

Expulsion of part-time RU teacher demanded

RU CORRESPONDENT

Students of Music and Drama Department of Rajshahi University (RU) yesterday placed a memorandum to the vice chancellor demanding expulsion of a part-time teacher for his alleged sexual harassment to female students of the department.

A few months ago, a part-time teacher of the department sexually harassed a second year student of the same department and the victim left the campus following the incident, the students alleged.

During the last few days, the teacher has been giving proposal for illicit relationship to another female student of the same year, they said.

Demanding punishment of the teacher, the father of first victim yesterday placed a written application to university Vice Chancellor Prof Abdus Sobhan and departmental Chairman Prof Moloy Kumar Bhowmik.

The second victim student also placed a written application to the same authorities seeking her security on the campus and demanding punishment of the alleged offender.

In the application, she alleged that the teacher threatened to ruin her academic result as she refused his frequent proposals for unsocial relationship recently.

Earlier, around two hundred students of the department staged demonstration in front of the department demanding immediate expulsion and punishment of the teacher.

Declaring the teacher 'unwanted' at the department, they threatened to launch tougher movement including class boycott and strike on the campus if the alleged teacher is not punished as soon as possible.

As the agitating students placed written applications and a copy of the memorandum to the departmental chairman to press for their demand, he assured them that he will take steps after meeting with the department teachers and authorities.

At the meeting with Vice Chancellor Prof Abdus Sobhan at around 2:00pm, the students said that they would go for tougher agitation on the campus if he did not take immediate steps in this regard.

The vice chancellor assured the students of taking necessary step.

The part-time teacher concerned could not be contacted for his comment as he was not in the campus and his mobile phone was found shut.



Dhaka Division polls in pictures: 1) Voters wait in a long queue to cast their vote at Jogini Ghat Government Primary School polling centre in Munshiganj, 2) Momtaj Begum, a lawmaker from women's reserved seats, talks to voters during poll hours at a centre in Singair municipality under Manikganj district, 3) Voters queue up at Deaf and Dumb School polling centre in Mymensingh municipality yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

74 vie for mayor posts in Sylhet division today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Seventy-four people are contesting for the mayor posts in 16 municipalities under four districts of Sylhet division in today's local body election.

The number of contestants for general councillor posts is 613 while 181 others are in the race for the women's reserved seats of councillors.

In most of the municipalities, more than one candidate from both the Awami League (AL) led grand alliance and the BNP-led alliance are in the mayoral race as the two alliances failed to field single candidates.

The number of voters in the 16 municipalities is 2 lakh 96 thousand and 992.

Adequate measures, including deployment of police and Ansars, have been taken to ensure peaceful election in 186 polling centres of the 16 municipalities, officials said.

Besides, army will be deployed in Habiganj district and Border Guards of Bangladesh (former BDR) in Sunamganj district, said District Election Officer Md Shamsul Alam.

A total of 107 polling centres, including 58 out of 63 polling centres in Sunamganj, 43 out of 55 in Habiganj, 9 out of 50 in Moulvibazar and two out of 18 in Sylhet district, have been marked 'vulnerable'.

In Sunamganj district, election is being held in four municipalities.

In Sunamganj municipality, Ayub Bakht Zaglu of AL is contesting with independent runner Shergul Ahmed and Saleha Begum of Jatiya Party (JP) for the mayor post while 68 others are vying for the seats of councillors.

Mayoral candidates in Chhataka are sitting Mayor Abul Kalam Chowdhury, former mayor MA Wahid Maznu Miah and businessman Saifur Rahman Chowdhury, all belonging to AL, and independent Jahangir Alam. There are 37 contestants for councillorship.

In Jagannathpur, Akhtaruzzaman Akhtar, lone candidate of BNP, is facing incumbent Mayor Abdul Monaf, Shah Nurul Karim, Luthfur



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Rahman, Anhar Miah, Shamim Ahmed and Abdul Hannan, all belonging to AL.

Forty-four others are contesting for the councillor posts.

In Derai municipality, AL's Azizur Rahman Bulbul is to face BNP's Mainuddin Chowdhury Mashuk while there are 44 candidates for councillor seats.

In Sylhet district, election will be held in two municipalities.

