

6 RAJSHAHI JS SEATS

AL nominees unite to face deprived party men

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

All the six Awami League (AL) nominees from Rajshahi constituencies yesterday showed up together to counter Friday's meeting of nomination-deprived party men, making the intra-party feud over nomination public.

The candidates at a press conference at Rajshahi city AL office under the banner of Rajshahi district Awami League claimed that they are stronger than their rival faction. Rajshahi district AL secretary Omar Faruk Chowdhury conducted the conference.

They promised that they would not spend money beyond the limit fixed by the Election Commission. They claimed that they would be able to recover all the Jatiya Sangsad seats in Rajshahi retained by BNP-Jamaat in last three elections.

On Friday, the banner of district AL was also used at the press conference of the deprived candidates. Led by district AL president Tajul Islam M Faruk, the deprived candidates demanded that the party high command should evaluate party men



Enamul Haque Kazi Abdul Wadud Shahriar Alam

and place politicians over businessmen in deciding nomination.

At yesterday's press conference, Omar Faruk Chowdhury said, "The party nominations suggest that we are in the right way and stronger than our opponents".

Chowdhury who got AL ticket from Rajshahi-1 (Tanore-Godagari) said, "We honour the agony of deprivation, yet the deprived leaders should honour the party's decision".

Among the six AL nominees, three were introduced as industrialists in the press conference. They are Enamul Haque of Rajshahi-4 (Bagmara), Kazi Abdul Wadud Dara of Rajshahi-5 (Puthia-Durgapur) and Shahriar Alam of Rajshahi-6 (Bagha-

Charghat). Mohila Awami League central vice-president Akhtar Jahan and former acting president of Rajshahi district AL Meraj Mollah, who got tickets for Rajshahi-2 and Rajshahi-3 respectively, were also present at the conference.

Asked about political identity of the three industrialist candidates, Chowdhury said, "Since they have been given the party tickets, they are politicians".

Journalists asked the industrialists how they would campaign without having any political background. They said they would not spend money more than the limit fixed by the EC. They said they would win by campaigning door-to-door.

HIDING WEALTH

ACC sues ex-BNP MP Wahab in Jhenidah

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) has filed a case against former BNP lawmaker Abdul Wahab for allegedly hiding Tk 89 lakh 82, 677 in his wealth statement.

Jessore ACC sub-assistant director Wazed Ali Gazi filed the case with Jhenidah Sadar Police Station yesterday.

ACC asked Wahab, elected from Jhenidah-1 (Shaikupa) constituency, to submit his wealth statement on May 8 this year. On receipt of the notice on May 15, Wahab submitted his wealth statement of Tk 83 lakh 68,000. But ACC detected that the former BNP lawmaker owned wealth worth Tk 1 crore 73,61,187. Wahab has hidden information of Tk 89, 82,677 in the wealth statement, ACC said.

Wahab has been hiding after 1/11. He allegedly took side of BNP reformists to save him from arrest. He is yet to return to his own constituency.

However, he could not be contacted till filing of this report although this correspondent tried to contact him on several occasions.

Saifur's reluctance deepens BNP crisis in Sylhet-1

Rival groups hold separate programmes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

With BNP stalwart Saifur Rahman's reluctance to contest from Sylhet-1 (Sadar upazila and City corporation), party leaders and activists are now divided, his followers demanding his candidature from the seat and the other faction led by Ilyas Ali seeking Khaleda Zia to run in the constituency in the upcoming parliament election.

The rival factions held yesterday held separate programmes in the city.

Pro-Saifur people under the banner of 'Amra Sylhetbashi' organised a human chain at Central Shahid Minar in the city demanding fielding of Saifur in Sylhet-1. Sylhet city BNP leaders, who had been in the Saifur-backed group for long, organised the rally where some professionals and business people joined.

"We had called upon the party chief to nominate Saifur again as there is no substitute," city BNP Secretary Nasim Hossain said.

Anti-Saifur faction, known as pro-Ilyas Ali group, held a meeting at the house of former



district BNP president MA Haque at Jatarpur in the city yesterday afternoon.

