

Internal feud rises as local AL divided over UZ polls candidacy in 3 N dists

RAFIQUE SARKER, Rangpur

Internal feud has surfaced among Awami League leaders in Rangpur, Kurigram and Lalmonirhat districts over candidacy for the posts of chairmen in the upcoming upazila parishad election.

Despite holding several meetings, the committees of the concerned district units failed to settle candidates in Lalmonirhat, Rangpur and Kurigram Sadar upazilas.

Lalmonirhat district unit AL Secretary Motiar Rahman, former secretary Bhola Patwari, organizing secretary Golam Mostafa Sawpon, and Sadar upazila AL secretary Shafiqul Islam

are contesting for the post of Sadar upazila parishad chairman.

Motiar with the symbol of 'umbrella', Bhola Patwari with 'pineapple', Sawpon with 'chair' and Shafiqul Islam with 'fish' are conducting campaigns.

AL district unit held meetings to set a candidate through consensus but none of the four leaders agreed to withdraw their candidacy.

In Rangpur Sadar upazila, district AL Joint Convener Mochhaddeq Hosen Bablu, and district AL unit member Ataur Rahman Babu are contesting.

The Election Commission has given Mochhaddeq the

symbol 'rickshaw' and chair to Ataur Rahman. Both have already started election campaign.

Rangpur district unit convener of AL, Monsur Ahmed said the committee decided to support Mochhaddeq Hosen in the upazila parishad election.

Another group of AL leaders in the district unit have decided to support Ataur Rahman Babu.

AL Kurigram district unit Vice President Monju Mondol with 'umbrella' symbol is contesting against Sramik League district unit convener Abdul Karim Modhu ('pineapple' symbol) for the post of

chairman in Kurigram Sadar upazila.

District unit secretary of AL, Zafar Ali said Monju Mondol is the candidate of AL and most of the members of the district unit have extended support to him.

District AL President Maj Gen (ret) AMSA Ameen, on the other hand, said, "Upazila parishad election is not a political one and the parties have no role to select candidates. Anyone can be candidate in the election and Awami League district unit should not recognize anyone as their candidate for the upazila chairmanship, Ameen added.

Arson at BNP leader's jute stock

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Some 275 maunds of jute fibres were gutted in an arson attack at Shalkhoil Bazar under Bhuapur upazila in Tangail district early yesterday.

Police said unidentified criminals set fire to the stock of jute fibre owned by Rakibul Hossain Bhuiyan, general secretary of Bhuapur Pourosova BNP, after spraying patrol at around 3:00am.

The jute fibres worth about Tk 3 lakh was burnt to ashes in the incident, they said.

Bhuapur Police Station Officer-in-Charge Anisur Rahman said they are investigating the incident.

8,780 cast 'no' vote in Barisal division

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A total of 8,780 voters cast 'no' vote in 21 constituencies of Barisal division.

The 'no' vote casters are politically conscious, said Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) district unit secretary A K Azad. Earlier, he called upon the voters to cast 'no' vote to corrupt candidates, war criminals and those belonging to anti-liberation forces. They also took into account burning issues like corruption, terrorism as well as price-hike of essentials.

Before the election, Jamaat-e-Islami leaders and activists campaigned against the system of 'no' vote, the CPB leader said. Jamaat men said to voters that because of this option, bad people would be elected in the long run.

Politicians as well as political parties should not ignore opinion of 'no' vote casters, said Enayet Hossain Chowdhury, a leader of an election observer group.

The highest number of 1,496 'no' votes were cast in Barisal-5 constituency while the lowest number of 283 votes were cast in Barisal-4 seat, official sources said.



ANOTHER POLL FEVER STARTS: Candidate for vice chairmanship in Poba upazila parishad, Afroza Khatun talks to voters in the area yesterday, top, workers setting election symbol 'wheel' on behalf of chairman candidate Mokbul Hossain at Naohata College Moar in the upazila.



