

VICTORY OF GRAND ALLIANCE HAILED

# Call to fulfil commitment to trial of war criminals

DU CORRESPONDENT

Different socio-political organisations and professional bodies greeted Awami League-led grand alliance yesterday for its stunning victory in the 9th parliamentary election across the country on Monday.

In separate statements, the organisations termed the victory by the alliance a verdict of the countrymen against injustice, corruption, terrorism, emergence of militancy and bad governance during the regime of the last BNP-led four party alliance government.

They expressed hope that AL-led grand alliance will form the government soon and start working to fulfil their commitments to the voters, especially executing the trial of war criminals.

The organisations also expect that the new government will put much emphasis on lowering the prices of essentials, uprooting corruption and militancy from the country and establishing a rule of law in the society.

Hailing AL for its absolute victory, Bangladesh Jatiya Mahila Ainjibi Samiti expressed hope that the party would form a responsible

government which would provide an absolute freedom to Anti-Corruption Commission, Human Rights Commission and judiciary.

It also hoped that the next government would also implement the 'National Women Development Policy-1997'.

Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal expressed its hope that the new government will remain active to preserve the democratic as well as basic rights of people.

Bangladesh Chamber of Industries in a separate message greeted AL, hoping that the party would play an important role in industrialisation and overall economical development.

Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) President Zafar Osman also congratulated the alliance and AL President Sheikh Hasina for achieving the grand victory.

Workers' Party of Bangladesh President Rashed Khan Menon also congratulated Hasina with bouquet at her Sudha Sadan residence on her party's great success in the polls, says a press release.

Jatiya Party (JP-Manju) greeted grand alliance for the victory. Secretary General Sheikh Shahidul Islam termed the victory a win of the spirit of

liberation war, much-awaited expectations of people and the public demand of executing the trial of war criminals.

Bangladesh Udichi Shilpigoshthi said the grand alliance's stunning victory proves that people want the trial of war criminals. It called on the new government to try the criminals.

Comparing the victory with the victory of historic election of 1970, Zaker Party Chairman Alhaj Mostafa Ameer Faisal congratulated grand alliance leader Hasina for achieving such a stunning success.

Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association, Gono Front, Islamic Front Bangladesh, Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote, Bangladesh Udichi Shilpi Sangstha, Muktiyoddha Sanghati Parishad, Bangabandhu Foundation, Bangladesh Awami Motosojibi, Rural Journalists Foundation, Bangabandhu Diploma Krishibid Parishad, Diploma Krishibid Institution, Revolutionary Workers' Party of Bangladesh, Bangladesh Krishak Sramik Awami League, Jatiya Sramik League, Muktiyoddha Oikya Parishad, Bangladesh Polytechnic Teachers' Association, Bangladesh Muktiyoddha

Shamannay Parishad, Sammita Shikkhak Karmachari Parishad, Peshajibi Shamannay Parishad, Muktiyoddha Hemayet Bahinir Muktiyoddha Punarbasan Sangstha, Bangladesh Buddhist Monastery, Dhaka, Bangladesh Frozen Foods Exporters Association, Shikkhak Karmachari Sangrami Shamannay Oikya Parishad, Bangladesh Primary Teachers' Association, Sonarbangla Jubo Parishad, Bangabandhu Lalitokala Academy, Federation of NGOs in Bangladesh and Bangladesh Apparels Workers Federation expressed their warm-hearted greetings to the grand alliance.

## Election was free, fair

Say human rights bodies STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Human rights organisations yesterday termed the holding of ninth parliamentary elections free, fair and acceptable as no major incident of violence interrupted the polls that witnessed a very high turnout of voters.

"On the basis of the observation the team concluded that in general the election was peaceful and completed with high turnout of voters," Forum-Asia, an Asian forum for human rights and development, said in a statement yesterday.

The human rights watchdog also observed a very good participation of women and first time voters in the polls.

It, however, raised concern since there was no facility for government officials as well as para-military forces, to exercise their right to vote due to polls duty. It also said more than a million people could not cast their votes for election duties.

Meanwhile, terming the polls free, fair and acceptable, Bangladesh Human Rights Commission (BHRC) in a separate statement said "This election proves that the Election Commission and the government can present people with a free fair and acceptable polls, if they want."

Around 75 percent of the total voters participated in the polls in festive mood, which include a huge number of first time voters, the statement added.

BHRC, which deployed nearly 10,000 polls observers across the country on polls day, also hailed the government for the decision of keeping mobile networks open on the election day.

## Muggers stab chef to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muggers stabbed a chef to death in the city's Rampura area and took away valuables from his possession on Monday night.