They demanded that Khaleda Zia contest from Sylhet-1, which bears a 'special importance' for long.

Haque chaired the meeting while district convening committee members MA Gaffar, Ahea Reza Chowdhury, Ali Ahmed, Abdul Quaiyum Jalali Ponki, Saiful Islam spoke, among others.

Making an oblique reference to Saifur Rahman, the speakers said the people who had taken stand against Khaleda Zia in the name of reforms after the one eleven changeover should not be given party ticket for Sylhet-1.

They demanded Khaleda Zia contest there. If it is not possible for Khaleda, BNP should nominate district BNP convener M Ilyas there, they said.

Saifur's nomination for Sylhet-1 to fight against Awami League candidate AMA Muhi was almost final but there had been no preparation mainly due to the intra-party feud.

Saifur at a view exchange meeting at his village home at Baharmardan in Moulvibazar on Sunday said he would not contest in Sylhet this time.

He told Moulvibazar BNP leaders that he would contest from his home constituency Moulvibazar-3 (Sadar and Rajnagar).

His son Naser Rahman was elected there in the by-election as Saifur quit the position lawmaker there after winning in 2001. Naser was jailed in an extortion case.

Saifur was scheduled to visit Sylhet last Wednesday. But it was cancelled at the last moment.

On November 6, Saifur attended separate informal meetings with some party men and with the pressmen at a hotel and left the city that day. It was first trip to Sylhet since after 1/11 changeover last year.

JP leader Jhantu violates polls code

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Jatiya Party (Ershad) central leader Aminul Islam Jhantu, also a nomination seeker from Sirajganj-2 constituency, yesterday violated electoral code of conduct by organising a rally with motorcycles, cars, minibuses and a mini-truck here as part of a showdown.

Jhantu went to a highway restaurant at Hatikumrul with his supporters to receive party chief Hussain Mohammad Ershad who was returning Dhaka from Rangpur on conclusion of his electoral work.

Meanwhile, a JP activist named Eshaque Ali, 30, son of Saman Kari of Raghurati village in Sirajganj Sadar upazila died on the way as a speeding bus hit his motorcycle from behind at Hatikumrul on the highway. Another JP activist was also injured who was admitted to Sirajganj Sadar Hospital in a critical condition.

When contacted, district election commissioner Nitish Chandra Dey said Jhantu had violated electoral code of conduct and action would be taken against him.

Dighinala AL demands ticket for Kujendra

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Dighinala Upazila Awami League (AL) leaders and activists, at a press conference held at their office in the upazila town yesterday, urged the party central committee to change its nomination by declaring district AL vice president Kujendra Lal Tripura as the party candidate.

Criticising the decision, they said nominated district AL president Jotindra Lal Tripura has no popularity in his constituency. He got the lowest 30 out of 132 votes in the primary nomination race held at Khagrachhari Town Hall on November 8, they said. They threatened to resign if Kujendra is not nominated.

Ershad seeks vote for Hasina

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad sought vote for Awami League president Sheikh Hasina in Rangpur-6 constituency.

Addressing a wide meeting at Pirganj (Rangpur-6) bus stand on his way to Dhaka, the Jatiya Party chief said, if the grand alliance is voted to power, they would bring massive change in the country through development.

Criticizing BNP-led alliance government, Ershad said whenever BNP came to power they amassed wealth by plundering people's wealth.

He called upon the people to cast their vote for grand alliance candidates so that BNP-led four party alliance can not come to power again.

During his three-day visit to northern districts, he visited Lalmonirhat and Kurigram. He submitted his nomination paper for Kurigram-2, and Rangpur-3 constituencies on Sunday.

Tayebur critically ill in Khulna jail

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Health condition of former Khulna City Corporation mayor Sheikh Tayebur Rahman is critical. He has been suffering from Ostrio arthritis, diabetes, blood pressure and loss of appetite since January.

Sheikh Tayebur Rahman is now in Khulna jail. He was arrested from his Dhaka residence on November 2 last year in connection with corruption cases.

His wife Laila Rahman in a statement yesterday appealed to the government to provide him with better medical treatment to save his life.

