

Manjur sniffs victory

Goes ahead of Mohiuddin in tense early count; BNP warns against bid to change results; AL says it is ready to accept verdict

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



BNP-backed mayor candidate Mohammad Manjur Alam was leading ruling Awami League-backed ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury by 26,184 votes in 362 centres in the Chittagong City Corporation election.

Returning Officer Jesmin Tuli said Manjur has polled 2,30,446 votes while Mohiuddin 2,04,262 in those centres, reported our staff correspondent from the port city around 3:10am today.

Earlier, tension ran high around the Election Commission's control room at MA Aziz Stadium.

At around 11:00pm, Manjur's supporters set fire to three motorcycles, smashed empty ballot boxes and several makeshift shops.

They were demonstrating against what they said was a delay in declaring results. Police lobbed five rounds of teargas shells to

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2,30,446	2,04,262
TOTAL CENTRES: 673	
ANNOUNCED: 362	
TOTAL VOTERS: 16,88,676	

CEC happy with polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Election Commissioner ATM Shamsul Huda yesterday said the Chittagong City Corporation election was held freely and peacefully thanks to fair conduct of contesting candidates.

In a post-poll reaction to the media at the Election Commission Secretariat, the polls chief thanked the candidates and city dwellers for their cooperation.

He lauded successful introduction of the electronic

dispense the opposition workers. The demonstrators, mainly activists of Chhatra Dal and Islami Chhatra Shibir, were throwing brick chips on police vehicles at the stadium gate.

Around 1:00am Mohiuddin and hundreds of his supporters went to the MA Aziz Stadium.

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Daily Star sees quiet voting in 50 centres

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Polling in the Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) election ended in a peaceful and fair manner under a political government as no incident of violence or rigging was reported.

During visits to over 50 polling centres at different places including Jamal Khan, Andarkella, Bakolia, Pahartoli, Kattoli, Halishahar, Patenga, Panchlaish, Muradpur, Bahodderhat, Chaktai, Pathorghata, Firingee Bazar, Eidgah and Agrabad, a festive mood was seen everywhere.

Stray incidents like detention of a polling officer and a ward councillor candidate

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CCC POLL USHERS IN E-VOTING: A voter signs for casting her electronic vote at National Primary School centre in the port city yesterday, while an election official monitors the counter of the electronic voting machine (EVM) in the background. The election introduced e-voting in the country. MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 14

E-voting just easy

Voters get over nervousness quickly

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Seventy-year-old Redu Mian had a confused look on his face as he lumbered slowly into a booth where balloting was in progress through Electronic Voting Machine (EVM). Within 30 seconds he appeared with a victorious smile as he had just cast his vote using a machine he had never seen before.

For the first time in the country's history, the Election Commission used 79 EVM at 14 polling centres at Jamal Khan (ward-21) during Chittagong City Corporation election yesterday. A total of 25,230 voters showed up at the centres.

The system has drawn the

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Argentina striker Gonzalo Higuain spreads his arms wide and urges his teammates to join him to celebrate his hat-trick against South Korea at the Soccer City stadium in Johannesburg yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

Argentina too hot to handle

Higuain hits hat-trick to hand South Korea 4-1 defeat

AFP, Johannesburg

Diego Maradona's Argentina are on the verge of a last 16 place at the World Cup after Thursday's 4-1 victory over South Korea as Real Madrid's Gonzalo Higuain scored a hat-trick.

Maradona's side will be sure of a place in the knockout phase later on Thursday if Group B rivals Greece and Nigeria draw in Bloemfontein -- they will also go through should Nigeria beat the Greeks as the African side play South Korea in their last match and both would be on three points.

"I have to commend my boys for the great job they have done, the only way South Korea would have made our lives difficult would have been if we had allowed them to," said

Match Update: ARGENTINA 4-1 SOUTH KOREA, GREECE 2-1 NIGERIA, FRANCE 0-2 MEXICO

match," said man-of-the-match Higuain.

"It was tough and we knew it would be hard, but we managed to play our style and we

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Mother sent back to jail hour after son's death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four-year-old Mohammad Mustafa who had spent the past three years of his life in prison with his convicted mother died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) early yesterday.

His mother Rojina Begum was taken back to Dhaka Central Jail from the hospital only an hour after the death of her son.

Usually prisoners are released on parole to attend burials of their near ones if approved by the Home Ministry but some inmates do not know how to avail the parole.

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