

New Ctg mayor

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put his best efforts to solve the civic problems of the city, attaching topmost priority to getting rid of waterlogging.

He thanked the city residents for choosing him as their mayor, and trusting him with the city's development. He also said he will run CCC in consultation with the former mayor.

Asked to evaluate the polling, Amir Khasru said, "There were few flaws in the polling, and I had to point out, as the election agent of the candidate, that something unusual was feared to be taking place during the counting of votes. Other than that, the election was smooth."

Neither Mohiuddin, who got 3,83,617 votes, nor his election agent was present during the announcement of the result.

On Thursday night tension ran high with Manjur's supporters setting fire to three motorcycles, and smashing empty ballot boxes and several makeshift shops, protesting delays in arrival of ballot boxes from polling stations, and the announcement of the result.

They calmed down at the Election Commission's control room as late counts started showing Manjur leading in almost every centre.

Maj (retd) Emdad, member secretary of Nagorik Committee which campaigned for Mohiuddin, however said, "The election was held in a smooth and fair way, for which the Election Commission should be thanked. We have accepted the result."

But he brought an allegation that Mohiuddin's rival camp distributed money among voters in slums. He urged the EC to remain alert

against such practices to make future elections more successful.

"I have heard that a reaction might come from the central leadership of Awami League on the election and the overall situation," Emdad told The Daily Star in the afternoon.

Outgoing mayor Mohiuddin Chowdhury, also the existing president of AL's Chittagong City unit, became the first elected mayor of the city defeating BNP nominated Mir Mohammad Nasir Uddin by some 17,000 votes in the first CCC election in 1994.

He was elected the mayor for the second time in 2000 amid a boycott by BNP, and for the third consecutive time defeating Mir Nasir again by a margin of 91,480 votes in 2005 during the last BNP regime.

MAYORAL CANDIDATES WHO WILL LOSE DEPOSITS
As the five other mayoral candidates failed to get even one eighth of the total vote cast, they will lose their deposits, according to the law.

A total of 8,85,064 voters cast their votes in the poll, out of total 16,88,677 registered voters, while 35,506 votes were cancelled. The voter turn out was 54.50 percent.

To get a refund of the deposit, a candidate must have gotten 1,10,633 votes.

Independent candidate Syed Shamsuzzoha got the lowest 667 votes. Mofazzal Hossain Bhuiyan got 8,813, Rafiqul Islam of Islamic Andolon 6,521, Md Ibrahim 2,267, Jane Alam 1,951, and Jatiya Party backed Solaiman Alam Sheth got 2,083 votes despite dropping out of the race.

The CCC poll marked the beginning of a new chapter in the country's election history

as well, by introducing e-voting. Electronic voting machines were used at 14 polling centres in a ward with 25,230 voters.

Talking about the election that turned out to be the most peaceful and fair under any political government, Returning Officer Jesmine Tuli told reporters that she expects a change among politicians of the country.

"I expect that the standard of politics in our country will improve. It's not only me, I think all the people have an expectation for a standard of politics from politicians," said the RO adding, "Holding of a smooth and fair polling, and acceptance of the result by the candidates, is a forward step towards improving the political culture."

She said making candidates respectful to electoral code of conduct is a difficult and important task.

WARD COUNCILLORS-ELECT

The EC took all out measures to ensure free and fair balloting in the CCC poll in which 55 councillors including 14 female councillors were also elected to 41 citywards.

Ruling Awami League backed candidates dominate the ward councils including the councillors elected in female quota.

AL backed candidates won 31 posts of councillors including 11 in female quota, BNP backed candidates won 19 including 2 in female quota.

Two Jamaat backed, and two independent candidates were also elected councillors, while one post of a female councillor went to a candidate backed by Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (BSD).



Mokaddes Ali of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat in front of his vandalised house.

PM greets Manjur

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administration and democracy-loving people of all walks of life of the port city for holding the election in a free, fair, neutral and acceptable manner.

The PM said the Thursday's city corporation election is a bright example of the government's strong commitment to hold free and fair elections.

She also said the election has also proved the government's sincerity and commitment to ensure an independent and strong Election Commission.

In this regard, Hasina said that during the last BNP-Jamaat alliance government the people of Chittagong city had to remain alert and on guard whole night to protect people's verdict in a city corporation election.

"But the present government is people's government. People have voted us to power. That's why we're fully committed to establish people's rights and uphold people's verdicts in the elections," she said.

Remembering the tough times before the general election of December 29, 2008, the premier said the foundation of the hard-earned democracy and the democratic institutions of the country will have to be further strengthened for maximum welfare of the mass people.

"We'll continue to give our best to establish people's rights," she said.

