

# Defeated candidates demand re-polling in Sakhipur, Tangail

BNP wants vote recounting in Mymensingh, rigging by ruling AL alleged also in Ghatail municipality

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Leaders of Krishak Sramik Janata League (KSJL) have demanded re-election in Sakhipur and Tangail municipalities while BNP leaders demanded recounting of votes in all 63 polling centres of Mymensingh municipality.

Local BNP leaders have also alleged use of ruling party influence to snatch the victory of AL supported candidate in Ghatail municipality of Tangail district.

Elections in the three municipalities were held on January 17.

Leaders of Krishak Sramik Janata League (KSJL) have demanded re-election in Sakhipur and Tangail municipalities, reports our Tangail correspondent.

At a press conference at Tangail Press Club on Monday evening, the KSJL leaders alleged that ruling Awami League has used influence to get their chosen mayoral candidates elected in Sakhipur and Tangail municipalities.

The ruling party men occupied many polling centres in the two municipalities and forced voters to cast their votes to the ruling party supported mayoral candidates, KSJL leaders said at the press conference.



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Demanding re-election in the two municipalities, they said although the administrations and law enforcers were informed of the matter instantly, no step was taken to prevent the 'rigging'.

Tangail district unit president of KSJL Abdul Hai, general secretary Rafiqul Islam and KSJL mayoral candidate in Tangail municipality Jamilur Rahman Miron addressed the press conference, among others.

AL supported mayoral candidates Shahidur Rahman and Abu Hanif Azad were elected unofficially at Tangail and Sakhipur municipalities.

Meanwhile, BNP supported mayoral candidate in Ghatail Manjurul Haque

alleged that the results of the January 17 election in the municipality was suspended as part of the conspiracy to declare the AL candidate elected.

"Actually Manjurul Haque won the election in Ghatail but the local Awami League lawmaker and his men attacked the election control room and created pressure on the returning officer to declare the AL candidate winner. After failing to do so, they forced the officer to suspend the results," said Tangail district BNP organising secretary Farhad Iqbal.

Denying the allegations, local AL lawmaker Dr Motiur Rahman claimed that some BNP men forcibly took signature of the AL supported mayoral candidate's polling agent in the result sheet at Ghatail Ideal Primary School (ward No 9) centre and also sent ballot papers out of the centre.

Returning Officer Habibur Rahman said, "The Awami League leaders demanded re-election at ward No 9 centre and I have already informed the Election Commission (EC) in writing. Now the EC will take decision."

Our Mymensingh correspondent adds: BNP leaders at a press conference yesterday demanded recounting of votes in all 63 polling centres of Mymensingh municipality where election was held on January 17.

"In some polling centres including Muslim Girls School, Gohailkandi Government Primary School, Radha Sundari Girls School, Premier Ideal High School and Mymensingh Medical College centres, there were short differences between total caste votes and total ballot papers that made us suspicious," goes the written statement read out at the press conference at Mymensingh Press Club auditorium at noon.

"BNP candidate Prof AKM Shafiqul Islam secured the second position gaining

51,001 votes while Awami League backed candidate Ekramul Haque Titu was elected with 53,359 votes in Mymensingh municipality but a total of 2457 votes of the BNP candidate were declared invalid in the election. We suspect the involvement of administration to work for AL backed candidate. So we want recounting," it adds.

The BNP leaders also alleged that AL backed candidate Ekramul Haque Titu (mayor in charge) violated election code of conducts clearly through using the municipality staff in election campaign and holding several motorcycle processions but the administration did not take any action despite being informed several times.

BNP candidate Prof AKM Shafiqul Islam, former minister AKM Mosharruf Hossain, former MP Delwar Hossain Khan Dulu, former MP Noorjahan Yeasmin, Prof Sheikh Amjad, BNP district Secretary Abu Wahab Akanda, among others, were present at the press conference.



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A boro seedbed in Dinajpur Sadar upazila gets yellowish as prolonged cold and foggy weather is causing damage to the saplings.

# Cold, foggy weather wreaks havoc to boro seedbeds

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Prolonged cold and foggy weather threatens achievement of boro target in the district as seedbeds are getting damaged due to the adverse weather condition.

this season. Prices of seeds have soared up due to the situation.

"I purchased a 10kg seed bag with Tk 540 instead of Tk 330. If boro cultivation is delayed, the crop yield will fall," said Hasan Ali, a farmer of Dinajpur Sadar upazila.

A steep fall in temperature has been recorded in the areas with no sun shining for the last 10 days. With bone-chilling cold weather, farmers in these areas have started worrying about their other crops and the damage caused to these by dense fog in the area.

