

Delimitation to change polls areas of bigwigs in Barisal div

21 JS seats against earlier 23: Areas of 13 constituencies to change

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The new delimitation will reduce the number of parliamentary seats to 21 from 23 and change areas of 13 constituencies in 19 upazilas under Barisal division.

Areas of a few bigwigs of different political parties will be changed, making them calculate afresh about their vote banks.

The new demarcation will change the constituencies of Workers Party President Rashed Khan Menon, BNP leaders Altaf Hossain Chowdhury, Syed Mozam Hossain Alal, advocate Jainul Abedin, Shahidul Huq Zamal, and Shah Muhammad Abul Hossain, Awami League leader Dharendra Devnath Shamvu and Jamaat-e-Islami leader Maulana Delwar Hossain Saidee.

According to new delimitation, Babuganj upazila will be added with Muladi upazila while earlier it was with Uzirpur upazila, considered as a vote bank for Workers Party chief Rashed Khan Menon.

Kowkhali upazila in Pirojpur district was treated as vote bank

for Anwar Hossain Monju, chief of a faction of Jatiya Party. But Swarupkathi, where Monju is not popular, has been included in the constituency.

Three unions of Patuakhali Sadar upazila have been excluded from Patuakhali-1 (Sadar, Mirzaganj and Dumki). Of them, Lohalia and Kamalpur unions are added to Patuakhali-2 (Baufal and Auliapur union is added to Patuakhali-3 (Galachipa-Dasmina). This change will cause problem for Altaf Hossain Chowdhury as those unions were 'vote bank' for him.

Barguna will have two seats instead of three earlier and Barisal-2 and Swarupkathi of the constituency comprising Banaripara of Barisal and Swarupkathi of Patuakhali will merge with adjoining constituencies, said sources at Election Commission office here yesterday.

Banaripara will merge with Barisal-2 and Swarupkathi with Patuakhali-2, they said.

There will be 21 lawmakers from the area against 23 earlier, Monirul Islam, deputy election commissioner in-charge of Barisal

division, told this correspondent.

The 13 constituencies were Barguna-1, Barguna-2, Barguna-3, Patuakhali-1, Patuakhali-2, Patuakhali-3, Patuakhali-4, Barisal-2, Barisal-3, Barisal-4, Pirojpur-1, Pirojpur-2 and Pirojpur-3.

Under fresh demarcations Barguna-3 constituency previously consisting Amtali upazila and the constituencies consisting Banaripara upazila in Barisal and Swarupkathi upazila in Pirojpur district will be dissolved.

As per the new delimitation, Barisal-2 will comprise Uzirpur and Banaripara upazilas instead of Uzirpur and Babuganj upazilas.

Barisal-3 will comprise Muladi and Babuganj upazilas instead of Muladi and Hizla upazilas.

Barisal-4 will cover Mehendiganj and Hizla upazilas instead of Mehendiganj upazila alone earlier.

Patuakhali-1 will comprise Patuakhali Sadar, Mirzaganj and Dumki upazilas, excluding Auliapur, Lohalia and Kamalapur

unions of Sadar upazila.

Patuakhali-2 will comprise Baufal upazila and Lohalia and Kamalpur unions of Sadar upazila.

Patuakhali-3 will consist of Dasmina and Galachipa upazilas except Baro and Chhoto Baishdia, Rangabali, Chalitabunia and Char Montaz unions, and Auliapur union of Sadar upazila. Patuakhali Sadar upazila will be excluded from the constituency.

Patuakhali-4 will comprise Kalapara upazila and a few unions of Galachipa upazila.

Pirojpur-1 will now be formed with Sadar, Nazirpur and Zianagar upazilas instead of Sadar and Nazirpur upazilas earlier.

Pirojpur-2 constituency will comprise Kawkhali and Swarupkathi upazilas and part of Bhandaria upazila. Earlier, it comprised Kawkhali and Bhandaria upazilas.

Pirojpur-3 constituency will now cover Mathbaria upazila and Telikhali union of Bhandaria upazila.