The PM in her message also expressed strong commitment to continue the present government's development projects across the country for balanced development and prosperity of the people.

Mentioning the introduction of electronic voting system in the elections, she said this is another step towards turning Bangladesh into a modern digital country.

2 Americans, 1 Brit killed in southern Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan

Two Americans died in fighting yesterday in southern Afghanistan, raising to 33 the number of US troops killed in the war so far this month. A British soldier was also killed.

Nato said yesterday that the two Americans died in an insurgent attack but did not provide further details. The US command confirmed their nationalities but did not specify where they died.

In London, the British Defence Ministry said one of its soldiers was killed by an explosion in Helmand province.

June is shaping up to be one of the deadliest months for US troops in the nearly 9-year-old Afghan war, as insurgents have stepped up attacks in response to a Nato push into Taliban strongholds in the south. The deadliest month for US troops in Afghanistan was October 2009, when 59 Americans died.

Khulna AL

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activities suspended until the extended meeting is held," Hanif told The Daily Star last night.

He said the decision has been made so that no untoward incident takes place before the extended meeting.

"We will resolve the existing problem at the extended meeting," he said.

Khaleda

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people of Chittagong city for electing M Manjur Alam as their mayor.

She conveyed her deep sympathy to polling agents of Manjur, BNP activists and the voters, who were harassed and tortured on the polling day.

The BNP chief thanked all officials concerned, media men and members of the law enforcing agencies for properly performing their duties.

In another message, Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami greeted the newly elected mayor for his victory in the CCC polls.

It is the victory of the valiant people of Chittagong as well as democracy, said Nizami, adding that it was possible to achieve the victory due to untiring efforts made by all.

He hoped that the new mayor would turn Chittagong city into a modern one as per his election commitment and engage himself for providing services to people with honesty and dedication.

Manjur

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Manjur said the results have "brought in a surge of change" and promised various social services for the well being of the citizens.

He said eradication of the waterlogging problem in the city would get priority.

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Villagers torch

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Following the death, villagers torched at least five houses of the gang members.

Police could not bring the situation under control immediately though a huge number of them were deployed in the area.

COUNCILLORS-ELECT

NAMES

Farid Ahmad Chowdhury

Md Shafiqul Islam

Nasiruddin Ahmed

Morshed Akhter Chowdhury

Md Giasuddin

Syed Golam Haider Mintu

Hasan Mahmud Hasni

Chowdhury Bijoy Kumar Chowdhury

Sirajul Islam

Abdus Sabur Liton

Md Hossain

Nazrul Islam Bahadur

Zahir Ahmed Chowdhury

Zahar Lal Hazari

Zahirul Alam Dobhash

Nurul Haq

Md Jahangir Alam

Hasan Murad

Golam Mohammad Chowdhury

Abdul Barek

Mohammad Shahjahan

Mahbubul Alam

Md Azam

Muhammad Hasan Liton

SM Iqbal Hossain

Abdus Satter Salim

Babul Haque

AKM Jafri Islam

Md Tayab

Md Yasin Chowdhury

MA Malek

Neaz Mohammad Khan

Mohammad Sikander

Didarul Rahman

Mohammad Ismail

Sarfaraz Quader

Md Nurul Absar

Shamsuzzaman Helali

Mahfuzul Alam

Abul Fazal Kabir Ahmed

Md Shahidul Islam

Ferdous Begum Munni (Female quota)

Zobaira Nargis Khan (Female quota)

Jahanara Begum (Female quota)

Shaheda Kashem (Female quota)

Anjuman Ara Begum (Female quota)

Rekha Alam Chowdhury (Female quota)

Rehana Kabir Ranu (Female quota)

Ferdous Ara Taher (Female quota)

Afroza Kalam (Female quota)

Lutfenness Dovash Baby (Female quota)

Shahanur Begum (Female quota)

Arju Shahabuddin (Female quota)

Monwara Begum Moni (Female quota)

Jannatul Ferdous Poppy (Female quota)

AFFILIATIONS

AL

BNP

BSD

Jamaat

Independent

WARDS

2(Jalalabad)

3(Panchlaish)

10(North Kattoli)

11(South Kattoli)

15(Bagmonirum)

16(Chawk Bazar)

20(Dewan Bazar)

21(Jamal Khan)

24

25(Rampur)

26(North Halishahar)

28(Phantutli)

30(East Madarbari)

32(Anderkilla)

33(Firinge Bazar)

35(Baxmirkhat)

36(Goshaldanga)

37(North Middle Halishahar)

38(South Middle Halishahar)

40(North Patenga)

1(South Pahartali)

4(Chandgaon)

5(Mohora)

6(East Sholoshahar)