party sources said.

The party has at least three candidates in Dakshin Surma upazila who are very much interested to contest for the post of upazila chairman. They are upazila AL chief Dr. Abdus Shakur, general secretary UP chairman Haji Rais Ali and former UP chairman Mainul Islam. All are campaigning in different ways, party sources said.

Fenchuganj upazila also has three AL men to vie for the post of

Upazila Parishad chairman. They are former UP chairman Fazlur Rahman, local trades association chief Nurul Islam and upazila AL general secretary Abdul Basit Tutul.

In Companiganj upazila, four AL men are ready to join the polls race. They are former upazila chairman M Taiyebur Rahman, upazila AL chief Sajidul Haque Sajid, general secretary and local UP chairman Aftab Ali Kala and organising secretary Jahangir Alam.

In Gowainghat, upazila AL chief Md. Ibrahim, general secretary Golam Kibria Helal and former UP chairman Luthfur Rahman Lebu have already launched campaign. USA AL unit leader Faruque Ahmed is back home to join the race.

Zaintapur upazila AL chief Md. Abdullah, who is a former upazila chairman, and upazila AL joint secretary Fayeze Ahmed Babor are already in the field.

In Beanibazar upazila, former district AL joint secretary Abdul Khaliq Mayon, upazila AL general secretary Ataur Rahman Khan and former chairman of Dubag Union Parishad Md. Nazim Uddin are on mass contact for the polls. They are also trying to get party nod.

In Golapganj, upazila, local AL chief Iqbal Ahmed Chowdhury and district AL leader Humayun Islam Kamal are on campaign, party sources said.

Kanaighat Degree college principal Sirajul Islam and Kanaighat Upazila AL general secretary Nizam Uddin Al Mizan are considered strong candidates for the upazila polls. They have started campaign.

Both the former district AL joint secretary Shah Farid Ahmed and AL leader Shah Moshahid Ali are trying their best to get green signal from the party to run in the polls race in Biswanath upazila.

In Balaganj upazila, UP chairman Moshtaqur Rahman Mofur and UK Juba League leader Anwaruzzaman Chowdhury are on the line to contest for the post of Upazila chairman.

In Zakiganj, former upazila chairman and former district AL organising secretary Mashuq uddin Ahmed may contest again for the post. Local AL leaders former local UP chairman Abdul Khaliq and advocate Sirajul Haque will be his rivals in seeking party nod, party sources said.

'Execute verdict of Bangabandhu murder case'

A CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Thakurgaon District Mohila Awami League (AL) yesterday observed a token hunger strike at their party office here demanding execution of the court verdict of Bangabandhu murder case.

This was followed by a meeting where Mohila AL leaders demanded proper investigation into August 21 grenade attack on an AL rally in the capital in 2004. They also demanded an exemplary punishment to the attackers. District Mohila AL president Droupodi Agarwal presided the meeting.

They blamed the immediate past BNP-Jamaat Alliance government for attempting to protect Bangabandhu's killers and obstructing execution of the court verdict.

They thanked the caretaker government for observing August 15 as National Mourning Day.

They also demanded trial of war criminals in a special tribunal and an exemplary punishment to Jamaat-Shibir cadres for assaulting freedom fighter Mohammad Ali Aman on July 11.

Criticising the government for not arresting the culprits, they said the government failed to ensure freedom fighters' security and dignity.

Allegation of sexual harassment against Jamaat leader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

An allegation of sexual harassment to four girl students of Kandirhat High School in Pirgacha upazila was brought against their teacher Nurul Haque, also Ameer of Kandirhat unit of Jamaat-e-Islami.

Kandirhat High School assistant teacher Nurul Haque allegedly harassed the four students of class X of the school on different days after private tuition at his house.

The victims informed the matter to school managing committee chairman Nesar Uddin and acting headmaster of the school Abdul Hamid Mondol on Friday.

The managing committee held a meeting yesterday and formed a three-member probe committee to investigate the matter, the headmasters said.

A member of the school managing committee, on condition of anonymity, said local Jamaat leaders are trying to influence the managing committee members not to proceed further.