Barguna-1 will consist of Sadar and Amtali upazilas instead of Sadar and Betagi upazilas.

5 milk collection centres fined for failure to show registration paper

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A mobile court yesterday realised Tk 69 thousand as fine from a few milk collection centres and milk traders at Demra Bazar in Faridpur upazila under the district as the centres failed to show registration documents and medical fitness certificates for staff.

During the drive led by Faridpur Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md Emteaz Hossain, Upazila Health and Family Planning Officer Dr Md Khalilur Rahman the mobile court fined Tk 10 thousand each from the milk collection centres of 'Pran Dairy Ltd', Brac, Akiz Foods and Beverage, Aftab Milk Products in Demra Bazar of Faridpur upazila.

"When we asked the milk collection centres to show the registration documents of their establishments and the medical fitness certificates of their staffs, they failed to show those papers. So the mobile court fined them," Faridpur Upazila Health and Family Planning Officer Dr Md Khalilur Rahman told this correspondent over phone yesterday.

The mobile court also fined Rabintra Ghosh, Md Shahajahan Ali and Dulal Chandra Ghosh of Tk 8 thousand each for manufacturing chhana in unhygienic way at Demra Bazar.

"We are trying to nab the culprits who are allegedly involved in manufacturing spurious milk. We have also collected the list of milk suppliers from the milk selling centres for investigation," the health officers said.

The Daily Star recently published a news item about a few factories that produce spurious milk and chhana.



Progressive Teachers Society of Rajshahi University (RU) forms a human chain in front of RU Central Shahid Minar yesterday demanding punishment of the killers of four national leaders in jail custody on November 3, 1975.

Satkhira college students vow to uproot graft

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

About 1,200 students of Satkhira Government College vowed to uproot corruption from society yesterday.

They took vow at a rally organised here to mark the first founding anniversary of Muktangan, an organisation of students of the college.

Muktangan convenor Emran Kabir Khan presided the meeting while Satkhira Government College vice-principal Prof Abdul Hamid was present as chief guest.

Students who are future leaders of the country, also took oath to

curb the menace of drug abuse and drug peddling from the society. They vowed to launch a campaign to create awareness among people against corruption and drug menace.

They urged both the teachers, students as well as youths to play an active role to fight corruption and uproot drug menace. They asked people to elect competent and honest candidates in the upcoming parliamentary election as it is a precondition to uproot corruption from society. They said they want to make the next generation aware about corruption.

Thakurgaon Jubo Dal leader sued for 'rape'

A CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Thakurgaon Poursabha Jubo Dal president Ataur Rahman, also a councillor of Ward No 5 of the poushabha was sued here Sunday night for raping a daughter of a day labourer.

The victim, daughter of the day labourer of Santinagar village in Sadar upazila became over six months' pregnant by Ataur Rahman following an illicit relationship with her for over two years, said Thakurgaon Police Station officer-in-charge Mahabub Alam.

The Jubo Dal leader maintained the illicit relationship promising to marry the victim. But a few days ago, he settled his marriage with another girl, an inhabitant of Ghoshpara in the town. Hearing the news, the victim handed over a complaint against Ataur to the municipality mayor on October 30. Later, she filed a rape case with Thakurgaon Police Station.

Her medical examination was completed under supervision of police on Monday.

When contacted, Poursabha councillor Ataur Rahman refuted the allegations saying it 'a conspiracy' against him to tarnish his image.

3 killers get life in Magura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Magura Additional District and Sessions Judge Court yesterday sentenced three people including a father and his son to life term rigorous imprisonment (RI) yesterday for killing a man in July 20, 2005.

The convicts are Moyenuddin of Kullia village in Magura Sadar upazila, his son Ohidul and their fellow villager Belal.

Each of the convicts were fined Tk 20,000, in default, to suffer six months more RI.

Prosecution story, in brief, is that Mujibur Rahman of the same village was critically injured as the convicts beat him indiscriminately on July 20, 2005. The next day he succumbed to his injuries while undergoing treatment at Magura Sadar Hospital.