Rajshahi district unit of Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal brings out a procession at Shaheb Bazar in Rajshahi city yesterday protesting massacre of Palestinian people by Israel forces in Gaza.

Bangladesh Small & Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC)
137-138 Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

- Ministry/Division: Chief Adviser's Office
- Agency: Bangladesh Small & Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC)
- Procuring Entity Name: Bangladesh Small & Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC)
- Expression of Interest for Selection of: Consulting firm/ firm for: Website design, development and hosting
- Package No.: S-57
- EOI Ref. No. & Date: BSCIC/Plan/ISBBPB-6/PEC/Part-3/2008. dt: 01-01-2009
- Procuring Method: QCBS (Quality and Cost Based Selection)-sub-method of PPR- 2008.
- Budget and Source of Funds: GOB and IDA Credit.
- Development Partners: International Development Association (IDA).
- Project Programme Name: Institutional Strengthening of BEPZA, BOI, PC & BSCIC (ISBBPB)- BSCIC sub-component
- EOI closing Date and time: 12-30 PM, 15 January 2009.
- Brief description of assignment with background: BSCIC is a prime mover public sector organization established in 1957 by the Act of Parliament and entrusted for promotion and development of Small and Cottage Industry in the Country. At present BSCIC has a Website (www.bscic.gov.bd) hosted by a web hosting private firm. To provide better services to the private sector entrepreneur, disseminate information and also to support e-governance and automation in organizational activities BSCIC needs a new more dynamic, interactive, secured website/portal. As such a new website is essential to be developed and thereby hosted it immediately. Accordingly BSCIC is seeking service from an experienced firm to plan, design, develop and also to host the developed website/portal of BSCIC. The service includes:
 - Design and develop a dynamic, interactive and secured website both Bengali and English version. Website must be browser friendly, should be Dynamic with secured administrative control and data based supportive. Approximately about 50 (fifty) pages with an attractive home page to be developed and linkage facilities with other website. Other standard features to be included in website development and necessary instructions to be followed by the firm for developing website as per TOR (Terms of reference) of the assignment.
 - Hosting of the developed website primarily for 5 (five) years with minimum 1 GB space, 100 POP web-mail account and standard bandwidth. Firm must have international server with 99.99% uptime guarantee having a well equipped backup and recovery system and round the clock monitoring and service providing facilities. Other standard features to be included in website hosting and necessary instructions to be followed by the firm as per TOR of the assignment.
 - Providing training to the BSCIC personnel for managing, editing and updating website content and also to provide one calendar year free update and maintenance services for developed website.
- Experience, resources and delivery capacity etc.: The intending firm must have minimum 3 (three) years of experience for developing and hosting of similar dynamic website or web portal. Firm must have capability of providing training and strong support service ability. Firm must have search engine friendly web hosting facilities with high bandwidth connectivity. Firm must have good number of appropriate and qualified manpower and resources to carry out the assignment, administrative strength and financial capability and others as per TOR.
- Others: Interested firms will be required to provide the following information including their eligibility that they are qualified to perform the services i). Background of the firm (with summary for facilities and areas of expertise -limited to two pages and printed brochure to be submitted), ii). General and overall experience of the firm (limited to one page), iii). Summary of 3 (three) similar completed assignment (limited to two pages), iv). Financial solvency with audited financial reports for the last two years (attested copy to be submitted), v). Availability of appropriate experience and professional qualifications (Summary of professionals limited to 2 pages with Bio-data for key personnel [IT expert, Programmer, Network specialist] to be submitted), vi). Resources to be mobilized (logistic support, office space, server, computer and other equipment- list and details specification to be submitted) to carry out the assignment., vii). Number of successfully developed, prominent and active website (list limited to two pages)
- Duration of completing the Assignment: 3 (three) months commencing from February 2009
- Name, designation, contact details and address of the Official Inviting EOI: Md. Shamsul Hoque, Sub-Project Director, ISBBPB Project, BSCIC Head Office, 137-138, Motijheel Commercial Area (4th floor), Dhaka-1000. Tel. # 7110565
- Special Instructions for interested firm:
 - This EOI is invited for short listing of Consulting firm/ firm for website develop and hosting.
 - Firm will be selected/ evaluated in accordance with the procedure set out in the QCBS sub-method of Public Procurement Regulation-2008.
 - Interested eligible firm may obtain the TOR and relevant information from the under signed office during office hour.
 - The interested firm shall be submitted three sets (one original and two copies) of Expression of interest in closed envelop with marking as "Expression of interest for website design, develop and hosting" to Md. Shamsul Hoque, Sub-Project Director, ISBBPB Project, BSCIC Head Office, 137-138, Motijheel Commercial Area (4th floor), Dhaka-1000 on or before 12-30 PM, 15 January 2009.
 - If there happen any transport disruption or govt. holidays on the above mentioned closing date, the next normal working day will be treated as the valid date of EOI closing.
- The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

