

Dhaka-9 runners pledge to develop edn, health sectors

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The candidates contesting the general elections from Dhaka-9 constituency yesterday pledged to developing education, health and infrastructures and curbing corruption and terrorism in the area if elected in the December 29 polls, says a press release.

They made the commitment at a question and answer session titled 'Jonotar Mukhomukhi' organised by Sushasaner Jonno Nagorik (Shujan) on Madarsetk Abdul Aziz School and College premises.

Saber Hossain Chowdhury of Awami League, Shirin Sultana of BNP Mir Iman Hossain of Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal, Nasir Uddin Kajal of Bikalpadhara Bangladesh, Abdur Rashid Gazi of Khelafat Andolok, Rahmat Ullah of Bangladesh Jatiya Party, Sadeque Khan of Gono Front, Nurul Absar of JSD and Zulekha Mridha of Gono Forum addressed the meeting.

Shujan General Secretary Badiul Alam Majumder, Gono Shasthya Kendra Chairman Zafarullah Chowdhury, Prof Asif Nazrul and Dilara Chowdhury also took part in the programme.

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Say minorities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Members of Bangladesh Puja Udgapan Front in Dumuria area on Tuesday took out a procession and later held a rally at Shaheed Siraj Mancha.

They declared that they would cast their votes according to their wish without any fear or favour.

"We are no more a vote bank for any candidate of any particular party. We are more conscious than before," the speakers said at the rally.

Front Convener Milon Kanti Mallik in the rally alleged that activists of a certain political party intercepted the rally-bound people at different points.

"We are all Bangladeshis by birth. So, nobody has the authority to brand us as minority. We want to live here with dignity not disgrace," he added.



Candidates of Dhaka-9 constituency raise their hands with a vow to develop the area at a question and answer session titled 'Jonotar Mukhomukhi' on Madarsetk Abdul Aziz School and College premises yesterday. Shujan organised the programme.

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High time for govt, NGOs to work on women's rights

Rasheda K Chy tells consultation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Women and Children Adviser Rasheda K Choudhury at a consultation yesterday said it is time for different government and non-government organisations to work on women rights issues focusing different regional pockets of deprivation.

Drawing an example of Sylhet division, the adviser said it was supposed to recruit 600 teachers in the region during a recruitment test, while only 200 were qualified as the attendance of female candidates were so negligible due to prejudices.

"We have to face big challenges while working on women issues. At the same time, capacity building and orientation and lack of manpower at local level are also big challenges," she added.

Presiding over the consultation organised by women and children affairs ministry at the directorate of women affairs, the adviser said the caretaker government has, however, taken various actions for women empowerment.

The programme titled 'Women development issues with the participation of government and non-government representatives and women leaders' was held under 'Promotion of Gender Equality and

Women's Empowerment' projects supported by UNFPA.

The speakers at the consultation stressed the need to remove the predicaments of institutional mechanisms and to strengthen the ministry of Women and Children Affairs as it is one of the cross cutting ministries.

"Implementation of Cedaw convention is essential for protecting women's human rights," said Ferdous Ara Begum, member of UN Cedaw Committee.

As education and fertility control are the preconditions of women development, it is a must for the ministry to take necessary steps with the inter-

vention of other concern ministries, said Salma Khan, former chairman of UN Cedaw Committee.

The speakers also stressed the need to activating different committees like Women Repression Control Committee and publishing issue based reports annually from the ministry.

The women development issue should be strengthened in association with the inter-ministerial WID (women in development) focal points, they said, adding that a high-quality communication strategy of the ministry is also needed.

Manusher Jonno Foundation Executive Director Shaheen Anam said, "We are lagging behind in different fields for lack of coordination. So, it is important to revive institutional mechanisms," adding that political commitment is important in this regard and there should have continuity of all activities.

The main function of the ministry is not project-based activities but policymaking and monitoring. The ministry should also address the issues that emerged from different changing situations like climate change issue," said Farida Akhter of Ubing.

Women and Children Affairs Secretary Rokeya Sultana, Director General Ekram Ahmed, Jatiya Mahila Sangstha Executive Director Ayesha Begum, Bangladesh Mahila Parishad President Ayesha Khanam, Bangladesh Mahila Samity President Selina Khalek, Maleka Begum, Hamida Hossain, Anwara Begum, Rowshan Jahan and representatives from different ministries also took part.

Sustainable waste management to generate green jobs

Says Mahbub Jamil

UNB, Dhaka

Chief Adviser's Special Assistance Mahbub Jamil has said principles of sustainable waste management -- reduce, reuse and recycle -- could create a "win-win" situation for all as it has potentiality to generate green jobs specially in recycling business.

"It could build a resource efficient economy," said Jamil while he was inaugurating the Inception Workshop on "Formulation of national strategy on waste reduce, reuse and recycle (3Rs) for Bangladesh" in the city yesterday. Department of Environment organised the workshop.

Special Assistant to the Chief Adviser, in-charge of Ministry Environment and Forest, Raja Devashis Roy was also present as special guest.

Presided over by Environment and Forest Secretary AHM Rajaul Karim, the function was addressed by UNCRD Director Kazunobu Onogawa and DG of Department of Environment Dr Khandaker Rashed Haque.

Mahbub Jamil, in-charge of Industries, Civil Aviation and Tourism Ministry, said industrial waste management in Bangladesh has been based on "Reactive Approach".

He continued: "The new approach to solve the waste problem globally is based in

'Proactive Approach' which is basically a preventive approach. This can be achieved through introducing Environmental Management System (EMS) in the industries."

He said use of EMS would show practical business results in terms of increased efficiency, reduced costs and reduced waste as well as environmental benefits.

Raja Devashis Roy stressed the cooperation of all agencies concerned among civil society, media and experts to overcome the problem of waste.

A significant number of representatives from various government autonomous and non-government organisations participated in the workshop.

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US Ambassador in Dhaka James F Moriarty visits Dhakeshwari Temple in the city yesterday.

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1ST PHASE RESULT OF 27TH BCS EXAMS Appointment of successful candidates demanded

Staff Correspondent

The candidates who came out successful in the first phase result of the 27th Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) examinations but was later dropped as per the second phase result yesterday urged the government to appoint them to their respective cadres as the government had promised them earlier.

They also placed their five-point demand at a press conference at the National Press Club in the city.

The speakers said that the government should refrain from inviting application from

them for the 29th BCS, terming it as 'simply a mockery to their lives'.

"The government should appoint us immediately because there is no obstacle to appointing us as there are sufficient vacant cadre posts across the country," said Zillur Rahman, a candidate.

He also said the government should immediately implement the proposal which was sent to them on November 13 from the chief adviser's office.

Tariq Hossain Khan, Sarwar Maman Chowdhury and Nasiruddin also spoke at the press conference.

Japan to send poll observers

UNB, Dhaka

Japan will send a seven-member election observation mission to Bangladesh to support the holding of a fair general election slated for December 29.

The team members will observe the voting and counting, hold talks with high government officials and political party members, and exchange views and

information with other election observation missions, according to a press release issued by the Japanese embassy in Dhaka yesterday.

Goji Sakamoto, member of the House of Representatives and senior secretary general of Japan Bangladesh Parliamentarians' League, will lead the team.

The other members are Akihiro Nishimura, secretary general of the league, Matsushiro Horiguchi, visiting professor of Waseda Graduate School and former ambassador to Bangladesh, Masaaki Ohashi, professor of Keisen University and President of the Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation.

Kazuhiko Aiba, professor at Tokushima University, and officials from the ministry of foreign affairs of Japan.

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