The victim, Gilbert Gomez, 40, a chef at White House Restaurant in Shantinagar, came under attack at Garments Lane at West Rampura at around 11:00pm when he was returning home.

Khilgaon police said the muggers fled the scene after stabbing him severely.

Receiving information, the police went to the spot and took him to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital where the doctors declared him dead.

A case was filed yesterday, but no-one was arrested in this connection.

## 46 candidates lose security deposits in polls

UNB, Dhaka

Forty-six candidates in the 9th parliamentary elections from Brahmanbaria, Nilphamari and Gaibandha lost their security deposits as they failed to secure the minimum number of votes.

In Brahmanbaria, 24 candidates in six constituencies while 12 candidates in five constituencies in Gaibandha, 10 out of 19 candidates in four constituencies in Nilphamari have lost their deposits.

Some of the remarkable unsuccessful candidates are from least known political parties and independent candidates.



PHOTO: STAR

Thousands of supporters of Dr Afsarul Amin yesterday throng his residence to congratulate him on winning the Chittagong-9 constituency as an Awami League candidate.

## ELECTION DEBACLE

# Ctg BNP busy in finding out reasons

MD HASAN and DWAIPAYAN BARUA

Awami League (AL) emerged as a huge power in Chittagong, known as the safe vote bank of BNP for long, with all the heavyweight BNP candidates losing on Monday's historic general election.

With all its stalwarts lost in different constituencies by a huge margin of votes, both senior and root-level leaders of BNP are now busy in finding out the reasons contributed to the party's election debacle.

All the leaders, including Joint Secretary General and former fisheries minister Abdullah Al Noman, ex-commerce minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury, Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury (one out of two), ex-whip Syed Wahidul Alam, ex-lawmaker Sarwar Jamal Nizam and ex-lawmaker Gazi Md Shahjahan Jewel, lost their seats where they were elected for several times.

AL with its landslide victory managed to stretch its political dominance in many areas

like Chittagong city and different upazilas in the district, including Boalkhali, Patiya, Rangunia and Hathazari sweeping out the BNP walls. It also regained its power at Mirersarai, Sitakunda and Anwara upazilas they lost in 2001 elections.

Amir Khasru, who was elected from the city's Bandar constituency in 1996 and in 2001 with a huge vote margin, was defeated by AL candidate MA Latif by 22,645 votes.

Khasru told The Daily Star yesterday that they will analyse all the aspects regarding his losing in the election.

He convened a meeting to take opinion of cross-section of people and root-level leaders on the disastrous result.

Abdullah Al Noman, however, blamed invisible election engineering for the debacle of BNP in the elections.

Noman alleged that lots of voters could not cast their votes as their 'voter' serial numbers according to the list provided by the EC to the candidates differed the list

with photos with in the polling officers.

Many root-level leaders of BNP and its front organisations believe that December 29 election was much free and fair and its result was nothing but a reflection of mass opinion.

Former law affairs secretary of JCD Chittagong city unit Mohammad Moniar said apart from some nominal allegations the result was the true reflection of public opinion.

Monoar, who also worked as a polling agent of BNP candidate Shamsul Alam, said, "Senior leaders are now placing some allegations of election engineering but I didn't see any sort of irregularities at any of the booths."

Khaled, a BNP supporter, said during casting their votes, people considered the issues like corruption, crime and rise of militancy during its tenure.

General Secretary of BNP North District unit Prof Yunus Chowdhury said he did not witness any major irregularities in the elections except some mistakes in the voter list.

## BCL vandalises JCD, journos' rooms at DU

DU CORRESPONDENT

Leaders and activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), student wing of Awami League, yesterday vandalised a number of rooms of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leaders at different dormitories at Dhaka University.

BCL men also allegedly ransacked rooms of three journalists at Salimullah Muslim Hall and locked up the room of Ashraf Islam Kochi, university correspondent of the Dainik Sangbad.

Sensing a looming danger to them after an absolute majority of the AL-led grand alliance in the 9th parliamentary election, JCD leaders left the dormitories on Monday evening.

BCL men then took the control over the halls easily.

Didarul Islam Manik, university correspondent of the Naya Diganta, alleged that BCL activists of the hall vandalised his room and took away their valuables.

They also vandalised rooms of two other journalists at the same hall, he added.

Hall sources said BCL activists ransacked rooms of many hall-level leaders of JCD at Surya Sen Hall, Mohsin Hall and SM Hall and occupied those.

General students said there is no change in sight. BCL leaders and activists are doing the same job the JCD men did on the campus earlier.