Md. Shamsul Hoque
Sub-Project Director, ISBBPB Project,
BSCIC, Dhaka

No: BSCIC / PRS-69/ 2009 (1)

10,961 votes invalid in 4 Nilphamari seats

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

A total of 10,961 cast votes were invalid in four constituencies of the district in the December 29 parliament election.

The invalid votes comprise 1.20 percent of the cast votes in the four seats.

The number of invalid votes, considered constituency-wise, exceeds the votes got individually by nine out of the 20 candidates in the district.

The votes were cancelled as the concerned ballot papers had seals at the wrong place or no seals at all, sources said.

In Nilphamari-1 (Domar-Dimla), the number of invalid votes is 2,781. In the constituency, Abdur Rouf of Gono Forum bagged 1088 votes and Ashrafuzzaman Laku of BASAD, bagged only 791 votes.

Abdul Jalil of Islami Andolon, Rowshan Ali of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal and Syed Elias Ahmed of Krishak Sramik Janata League got 760, 497 and 360 votes respectively.

In Nilphamari-2 (Sadar), the number of invalid votes is 2,463. Islami Andolon candidate Md Ali Pramanik got 2,198 votes.

In Nilphamari-3 (Jaldhaka and part of Kishoreganj), the number of invalid votes is 2,449. Islami Andolon candidate Abdul Monayem bagged only 1,549 votes.

In Nilphamari-4 (Saidpur and rest of Kishoreganj), the number of invalid votes is 2,268. Monsura Rahman of Bangladesh National Awami Party (NAP) and Md Sadrudin of Islami

Andolon got only 332 and 2,070 votes.

"There should be arrangement for training voters to cast vote correctly in order to minimise the number of invalid votes," said Gabul Saqlain, the district convener of SUJAN (Shuhashaner Janno Nagarik citizens for good governance).

Despite some the Election Commission's newly introduced rules, a few persons, well aware of their lack of popularity among the voters, contested in the national election only to gain some familiarity in the area, said several voters.

Janajuddha cadre held in Jhenidah

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested a Janajuddha cadre of the outlawed Purba Banglar Communist Party (PBPC-Janajuddha) at a village in Shaikupa upazila early yesterday.

Badiuzzaman Badi alias Palash, 35, of Gangni in Meherpur district was arrested at Dudshar village. Rab also recovered a pistol and two bullets from his possession.

Later, the arrestee confessed to his involvement with the outlawed party for a long time.

Palash is an accused in at least five cases including four for murder, Rab further said.



This supply line in Naohata pousava in Rajshahi district has continued wasting water for six months, thanks to authorities' indifference.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Police Headquarters
Dhaka

International Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the manufacturers/suppliers/local agents in their official pad for the purchase of the following items for Bangladesh Police, Rapid Action Battalion, Formed Police Unit (FPU).