In Kanaighat municipality, upazila AL president Anwar Hossain is contesting BNP faction chief and sitting Mayor Iqbal Ahmed, JP's former UP Chairman Abdul Khaliq, poura BNP chief Badrul Haque Badal and poura AL president General secretary MA Hafiz. 37 others are on the run for councillorship.

In Kanaighat municipality, upazila AL President Luthfur Rahman is facing upazila BNP General Secretary Abdul Matin, Bhanulal Dass of AL, Abdul Malik of BNP, Suhel Amin of JP, Md Oliullah of Jamaat and businessman Tajuddin.

In Moulvibazar district, election is being held in five municipalities.

Incumbent Mayor of Moulvibazar municipality Foizul Karim Moyun of BNP is facing Saifur Rahman and Nahid Ahmed of AL and independent Muhibur Rahman for mayorship.

In Kulara, incumbent Mayor BNP's Kamal Uddin Ahmed is facing Shafi Alam Yunus and Md Shafiul Alam Shafi of AL, Md Matiar Rahman of BNP and independent Enamul Islam.

In Srimangal municipality, incumbent Mayor Md Ahad Miah, also a former lawmaker, is contesting former municipal chairman MA Rahim of AL, former chairman Mohsin Miah Modhu of BNP, Bhubaneswar Purkayostha, Abdul Momin Tapader, Khokan Singha and Nazrul Islam. However, Ahad Miah and his nephew Modhu

Miah are seen as the main contestants.

In Kamolganj municipality, seven persons including incumbent Mayor Hasin Afroz Chowdhury of BNP, municipal BNP President Abu Ibrahim Zamshed and upazila BNP General Secretary Iqbal Parvez Chowdhury Shahin, upazila AL Vice-president Aslam Iqbal Milon, municipality AL General Secretary Afsar Saleh and Syed Mohammad Ibrahim of Jamaat and Md Muhibur Rahman of AL-Islah are in the mayoral run.

In Barlekha, Rafiqul Islam of AL is contesting with Fokhrul Islam of BNP, Khijir Ahmed of Jamaat and independent candidates Abdun Nur and Khalilur Rahman.

Election is being held in five municipalities of Habiganj district.

In Habiganj municipality, district BNP General Secretary and incumbent Mayor GK Gous is facing municipality AL President Md Sharif Ullah.

In Shaistaganj, incumbent Mayor Md Farid Ahmed Oli of BNP is contesting with upazila AL General Secretary Abdur Rashid Talukder Iqbal and former municipality chairman Md Abdur Razzaque Raza Miah of AL while 53 people are contesting for the councillor seats.

In Nabiganj municipality, incumbent Mayor Tofazul Islam Chowdhury of AL is facing Kripashindhu Roy Chowdhury of AL and Abdus Shahid Golap of BNP while 47 persons are contesting for the councillor posts.

Mayoral contestants in Madhabpur municipality are incumbent Mayor and upazila AL President MM Muslim, Md Hamdu Miah and Habibur Rahman Manik of BNP and Hirendra Lal Saha of AL. There are 40 councillor candidates.

In Chunarughat municipality, mayoral candidates are incumbent administrator of the municipality Md Ali, also general secretary of upazila BNP, upazila AL Secretary Md Abu Taher, Haji Abdus Salam Talukder of JP, independent SK Iftekharul Gani, Md Siraj Ali Mir of BNP and AM Yahia Talukder of AL. Sixty-three persons are contesting for councillor posts.

ELECTION fever

Mymensingh: Five fined for violating code of conduct

Mobile court fined five people for violating code of conduct during yesterday's election to Gouripur municipality.

According to sources, the court conducted drive at Gouripur Pilot School centre and fined Shafiqul Islam, cousin of councillor candidate Sadequul Islam, Tk 5,000.

The court then fined Anup Kumar and Badhan, relatives of a mayor candidate, at Chakpara centre and realised Tk 2,000 from each of them, reports our correspondent.

The same court fined a youth named Sanaullah Tk 1,000 at Nutun Bazar centre and Syed Muklesur Rahman Tk 5,000 in Purbo Bhaluka centre.

Meanwhile, a man was injured in mob beating in Trishal municipality as he came out of Nazrul College centre with two ballot papers. Locals caught the man and beat him up. He was admitted at a local hospital.

Savar: Cop removed from centre for code violation

A police sub-inspector was removed from Savar University College centre on charge of violating election code of conduct yesterday, reports UNB.