The jail superintendent has expressed his inability to arrange any special treatment for Tayebur without permission of higher authorities, Laila Rahman said in the statement.

Razzak Ali's return irks Khulna BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The prospect of former Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali's returning to BNP on condition of nomination from Khulna-2 (Sadar-Sonadanga) or Khulna-6 (Koira-Paikgacha) constituency for December 29 elections has given rise to discontent among party leaders and workers in Khulna.

Sources said Sheikh Razzak Ali, a former leader of BNP, has got 'green signal' for nomination from one of the two constituencies if he joins BNP.

Leaders and workers will not accept Razzak Ali's nomination from either of the two seats if he joins BNP in this condition, said central Vice President of Chhatra Dal Shafiqul Alam Tuhin and Jubo Dal leader Arifuzzaman Apu.

Despite several attempts, Sheikh Razzak Ali could not be reached for confirmation of his joining BNP on condition

of securing nomination from Khulna-2 or Khulna-6.

Earlier he collected his nomination paper with hope to get Awami League-led 14-party alliance ticket for Khulna-6 constituency. But Awami League has already confirmed nomination of advocate Sohrab Ali Sana from there.

After failing to get nomination in 2001 general elections, Sheikh Razzak Ali filed nomination papers from Khulna-2 and Khulna-6 as an independent candidate challenging Khaleda Zia's leadership, party insiders said.

Later he withdrew his candidature and remained isolated from BNP till joining LDP, they said.

When contacted, Nazrul Islam Manju, member secretary of Khulna unit of four-party alliance, yesterday said Khaleda Zia had given him green signal for nomination from Khulna-2.

SATKHIRA-1 AL, WP, LDP file nomination

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Satkhira district AL president Engineer Sheikh Mujibar Rahman who was nominated by grand alliance submitted his nomination paper yesterday for Satkhira-1 (Tala-Kalaroa) constituency.

District Workers Party (WP) secretary Mustafa Lutfulah and Liberal Democratic party (LDP) leader Syed Didar Bakht also submitted nomination papers claiming themselves as candidates of the grand alliance.

IMMIGRATION TO UK New rules to benefit aspirants

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Officials of the British High Commission at a seminar in Sylhet yesterday said the newly introduced point-based system to manage migration to the UK for work, study and training is consolidating and simplifying 80 or so routes to the UK into just five tiers.

The British government will implement Tier-2 of the point-based system for those willing to work in the UK and Tier-5 for the youth mobility schemes, temporary workers etc will start from November 27 and Tier-4 (for the students) from March 2009 while Tier #1 has already been introduced for the highly skilled people, officials said.

The newly introduced point-

based system would greatly benefit the genuine people interested to go to the UK in a proper way as there are huge scopes for the young and qualified people to migrate there, officials said at the seminar.

Immigration laws are diverse and confusing at times while vulnerable people need help of experienced persons in facing different odds related to those, speakers said, adding that genuine foreign goers should remain alert not to get misguided by some unscrupulous people who pose as 'immigration experts or advisors'.

In Bangladesh over 50 per cent of the visa applications for UK are made from Sylhet division while settlement of people from the region is also very high.



Mechanisation has touched remote isolated Moktaria in Hatia island. Villagers use a modern device for threshing newly harvested paddy.

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**Request for Proposal (RFP)
For Capacity Development Programme**

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) seeks proposal from recognized Institutions for the Capacity Development Programme. The detail Terms of Reference is available with the Request for Proposal (RFP).

Interested organizations/Institutions are requested to submit their proposals, to the Operations Manager, UNDP, GPO Box 224, Dhaka-1000 or drop it in the Bid Box marked "Request for Proposal for Capacity Development Programme" at IDB Bhaban (Ground Floor), E/8-A, Begum Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka by COB 16:00 hrs on Tuesday, 2 December 2008.

The Request for Proposal and the Terms of Reference can be collected from Business Center, UNDP, IDB Bhaban (14th Floor), E/8-A, Begum Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka. The last date for collection of the RFP is 30 November 2008.

Only successful firms will be contacted. However, UNDP Dhaka reserves the right to accept or reject any/all the proposal(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever