

ELECTION 2008

DHAKA TUESDAY DECEMBER 16, 2008

A PIROIPUR-3 RUNNER'S AFFIDAVIT Farazi spends more than he earns

Latif's withdrawal to

better Azad's chance

Latif

The grand alliance has nominated AL's central leader Abdul

In 2001 election, Latif Siddiqui lost to BNP candidate

This time also, Kader Siddiqui and his younger brother Azad

But during the scrutiny, the Election Commission did not

Azad Siddiqui withdrew his nomination paper on the last day

brightened the prospect of Awami League (AL)-led grand alli

Latif Siddiqui for the constituency, and he (Latif) will now fight

BNP-led four-party candidate industrialist Lutfar Rahman

Shajahan Siraj with a margin of 5138 votes as his younger

brother KSJL President Abdul Kader Siddiqui Bir Uttam sliced

Siddiqui, joint convener of Tangail district unit of KSJL, submit-

ted their nomination papers for the constituency as KSJL candi-

except the nomination paper of Kader Siddiqui as his (Kader)

name was in the second position in the serial of the party nomi-

ance candidate in the upcoming national election.

away 13,747 votes as KSJL candidate.

ARIF MOSTOFA, Pirojpur

The annual income of independent candidate in Pirojpur-3 (Mathbaria and Telikhali union of Bhandaria) Rustam Ali Farazi is Tk 67,519 but his expenditure is Tk 1,20,000.

and annual incomeexpenditure statement. Farazi has planned to spend lawmaker. Besides his close Tk 7.5 lakh on election. Of the amount Tk two lakh will come has contributed Tk two lakh from his own fund.

Farazi was denied party ticket. Mita gave Tk three lakh. In the affidavit submitted with the nomination paper Farazi mentioned that eight cases were filed against him at different times. However, he has been acquitted in some of the

TANGAIL -4

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

The withdrawal of

nomination paper by

Krishak Sramik Janata

League (KSJL) candi-

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Monsur Azad Siddiqui

in Tangail-4 (Kalihati)

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medicine practice as his pro-

When contacted over phone Rustam Ali Farazi said for the last one and half years he had to be on the feet. As a result his expenditure was more than his income. He said he would use Tk 2.5 lakh It was found in his wealth earned from agriculture, medical practice and honourarium he got as a friend Dr Khalilur Rahman to his election fund and his BNP reform Rustam Ali wife's friend Lutfun Nahar

General secretary of Mathbaria BNP told this correspondent over phone that Farazi is a corrupt person. He said local people's representatives protested against his cases. He mentioned private corruption while he was an MP.

Azad



PHOTO: AZHAR UDDIN

Candidates' posters flood Rajshahi city areas as polls campaign gains momentum.

Jamaat men's eye camp for freedom fighters!

'Election tactics' in Rajshahi-2 sparks protest

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

The authorities of Rajshahi Islami Bank Medical College Hospital (IBMCH) dominated by Jamaat people has organised a free eye camp for freedom fighters on the Victory Day today to befool freedom fighters as well as deceive voters.

About 200 freedom fighters at a meeting held at Miapara General Library auditorium here Sunday strongly condemned the move saying it was aimed at humiliating freedom fighters.

Badiuzzaman Tunu, Bir heldatthehospital. Protik, chaired the meeting.

collaborators of 1971 organised the eye camp with an ulterior motive to create confusion among freedom fighters but an election tactic to distract ahead of general elections.

They called upon the voters to vote for Grand Alliance Uddin, a prominent freedom candidate Fazle Hossain fighterhere. Badsha in Rajshahi-2 constituency and its other candidates in other constituencies to thwart the evil design of antiliberation forces.

Among others, Fazle Hossain Badsha, eminent freedom fighters Dr Emdadul

Motahar Hossain, Hamidul Haque and Malek Chowdhury addressed.

Interestingly, the IBMCH advertisement was first published at the highest circulated local Bengali daily Sonali Sangbad owned by Grand Alliance candidate Badsha Later, the advertisement was published on other local newspapers.