It has been seen that prolonged fog and mist causes damage to the crops

in the plains.

The mango and litchi growers of the district are also worried as it may prove harmful if the fog remains here for a few more days.

"Dense fog is definitely harmful for small plants like seedbeds, tomatoes etc. Bigger trees including fruit bearing ones may be harmed if foggy weather conditions prevail for more days," said Sekendar Ali, deputy director of Dinajpur DAE.

The DAE officials suggested farmers to save small plants by covering them with net cloth. Smoke can also be helpful for protecting plants and trees from harsh weather, they said.

# 30 mayor aspirants in Barisal divn lose security deposit

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Thirty mayoral candidates in 11 out of 19 municipalities in Barisal division have lost their security deposit for failing to get one eighth of the total votes as per Election Commission law.

In Patuakhali municipalities, two out of five candidates have lost their security deposit as they failed to secure one eighth of the total votes cast in January 13 elections. They are Abdus Sattar Mridha and Md Nasir Uddin Khan.

In Barguna municipality, two out of five have mayoral candidates have lost their deposit. They are Golam Mostafa Kisli and Advocate Asaduzzaman Salin.

Six out of eight mayoral aspirants in Amtali municipality of Barguna district have lost their security



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deposit. They are advocate M A Qader, Md Farid Uddin, Md Mujibur Rahman, Tuhin, Abdul Alim and Zillur Rahman.

Those who have lost security deposit in mayoral polls of Patharghata municipality are Mosharruf Hossain Sohrab, Golam Sarwar Hiru, Taslima Mollick and Jahangir Alam. Seven candidates were in the race for the mayoral post in this municipality.

In Bhola municipality, two out of four mayoral candidates have lost their security deposit. They are Abdul Momin Tulu and Safiur Rahman Kiron.

In Doulatkhan municipality of Bhola district, mayoral aspirant Nasir Uddin Khan has lost his security deposit. Three candidates were in the race for the mayoral post.

In Borhanuddin municipality of the district, two out of six candidates have lost their security deposit. They are Saidur Rahman Milon and Anwar Hossain Bhuyan.

Three out of six candidates have lost their security deposit in Mothbaria municipality under Pirojpur district. They are Motaleb Modhu, Nafiz Ahmed and Rafiqul Islam.

Only one out of five can-

didates has lost his deposit in Bakherganj municipality under Barisal district while three of six candidates in Banaripara municipality of the district have lost their security deposit. They are Motiur Rahman in Bakherganj and Motaleb Hossain Mridha, Jalil Mridha and SM Harun in Banaripara.

In Nolchiti municipality of Jhalakathi district, four of seven mayoral aspirants have lost their security deposit in the election. They are Taslim Uddin Chowdhury, Enayet Karim Mishu, Zakir Hossain Talukder and Jahangir Hossain.

Nineteen councillor candidates in Patuakhali municipality and six councillor candidates in Kalapara municipality have also lost their deposit.

# Sultan Mela begins in Narail today

A CORRESPONDENT, Narail

A six-day Sultan Mela will begin here today. Sultan Birth Anniversary Celebration Committee, Sultan Foundation and district administration have jointly chalked out an elaborate programme to mark the occasion.

Today's programme include children's art competition, discussion on life and work of the renowned artist, games, sports, cultural programme and prize distribution ceremony.

Md Moshir Rahman, divisional commissioner of Khulna, will inaugurate the fair on the premises of Narail Government Victoria College at 3:00 pm.

Another children's art competition will be held on the premises of SM Sultan Art Museum at his village Masimdia in the district.

SM Sultan (1923-1994) was born at Masimdia village on August 10, 1923.

Sultan became a renowned artist although he had no institutional qualification. He travelled to different places of India. He held his first exhibition of artwork in Simla in 1946. For sometime, he lived and worked in Kashmir. After the partition of the sub-continent in 1947, he returned to Narail.

# Take 'no objection' certificate before starting work

District administration asks realtors in Kuakata

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Patuakhali district administration has issued notice to 13 real estate companies in Kuakata asking them not to conduct work in the area without taking 'no objection' certificate.

Land section of deputy commissioner's (DC) office in Patuakhali sent the notice (memo No S.A./Patua/22-miscellaneous/222007-130) to the 13 companies through registered mail on Tuesday.

The recipient companies are Basudha Island, Green Delta Housing and Development, Cassandra Properties, Nasy Housing Development Ltd, Oriental Real State, Quality Real State Private Ltd, Century Realty Ltd, Nabodoy Housing, Ocean City Ltd, Bandhu Mohol '81 Bahumukhi Samabay Samity Ltd, Kuakata Estate Ltd and life Haque Foundation -- all working in Kuakata as developers.