Wife of the deceased filed a murder case with Magura Sadar Police Station on July 21, 2005 accusing eight people. After investigation for about 10 months, police framed charges against the three.

Baby drowns in Lalmonirhat

A CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A baby drowned in a pond at Mohipur village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila yesterday.

The baby was identified as Manira, 6, daughter of Khaled Hossain of the village.

The baby was playing alone beside the pond near to her house before she drowned.

Traditional Katyani festival begins in Magura today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

All are set to celebrate five-day-long traditional Katyani festival that starts in the district from today.

The festival, held every year after about a month of Durga Puja, the greatest religious festival of the Bangla-speaking Hindus, Katyani Puja has emerged as the most celebrated festival for the community in the district.

Shatish Chandra, a rich man of Parnanduli village in Magura Sadar upazila, first introduced Katyani Puja 56 years ago at the courtyard of his residence. Over the past several years, the puja has gained immense popularity and this time it is going to be celebrated at 56 mandaps in Magura, organisers said.

Every year thousands of people irrespective of religion, even from abroad including India and Nepal, assemble here to celebrate the festival.

In observance of the festival nicely decorated gates and arches have been erected at the entrance of different puja mandaps and the areas have also been illuminated.

A month-long fair has also been arranged on the occasion.

Information on the puja



An artistic sculptural decoration marking Katyani Puja in Magura town that sees growing popularity of the traditional festival in the district.

including a map of Magura indicating the addresses and locations of Katyani Puja mandaps, names and charges at different hotels is available in website www.geocities.com/katyanimag. Avik Majumder and Pizush Basak have developed the website.

Akhaura Land Port resumes function today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

Akhaura Land Port Export and Import Association is going to resume their functioning from today as the authorities has repaired the unfit parts of Darker Akhaura land port road during last three days.

Functioning at Akhaura Land Port stopped due to work abstention programme called by Akhaura Land Port Exporters and Importers Association on Saturday. The association called the programme due to several causes including unfit road communication and lack of LC service in the port.

Earlier on Wednesday, they submitted a memorandum to Brahmanbaria Deputy Commissioner through Akhaura upazila nirbahi office in this regard.

As a large portion of 16 kilometre long Darker-Akhaura land port road including seven bridges on it has remained in a very bad shape for long, movement of heavy vehicles became very risky and costly. Besides, traders are facing difficulties in absence of LC service and banking facilities at the port.

EC finds no office of 6 parties in Barisal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The Barisal district office of the Election Commission (EC) has found offices of six parties in Barisal city non-existent.

Those parties are Biplobi Workers Party, Bangladesh Liberal Democratic Party, Forward Party, National Peoples Party, Bangladesh Peoples Party and Samajik Rajnoitik Andolan, EC sources said.

Meanwhile, a few parties hurriedly opened their offices and formed committees in the city before the investigation started.

Office of Jatiya Ganotantrik Party found at the residence of Md Rahim Howladar, vice president of the party on Shahparan Road of Kashiapur on the outskirts of the city.

'Office' of the Oikbabaddho Nagorik Andolon was found at a mess used by the students of BM College in the city.

Signboard of NPP was set at a fruitshop.

Expressing ignorance about the party mentioned in the signboard, the shop owner said the place was earlier a motorcycle garage.

On October 27, EC officials started verifying the information sent from the EC headquarters and provided by the 14 parties with the EC for their registration, said sources at Barisal EC office.

Investigation into the information, provided by the 14 parties to the EC for their registration, was completed on Sunday and the report was sent to Dhaka on Monday, EC officials said.



Coast Guard seizes octane worth about Tk 7 lakh from a trawler in Meghna River near Loggimara village under Chandpur Sadar upazila early yesterday.

Advertisement for Bangladesh Telecom, Gas and Xerox Service Corporation (Petro-Bangla). Includes details about a national competition, prizes, and contact information.

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