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs.		
2. Agency	Police Headquarters, Dhaka.		
3. Procuring entity name	Inspector General, Bangladesh Police.		
4. Procuring entity code	2211		
5. Procuring entity district	Dhaka.		
6. Invitation for	Tender	Goods	Single Lot
7. Invitation for tender reference No.	E&T/Arms/76-2008(Part-1)/16(2008-2009).		
8. Date	31 December, 2008.		

KEY INFORMATION

9. Procurement method	ICT	Open tendering method (OTM).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10. Budget & source of fund	Revenue budget GOB
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

11. Tender publication date	5 January 2009.
12. Tender last selling date	17 February, 2009.
13. Tender closing date and time	18 February 2009 at 12.00 noon.
14. Tender opening date and time	18 February 2009 at 12.30pm.
15. Name & address of the office(s)	AIG (E&T), Room No. 220 (1st Floor), Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
-Selling tender document (principal)	AIG (E&T), Room No. 220 (1st Floor), Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
-Receiving tender document	Operation Conference Room (1st Floor), PHQ, Dhaka.
-Opening tender document	Operation Conference Room (1st Floor), PHQ, Dhaka.
-Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Operation Conference Room (1st Floor), Police Headquarters, Dhaka. Date: 12-02-2009 Time: 11.00am

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

16. Eligibility of tenderer	As described in tender document.				
17. Brief description of goods or works	Shown at Serial No. 19.				
18. Price of tender document (BDT)	Tk 750.00 (seven hundred fifty) only cash for each set of schedule for each item.				
19. Lot	Identification of lot	Quantity	Nature of purchase	Tender security (BDT) or equivalent	Completion time
Lot-1	9 MM Pistol	1,000 pcs	Frame work agreement	7,25,000.00	120 days from the date of work order
Lot-2	Signal Pistol	100pcs	Do	37,500.00	Do
Lot-3	Stressor Gun/Stan Gun	200pcs	Do	24,000.00	Do
Lot-4	.38 MM Gas Gun	150pcs	Do	26,250.00	Do
Lot-5	9x19 MM Ammunition	1,00,000rds	Do	45,000.00	Do
Lot-6	7.62x25 MM Pistol Ammunition	4,00,000rds	Do	80,000.00	Do
Lot-7	7.62x39 Cartridge	20,000rds	Do	1,250.00	Do
Lot-8	7.62x54 MM Sniper Rifle Ammunition	10,000rds	Do	10,500.00	Do
Lot-9	Tear Gas Shell (Long range & short range)	50,000pcs	Do	8,00,000.00	Do
Lot-10	Tear Gas Grenade	500pcs	Do	1,50,000.00	Do
Lot-11	Smoke Grenade	1,000pcs	Do	31,500.00	Do
Lot-12	Rubber Bullet 37/38 MM	1,000pcs	Do	31,500.00	Do
Lot-13	Tear Gas Grenade Launcher	100pcs	Do	61,250.00	Do
Lot-14	12 Bore Shotgun	500pcs	Do	2,50,000.00	Do
Lot-15	Sound Grenade/Flash Bang Grenade	2,000rds	Do	31,500.00	Do

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

20. Name of the official inviting tender	Md Sibgat Ullah, PPM-Seba.
21. Designation of the official inviting tender	AIG (E&T).
22. Address of official inviting the tender	AIG (E&T), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
23. Contact details of official inviting the tender	Tel: +88 02-9564779, Fax: +88 02 7176129. E-mail: aige_t@police.gov.bd

Special instrument

- Any tender received by the purchaser after the deadline for submission of tenders shall be declared late, will be rejected and return unopened to the tenderer.
- The purchaser reserves the right to accept any tender, to annul the tender process, or to contract award.
- Bangladesh Police will establish framework of agreement with the successful tenderer for supply of goods, order to be placed within the financial year 2008-2009, in particular with regard to price.

24. The tender will be performed according to "The Public Procurement Regulation-2008"

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