Abdur Razzak, a sub-inspector of Savar Police Station, allegedly put seal on the ballot papers in a bid to cast votes for the grand alliance backed mayoral candidate at the centre in the morning.

Being informed, Rafiqul Islam, additional police superintendent of Dhaka district, went to the spot and removed the sub-inspector (SI).

Gazipur: Voting postponed in eight polling centres

Voting in eight polling centres in Kaliakoir municipality was postponed due to 'inconsistencies' in the voter lists.

These are Chandra Government Primary School, Dewan Ideal Kindergarten School-1, Dewan Ideal Kindergarten School-2, Chandra Ideal Kindergarten School, Purbo Chandra Zenith PL Kindergarten School-1, Purbo Chandra Zenith PL Kindergarten School-2, Purbo Chandra Ideal Kindergarten School and Purbo Chandra (AS) Ideal Kindergarten School.

The local administration postponed voting following allegations of inconsistencies in the voter lists by the agents of the candidates, according to correspondent.

Sherpur: 2 polling agents held, another expelled from centre

Two polling agents were arrested and another was expelled from polling centres for influencing the voters to cast votes in favour of Awami League's mayor candidate in Sherpur municipal election yesterday, reports UNB.

Law enforcers arrested polling agents Kamal and Rashed as they were found forcing the voters to put seal on the election symbol of the AL mayor candidate.

Suraiya Akhter, an agent of the AL mayoral candidate, was expelled from the polling centre

9 mayor candidates in Khulna, Satkhira lose security deposit

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Nine mayoral candidates in four municipalities of Khulna and Satkhira districts lost their security deposit for failing to get one-eighth of the total votes as per Election Commission (EC) law.

In Khulna, three mayor aspirants in two municipalities - Paikgachha and Chalna - have lost their security deposit in the election held on January 13, reports our staff correspondent.

They are AL rebel candidate Kumaresh Biswas in Chalna municipality, and BNP candidate Maftun Ahmed and Islamic Shasantantra Andolan Bangladesh candidate Gazi Abdus



Salam in Paikgacha municipality.

Kumaresh Biswas bagged only 58 votes while Maftun Ahmed and Gazi Abdus Salam got 131 votes each.

In Chalna municipality, 8,177 out of 9,481 votes were cast in the election. Percentage of votes cast here is 86.25.

In Paikgacha municipality, 9,537 out of 11,173 votes were cast in the election. Percentage of votes cast here is 85, said Khulna District Election Office.

Our Satkhira Correspondent reported

that six out of 13 mayoral candidates in Satkhira and Kalaroa municipalities lost their security deposit in January 13 elections.

They are AL candidate Sheikh Ashraf Haque and independent candidates Sheikh Akbar Hossain and Syed Iktiar Ali Titu in Satkhira municipality, and AL rebel candidates Arifat Hossain, Kazi Abdul Wahab and Rafiqul Islam in Kalaroa municipality.

BNP and Jamaat backed mayoral candidate MA Jalil won the election defeating

his nearest rival Sheikh Azhar Hossain of JP (Ershad) in Satkhira,

while BNP rebel candidate Akhtarul Islam won the election defeating BNP backed candidate Sharifuzzaman Shahin in Kalaroa.

Seventeen councillor candidates in Satkhira municipalities also lost their deposit. They are Nizam Uddin, Amanullah, Rejaul Karim, Fakhrul Islam, Nazrul Islam, Rokonzaman, Azizul Khalil, Matiar Rahman, Sheikh Abdus Sadek, Mahmud Ali Sumon, Masum Billah Khoka, Monowarul Islam, Nazmul Khan Chowdhury, Abul Kalam, Abidul Haque and Abdur Rahman.

ROAD SHOW FOR PRICE DISCOVERY

All eligible institutional investors (EII) (as per Securities and Exchange Commission (Public Issue) Rules, 2006) are invited to participate in the Road Show for discovery of indicative price for Initial Public Offering (IPO) under Book Building Method of Saiham Cotton Mills Ltd. The Schedule of the Road Show is given below:

OFFERING SUMMARY

Public Offering 30,000,000 Ordinary Shares
Face Value : Tk. 10 per share

SCHEDULE OF ROAD SHOW

Venue : Grande Ballroom, Radisson Water Garden Hotel Dhaka.
Date : February 06, 2011 (Sunday)
Time : 6:30 P.M.



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