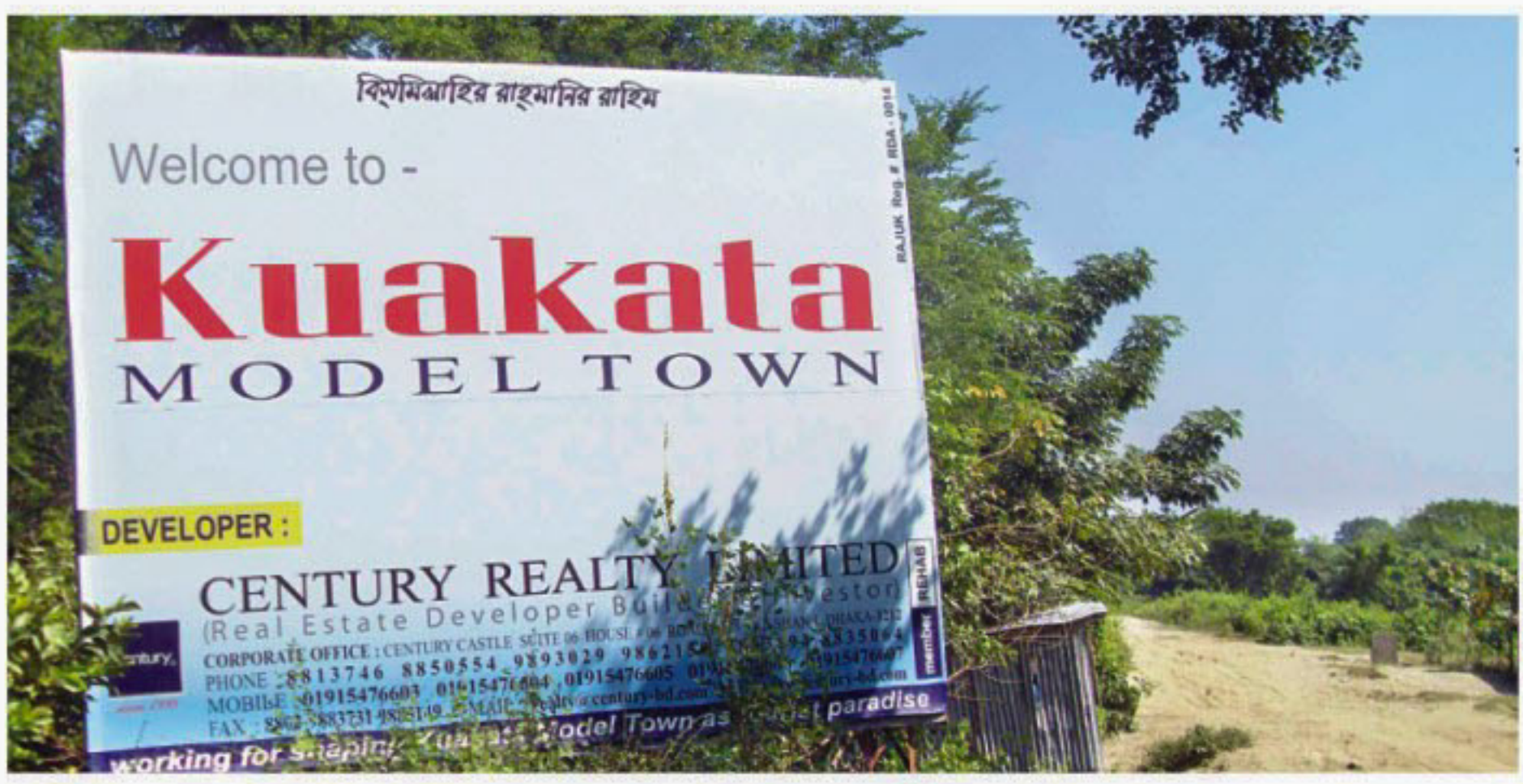


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Signboard of one of the 13 real estate companies, working in Kuakata without 'no objection' certificate from the district administration, have been served notice to get the certificate by submitting necessary documents within a week.

According to the notice, the real estate companies are to take 'no objection' certificate within seven days from the district administration by submitting necessary papers including deed of lands, master plan of the companies, certified copies

of ownership of plots and others related papers, a sources of DC office said.

In case of failure, lawful action will be taken against the companies, it added.

"Real estate companies should have taken 'no objection' certificates before start-

ing their works but no companies took those certificates from us. As many companies are conducting works without taking certificates, we asked them not to do the illegal work," said Patuakhali Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Yousuf.



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