## Man murdered in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A man was killed and two others, including a former UP chairman, were injured in separate incidents in Pabna yesterday.

A gang of unidentified miscreants stabbed Md Shaheb Ali, 38, and Alauddin of village Dighi Boailmari indiscriminately at Charatarap in Pabna Sadar.

They were rushed to Pabna General Hospital where Shaheb Ali succumbed to his injuries.

Alauddin was shifted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital as his condition deteriorated.

Local BNP leaders said the victim was their party men while AL leaders denied their involvement in the incident.

Police said previous enmity might have been the reason behind the killing. Meanwhile, former UP chairman and BNP leader Md Abdul Hai was beaten up by his rivals at village Manikhat at Sujanagar.

Sources said Hai was assaulted by the AL workers. He was rushed to Pabna General Hospital.

## Nat'l guideline for management of malnourished children launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A national guideline for management of severely malnourished children was launched in the city yesterday.

The Institute of Public Health and Nutrition (IPHN) has prepared the guideline.

Health Adviser AMM Shawkat Ali launched the guideline at a ceremony organised by the health ministry at Cirdap auditorium.

Speaking on the occasion, the adviser suggested publishing the Bengali version of the guideline so that common people can understand it easily.

This guideline would be useful for all government and non-government hospitals, he added.

Nutrition expert Dr Tahmeed Ahmed said this guideline is prepared by local consultants and applicable for underweight children.

Dr Hosne Ara Tahmina, assistant director general at the Directorate General of Health Service, and IPHN Director Dr Fatima Parveen Chowdhury were present at the programme chaired by Health Secretary AMM Nasiruddin.

## NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

# Security beefed up

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After two years of the emergency rules, the law-enforcing agencies have taken different and extra security measures for a trouble-free celebration of the New Year 2009 under the normal rules, sources said.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) requested the residents of Dhaka University, Gulshan, Banani and Baridhara areas to return home by 10:00pm today.

According to sources, apart from the regular security forces, the authorities have projected a three-tier security measure by deploying over 6000 additional forces from both Rab and the police. Patrolling, picketing and check-post installation by the security forces would begin from this afternoon across the city and elsewhere in the country.

Meanwhile, the DMP imposed bans on the traffic movement on some specific city-roads and routes.

DMP official sources said the residents of Gulshan, Banani and Baridhara have been asked to use Phoenix

Road, United Hospital and Natun Bazar crossings as all the other crossings would remain restricted for any kind of traffic movement from 10:00pm today to 6:00am tomorrow.

Accordingly, the residents of DU areas have been asked to use Shahbagh, Old High Court, Palashi and Nilkhet crossings as all the other crossings would remain closed during the same period.

DMP Commissioner Naim Ahmed told The Daily Star, "The last two New Years were celebrated under the emergency rules and, therefore, this year the New Year is going to be celebrated within a different situation under the normal rules."

Rab Additional Director General Col Gulzar Uddin Ahmed told The Daily Star, "The 6,000 forces who were deployed for election security forces would remain on the field until the New Year is celebrated in a trouble-free manner."

Rejecting the fear of any militant and subversive activities, Col Gulzar said, "Over 2,500 forces would be patrolling the city streets while 3,500 others across the country."

## Runa, Sabina get Sheltech Award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Legendary singers Runa Laila and Sabina Yasmin have been nominated for the Sheltech Award-2008, says a press release.

Each award comprises of Tk 1,00,000 and a crest.

The award giving ceremony will be held in March 2009.



Sabina Yasmin

Runa Laila

## Highest turnout

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between 85 to 90 percent. In some constituencies the turnout is as high as 94 percent. In metropolitan areas, particularly in Dhaka and Chittagong, the turnout however was lower, but above 70 percent." Humayun Kabir, secretary to the EC Secretariat, said this morning while wrapping up the announcement of unofficial election results in 295 constituencies out of 299.

"So overall, the voters' turnout will most likely to exceed 85 percent," he said regarding the turnout on Monday when people all over the country joined the polls with enthusiasm and in a festive mood without facing any major intimidation.

For instance, according to unofficial results, Naogaon-2 constituency witnessed a turnout of 95.42 percent, Bogra-1 91.38 percent, Dhaka-20 89.83 percent, Chittagong-1 86.23 percent, Barisal-2 87.16 percent, Comilla-1 84.3 percent, Comilla-2 84.4 percent, Comilla-3 85.86 percent, Comilla-4 86.9 percent, Comilla-5 84.17 percent, Comilla-9 87.93 percent, Chandpur-5 87.87 percent, Chandpur-1 87.46 percent, Feni-1 79.8 percent, Feni-2 81.25 percent and Feni-3 84.88 percent.