In the advertisement, IBMCH wished a happy Eid to freedom fighters asking them to enrol themselves for free eye operation at the camp to be

Islami Bank Foundation is Speakers said the killers and financing the camp for welfare of freedom fighters, the advertisement said. 'The eye camp is nothing

voters who feel proud of Liberation War', said Mahtab

'Jamaat men are fully aware that their existence is at stake', he said. 'So, they have adopted the deceptive tactic to allure voters', he said.

Those who killed freedom fighters during Liberation War are now showing sympathy to matter.

Haque, Shafikur Rahman, them,' Rajshahi Muktijuddho Pathagar general secretary Dr Sayed Shafikul Alam said.

However, the IBMCH authorities said the eye camp has nothing to do with election.

Dr Muhammad Jahangir of Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) Pharmacology Department is conducting the camp, IBMCH sources said. He is also superintendent of IBMCH and is funding election expense of Jamaat candidate Ataur Rahman in Rajshahi-3 constit-

However, Dr Jahangir could not be reached over phone although this correspondent tried in vain to contact him several times. Talking to The Daily Star, IBMCH administrative officer ASM Mamun Shahin said the camp is in no wayrelated to election.

Jamaat is supporting BNP nominees in five constituencies here although the party fielded its own candidate besides the BNP candidate at one seathere.

When asked about publica-

TWO FORMER JP MPS OF GAIBANDHA

Failing to get ticket, they now to contest UZ poll

K M REZAUL HAQUE, Gaibandha

Failing to get grand alliance ticket for the December 29 parliament election, two former lawmakers of Jatiya Party have filed nomination papers for upazila chairman.

JP high command earlier nominated party Joint Secretary General former lawmaker Wahiduzzaman Sarker and JP Gaibandha district president former lawmaker Abdur Rashid Sarker for Gaibandha-1 (Sunderganj) and Gaibandha-2 (Sadar) constituencies to contest for the parliament election.

Wahiduzzaman became lawmaker in 1996 polls as JP nominee from Gaibandha-1, but run second in 2001 general election being defeated by fourparty alliance candidate Jamaat leader Moulana Abdul Aziz.

Abdur Rashid Sarker won Gaibandha-2 seat for two terms as JP nominee. In 2001 national election AL candidate Lutfar Rahman defeated Abdur Rashid by narrow margin of 1,079 votes. Earlier, Lutfar Rahman won the seat three terms.

On the date of election symbol disbursement, JP high ups asked district returning officer of Gaibandha not to issue 'plough' symbol to anyone who was contesting as JP candidate from Gaibandha-2.

Prior to filing nomination papers for the parliament election JP high ups nominated two candidates from Gaibandha-1 constituency -- former lawmaker Wahiduzzaman Sarker and 'new face' Col (rtd) Abdul Kader Khan.

JP high command later withdrew Wahiduzzaman from the polls race.