When contacted, headmaster Abdul Hamid Mondol said action will be taken against the teacher if the complaint against him is proved to be true.

Galib may be freed in a few days

Bogra court grants bail in Shahjahanpur jatra bombing case as per an earlier HC order

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

Spiritual leader of Jama'atul Mujahideen, Bangladesh (JMB) Dr Asadullah Al Galib may be freed in a few days.

Galib, Arabic teacher at Rajshahi University and also chief of Ahle Hadith, Bangladesh (Ahab), was granted bail by Bogra Session Judge's court in Shahjahanpur theatre (jatra) bombing case in pursuance of an earlier conditional bail by the High Court. Now there is virtually no legal barrier in his release, said his lawyers.

His release would take a few days more as there were two warrants for producing him before courts in under-trial cases, they said adding that recalling warrants are a matter of time.

Out of total nine cases filed against him by the state since his arrest, he was acquitted in one case while final reports were given in five cases, relieving him of charges. He was granted bail by High Court in three other cases.

However, acquitting Galib in Polashbari jatra blast case in Gaibandha, the judge had said, the prosecution failed to prove charges against him.

Final reports in the five cases against Galib were given at the

wend of BNP-Jamaat coalition government.

The cases include Brac and Grameen Bank office robbery cases in Kotlipara of Gopalganj, Govindaganj of Gaibandha, Ullapara of Shiroganj, Porsha of Naogaon districts and Khejur Ali murder case in Raninagar of Naogaon district.

Among the three cases still under trial in Bogra, Galib was granted bail by High Court in Gabtali blast case before the present caretaker government assumed power.

Six months ago, the High Court ordered Galib's bail in two other cases (one for Shahjahanpur blasts and another filed death of a person in the blast) on condition that trial of the murder case should be completed in three months and that of explosion case in six months.

As the trials could not be held in time, Galib was granted bail following a HC order.

After yesterday's bail, Ahab leaders said Galib was being harassed by the government in false cases.

Galib was arrested in February 2005 from Nawdapara in Rajshahi city after JMB leaders arrested earlier named Galib to be their spiritual leader.

Law enforcers also seized a huge quantity of documents including audio cassettes of Galib's jihadi speeches during his arrest.

Intelligence agencies were reporting on Galib's underground activities since 1997, but bigwigs in both Awami League and BNP-Jamaat governments protected him. Rajshahi Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu have a certificate in 2004 that he was not engaged in militancy.

Galib's name came in 2000 when militant organization 'Qital Fee Sabillillah' circulated leaflets terming Ahab to be their ally.

He was blamed for maintaining relations with overseas militants and abetting local militants under cover of Ahab and his AL Markajul Islami Salafia Madrassah.

Intelligence sources said Galib started receiving foreign funds through an Indian Islamist leader named Moulana Abdul Matin Salafi who was expelled from Bangladesh in 1988 for anti-state activities.

In mid 90s, JMB was formed headed by Shayakh Abdur Rahman. With Galib's help, Rahman's JMB militants used facilities of some 700 mosques built across the country by the RIHS.

AUG 17 BARISAL BLASTS

All 13 acquitted in another case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A Barisal court yesterday acquitted all of the 13 accused in a case filed in connection with 17 August series bomb blasts in the city as the prosecution failed to prove the charges.

Rabiul Hassan, judge of the Barisal Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal, yesterday also ordered release of nine of the accused in custody if they are not accused in any other case.

After the series bomb blasts in 18 places of the city on August 17 in 2005, police lodged 12 cases in connection with the incidents.

The case No 10 was filed for bomb blast in front of Roads and

Highways office at Amtala Moar in the city.

With this, trial of five of the 12 cases has been completed and only in one of the cases seven people including four absconding ones were sentenced to life-term imprisonment on July 30 this year.

The acquitted 13 accused of case No 10 are: Golam Morshed Chowdhury Reza, chemistry honors student, Jalal Arefin, SSC student, Hafez Saiful Islam, Abu Yusuf Majumdar, Abu Solaiman, blind and HSC student, also officials and staffs of Al Ikram Social Welfare Society, Md Maruf, Jasimuddin, Abdus Sobahan, Giasuddin, Sarwar, Abdur Rahim

and Zahid Babu, their associates and Ziaur Rahman Zia, director of Al Ikram.

The first nine accused were present during pronouncement of the verdict while the four others are still absconding.

However, the arrestees were not released from jail even after being acquitted by the court as they are also accused in seven other cases lodged in connection with similar incidents.

Advocate Kazi Munir Hussein, special prosecutor in charge of the tribunal, admitted that there were faults in filing and investigating the sensitive cases involving state security.

'Meet 6-pt demand, protect Phulbari environment'

National oil, gas protection body observes 2nd anniversary of Phulbari killings today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

National Oil, Gas Minerals and Port Protection Committee will observe the second anniversary of Phulbari killing today with different programmes including placing floral wreaths to the victims.

On this day in 2006, people of Phulbari and adjoining upazilas joined a peaceful programme to lay siege to the office of Asia Energy Corporation (AEC), a UK-based company, in Phulbari when the law enforcers intercepted them about half kilometre from the office.

As the law enforcers went into action and opened fire, three people were killed and several others injured.

Thousands of people from Phulbari, Birampur, Parbatipur and Ghoraghat upazilas that day took to the street demanding cancellation of Phulbari Open-pit Coal Mine Project and expulsion of AEC from the country.

National Oil, Gas Minerals and Port Protection Committee of Dinajpur yesterday held a human chain in front of Dinajpur Deputy Commissioner's Office to press home their six-point demand signed soon after the violence.

To mark the day, national and local bodies of Oil, Gas and Mineral Resources Protection Committee have jointly chalked out a



PHOTO STAR

National oil, gas protection committee forms a human chain in front of Dinajpur Deputy Commissioner's Office yesterday to press home their six-point demand.

programme including mourning procession, milad mahfil and laying wreath on the graves of the deceased.

Talking to this correspondent, Prof Anu Muhammad, member

secretary of National Oil, Gas and Mineral Resources Protection Committee, yesterday demanded punishment to the killers and fulfillment of the six-point demand.

Implementation of the project would render about four lakh people in the area homeless and threaten environment of the surrounding areas, he said.

'Navigable river routes shrinking alarmingly'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Participants in a seminar held in Barisal yesterday emphasized keeping river routes navigable for development of the southern region.

"Water ways are the sources of

transportation, business, agriculture, irrigation in the southern region and sustainable progress of the region is not possible without proper maintenance of these routes and development of river ports," speakers said at the seminar.

In view of modern concept of

river management, hydrological and hydro-geographical survey and regular monitoring of these routes and proper dredging activities under a long-term sustainable master plan round the year could be the only solution of this problem, they said.

The seminar titled Upekshito Noupath: Badhagrastho Dakkhinanchaler Unnoyon (Neglected water transportation route: Obstructed development of southern region) was organised by regional daily Ajker Paribarton and MV Kirtankhola-1 launch company at Celebration Point Auditorium in the city.

In 1971, there were about 24,000-kilometre water transport routes in Bangladesh but it has reduced to 6,000 kilometres in summer and 3,800 kilometres in winter at present, speakers said at the seminar.

With outdated equipment and inadequate budget, BIWTA is facing difficulty to keep the river routes navigable round the year.

Abdul Mannan Howladar, chairman Bangladesh Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) was the chief guest while a few persons including renowned nature conservancy activist Prof. Dwijen Sharma were special guests in the seminar.

Highway bus dacoity in Mymensingh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

One person was injured and belongings worth Tk 5 lakh of passengers of a Jamalpur-bound bus coming from Dhaka was looted by a gang of robbers at Bailor on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway in Trishal upazila in the early hours of yesterday, police said.

Robbers, in guise of passengers, climbed on the bus at Gazipur intersection at night, they said. As the bus reached Bailor, robbers started looting belongings of passengers.

Soon after the incident, Trishal police conducted raids in Trishal and arrested Kabir Hossain, 35, hailing from Konabari in Gazipur.


On suspicion, passengers held bus driver Abdul Malek, 28, of Jamalpur and handed him over to police.