The returning officers (ROs) of these constituencies mentioned the percentage of turnout in the result sheets they sent immediate after completion of counting of ballots, though most of the other ROs did not mention any figures in this regard while filing their result sheets.

They have however been asked to send the turnout figures in detail now.

The EC will formally announce the turnout figure tomorrow when the chief election commissioner talks to

the media.

The highest turnout record previously was 75.59 percent in the October 2001 polls in which the BNP-Jamaat-led alliance won over two-thirds majority. In the June 12, 1996 election, turnout was 74.96 percent, while in 1991 it was 55.45 percent.

According to the EC's report on Election 2008, these are the three most contested polls in the nation's election history since restoration of parliamentary democracy through a mass upsurge against military ruler HM Ershad.

But these elections were all questioned as many fake votes were cast because of the absence of effective mechanisms to check any fraudulent activities.

But this time round, the EC prepared a voter list with photographs, sealing the possibility of casting fake votes.

However, several people were not able to cast their votes on Monday due to technical complexities in the new system of voter list with photographs.

## Woman jailed for 2 years

UNB, Comilla

A young woman was sentenced to two years' jail for influencing voters inside Mahini Primary School centre in Nangolkot upazila on Monday.

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১। আবেদনপত্রে নিম্নলিখিত তথ্যাদি উল্লেখ করতে হবেঃ

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২। আবেদনপত্রের সাথে নিম্নবর্ণিত কাগজপত্র সংযুক্ত করতে হবেঃ

(ক) প্রথম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সকল পরীক্ষার মূল সনদ ও নম্বরপত্রের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি।

(খ) প্রথম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত সদ্য তোলা পাসপোর্ট আকারের ২ (দুই) কপি ছবি।

(গ) ইউনিয়ন পরিষদ/পৌরসভা চেয়ারম্যান কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত নাগরিকত্ব সনদ।

(ঘ) প্রথম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা প্রদত্ত চারিত্রিক সনদ।

(ঙ) জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্রের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি।

(চ) প্রার্থী মুক্তিযোদ্ধার সন্তান হলে সেক্ষেত্রে উপযুক্ত কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত সনদ সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি।

(ছ) আবেদনপত্রের সাথে ৪ (চার) টাকার ডাক টিকেট সম্বলিত আবেদনকারীর নাম ঠিকানা সম্বলিত ফেরত পাম সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।

৩। নামের উপর পদের নাম উল্লেখপূর্বক প্রধান নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তা, জেলা পরিষদ, ঢাকা বরাবরে আবেদনপত্র আগামী ১৪/০১/২০০৯ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ের মধ্যে অবশ্যই পৌঁছাতে হবে এবং আবেদনপত্রের সাথে প্রধান নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তা জেলা পরিষদ, ঢাকা এর অনুকূলে যে কোন সিডিউল ব্যাংক হতে ১০০.০০ (একশত) টাকার বিডি/পে-অর্ডার (অফেরতযোগ্য) দাখিল করতে হবে।

৪। সরকার কর্তৃক সময় জারিকৃত কোটা সম্পর্কিত নির্দেশাবলী অনুসরণ করা হবে।

৫। অসম্পূর্ণ/ত্রুটিপূর্ণ/বিলম্বে প্রাপ্ত আবেদনপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

৬। প্রার্থীদের নির্বাচনী পরীক্ষার অংশ গ্রহণের জন্য যাত্রাত্যাহার বারন কোন ভ্রম ভাতা/দৈনিক ভাতা প্রদান করা হবে না।

৭। চাকুরীর শর্তাবলী, বেতন ভাতা/মুদ্রা-সুবিধার ক্ষেত্রে জেলা পরিষদ আইন-২০০০ স্থানীয় সরকার (জেলা পরিষদ) কর্মকর্তা/কর্মচারী চাকুরী বিধিমালা-১৯৯০ এবং সরকার কর্তৃক জারিকৃত নির্দেশাবলী প্রযোজ্য হবে।

৮। চাকুরীর শর্তাবলীর দরখাস্ত যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে দাখিল করতে হবে।

৯। মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সময় প্রার্থীদের অবশ্যই সকল সনদের মূল কপি প্রদর্শন করতে হবে।

১০। চাকুরীর নিয়োগের পূর্বে পুলিশ চেরিফিকেশন ও সিভিল সার্জন কর্তৃক স্বাস্থ্য পরীক্ষা সম্পন্ন করতে হবে।

১১। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন আবেদন গ্রহণ/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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