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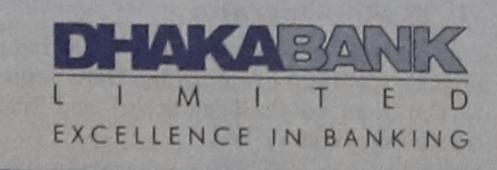
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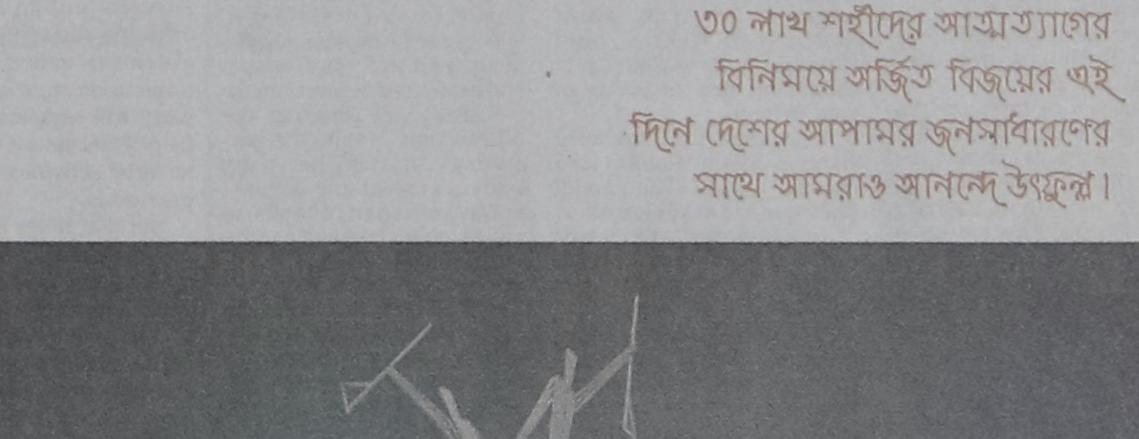
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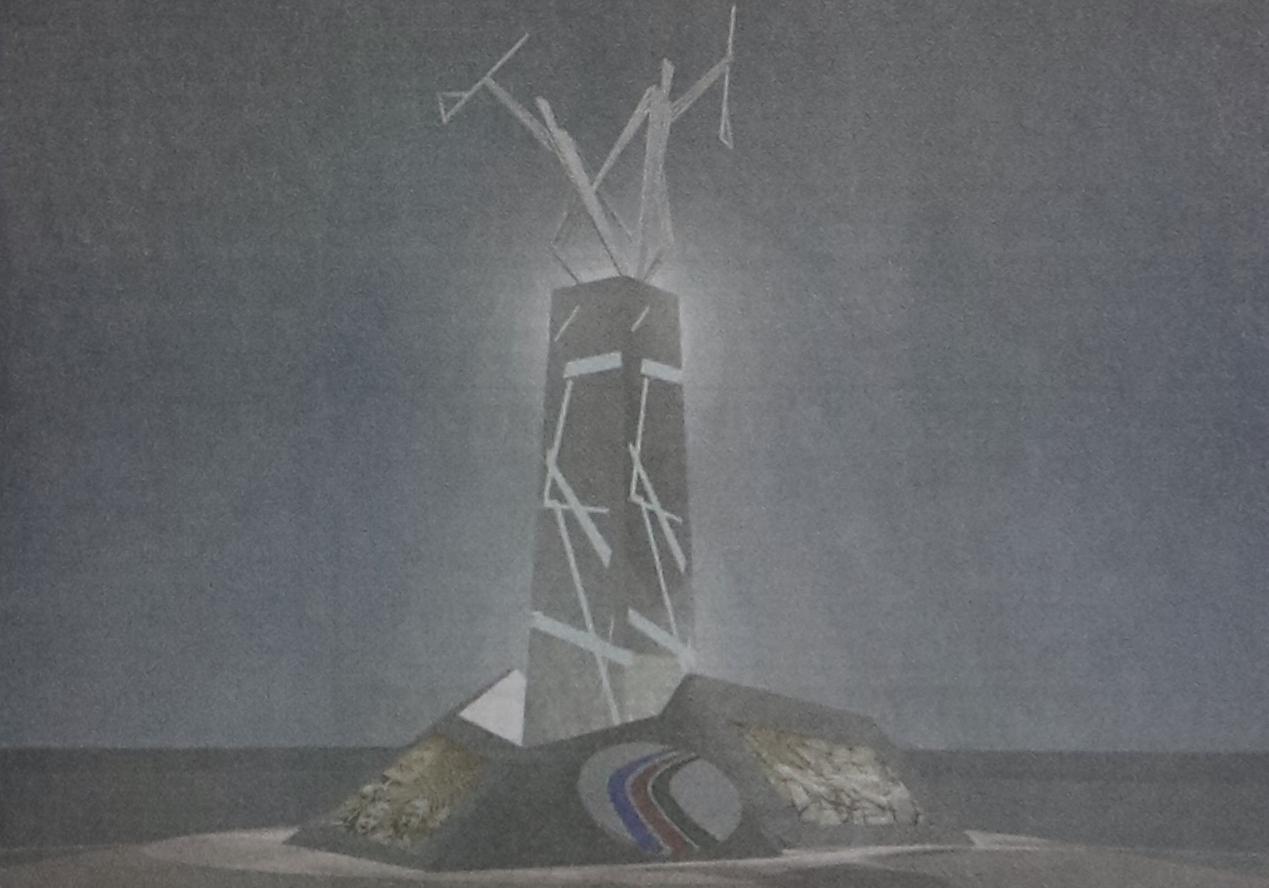


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