When contacted, Trishal Police Station officer-in-charge (OC) Abul Khair Matobbar confirmed the incident. 'Raids are being conducted to arrest the robbers,' he said.



PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

Students leaving dormitories after Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College was closed yesterday in face of agitation following killing of an outsider on the campus the previous day. (story on page 16)



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Invitation for Tenders

1	Agency	Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited (DESCO)			
2	Procuring Entity Name	Office of the Manager (Procurement & Contract Management), DESCO			
3	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka			
4	Invitation for	Procurement of Works & Services			
5	Tender No.	36/2008			
6	Invitation Reference No.	DESCO/Procurement/Local Tender/2008/658			
7	Date	25/08/2008			

KEY INFORMATION

8	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method			
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FUNDING INFORMATION

9	Budget and Source of Funds	DESCO's own fund			
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

10	Tender Name	Clearing and Transportation of goods from Port of Entry and Transportation of goods from supplier's warehouse to DESCO Store			
11	Tender Last Selling Date, Closing & Opening Date and Time	Last Selling Date 16/09/2008	Closing & Opening Date 17/09/2008	Closing Time 12:00 Noon	Opening Time 12:30 PM
12	Name & Address of the office for Selling Tender Document, Receiving & Opening Tender	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> Selling Office of Deputy General Manager (Finance & Accounts), DESCO, House # 3 (4th floor), Road # 24, Block - K, Banani Model Town, Dhaka - 1213. </div> <div> Receiving & Opening Office of the Manager (Procurement & Contract Management), DESCO, House # 3 (5th floor), Road # 24, Block - K, Banani Model Town, Dhaka - 1213. </div> </div>			

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

13	Eligibility of Tenderer	For Group 1,2,3: Bonafide Clearing & Forwarding agents with adequate experience in similar nature works & services. For Group 4: Bonafide Transportation contractors with adequate experience in similar nature works & services.			
14	Brief Description of Works	Works & Services, as specified against respective group mentioned below, including loading & unloading etc. of goods from port of entry/ supplier's warehouse to Mirpur/ Tongi in different consignments for each group. Group-1: Clearing and Transportation of 33 KV U/G Cable and Jointing Kits from port of entry (Chittagong) to DESCO's store at Tongi/Mirpur. Group-2: Clearing and Transportation of Pole fittings & Line Hardware, 11KV Metering Units & 400 Volt Metering Units and 11 KV Isolator from port of entry (Chittagong) to DESCO's store at Tongi/Mirpur. Group-3: Clearing and Transportation of 11/0.4 KV Distribution Transformer, Conductor & Transformer Loops from port of entry (Chittagong) to DESCO's store at Tongi/Mirpur. Group-4: Transportation of goods DESCO's store at Tongi/Mirpur: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conductor & Transformer loops from Kewdhala, Narayanganj. 11/0.24KV Single Phase Transformer from GEMCO, Chittagong. Insulator & Insulator Accessories from BISF, Buxnagar, Mirpur. Conductor Accessories from Aganagar, Keraniganj. Detail described in the tender document.			
15	Price of Tender Document (Tk.)	Tk. 2,000/- (Taka Two Thousand) Only for each group payable in the form of Pay Order/ Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of 'Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited (DESCO)'			
16	Description of Packages	Location of Works	Tender Security Amount (Tk.)	Completion time for each consignment	
	Clearing and Transportation of goods from port of entry and Transportation of goods from suppliers warehouse to DESCO store	DESCO's store at Mirpur/ Tongi	Group-1: Tk. 1,70,000/- (One Lac Seventy Thousand) Group-2: Tk. 1,00,000/- (One Lac) Group-3: Tk. 1,00,000/- (One Lac) Group-4: Tk. 60,000/- (Sixty Thousand) (Payable in the form of Bank Guarantee/Bank draft/Pay order in favor of 'Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited (DESCO)')	For Clearing part: Minimum time as required without causing imposition of demurrage charges. For Transportation part: 07 (Seven) days since completion of clearing & forwarding of goods from port of entry/EXW delivery at supplier's warehouse.	
17	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.				

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