



Clashes between supporters of two rival union parishad chairman candidates in Shingasholpur union under Narail Sadar upazila leave 50 houses including these two badly damaged and looted yesterday morning. The pre-poll violence on the election day also left one person killed and 17 others injured.

One killed, 17 hurt in Narail pre-poll clash

50 houses ransacked, 3 motorbikes torched

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narail

One person was killed and 17 others were injured in a pre-poll clash between the supporters of two union parishad chairman candidates in Narail Sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Milon Sheikh, 40, of Tarapur village under Shingasholpur Union of the upazila.

At least 50 houses were ransacked and three motorbikes torched during the clash that continued for one and a half hours from 8:00am.

Police quoted locals as saying that the supporters of Saiful Islam Hitu, a ruling party

supported chairman candidate in Shingasholpur Union Parishad election, swooped on Shipon Molla while he was seeking votes for his brother Khairuzzaman Molla, a BNP backed chairman candidate, at Tarapur village at around 7:30am.

Hearing the news, Khairuzzaman's men equipped with lethal weapons made a counter attack on their rivals, leading to a fierce clash between the supporters of the two chairman aspirants.

Milon Sheikh, a supporter of Hitu, was killed on the spot and 17 others from both sides were injured during the clash.

Being informed, police

rushed to the spot, dispersed the clashing groups and brought the situation under control.

Of the injured, Moti, Jakir, Shipon, Mizanur, Khalil and Goni were shifted to Khulna Medical College Hospital as their condition deteriorated.

Our Gaibandha correspondent adds: Pre-poll clash between the supporters of two UP chairmen candidates at Belka Union in Sunderganj upazila yesterday left five people injured.

Locals said chairman candidate Abdul Jabbar Sarker Dulal was surrounded by his rival candidate Jaharul Haq Sarder's men while campaigning in ward No 9 of the union on Friday night.

Hearing the news, Dulal's supporters rushed to the spot and rescued him. As a sequel to the incident, the supporters of the two candidates locked in a clash at Majidpara yesterday morning, leaving five people, including Dulal, injured.

Meanwhile, seven unions in the upazila (Sunderganj) will go to polls today. The unions are Tarapur, Belka, Dahabandh, Kanchipara, Chandipur, Kapasia and Sreepur.

As many as 45 chairmen aspirants, 320 member candidates, 113 women candidates for reserved seats are contesting elections to the seven union parishads.



A motorbike set ablaze by men of rival union parishad chairman candidate in Shingasholpur union under Narail Sadar upazila.

Commits 'suicide' after losing poll

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A former member of Golapganj union parishad (UP) under Nawabganj upazila allegedly committed suicide yesterday morning after losing the June 2 election.

The deceased was identified as Jonab Ali, 50, son Md Abdur Rahman of Fatehpur village.

Police said the UP election in Nawabganj upazila was held on June 2. In the election, Jonab Ali was contesting for the member post of Golapganj union parishad. But the incumbent UP member was defeated by just 54 votes.

Witnesses said Jonab came out of his residence yesterday morning to go to Birampur upazila. But when he reached Polashbari area he suddenly jumped before the Rajshahi-bound Borendra Express train which crushed him under its wheels instantly.

Nawabganj police quoting family members said, Jonab was feeling extremely frustrated after losing the post in the election which might be the reason for committing suicide.

In Comilla, Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) arrested a union parishad chairman candidate along with contraband phensidyl from the border area Friday night, reports UNB.

The arrestee was identified as Zakir Hossain Manik, chairman candidate of Jagannathpur union parishad in Adarsha Sadar upazila, son of late Sirajul Haque of Kalikapur village.

Sources said, on secret information BGB members caught Manik along with 10 bottles of phensidyl from the border area at about 8:00pm.

Criminals loot ballot boxes in Narsingdi, Lalmonirhat

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Barring incidents of ballot box snatching in Shibpur upazila of Narsingdi and Patgram upazila of Lalmonirhat, polling in 12 districts on the fourth day of the second phase of union parishad election was largely peaceful yesterday.

In Lalmonirhat, criminals took away ballot boxes of Bowra polling centre in Bowra Union, Shibganj polling centre in Srirampur Union and Digolbari polling centre in Kuchlibari Union yesterday night, reports our correspondent.

The incidents took place between 7:30 and 8:00pm while the ballot boxes were being taken to Patgram UNO office by the presiding and polling officers with police escort after announcement of results.

In Digolbari area of Kuchlibar Union, police and criminals exchanged fire, leaving 23 people, including two constables, injured. The injured are undergoing treatment at Patgram Upazila Health Complex.

Election to eight union parishads in the upazila was

held peacefully. No untoward incident was reported from any polling centre during voting.

In Narsingdi, a ballot box was snatched from Joynagar Government Primary School centre in Joynagar Union of Shibpur upazila at around 3:50pm, just 10 minutes before the closing time, according to our correspondent.

Uttam Kumar Roy, presiding officer of the polling centre, said all of a sudden a gang of criminals entered the female booth and took away a ballot box.

Three law enforcers were injured during a clash with the criminals. They are Sub-Inspector Mozammel Haque, constables Delwar Hossain and Mohammad Lal Mian.

Police later picked up former chairman of the union Mujibur Sarker and two youths - Khaled Mahmud and Monir Hossain - for their alleged involvement in the incident.

No untoward incident took place at all other centres in seven unions of Shipur upazila during voting.

Election to other union parishads including eight in

Madaripur, ten in Sirajganj, eight in Netrakona, ten unions in Moulvibazar, five in Munshiganj and ten in Natore were held largely peaceful. Report our correspondent.

In Netrakona, elections to eight union parishads in Madan upazila were held peacefully. Over 86 thousands voters cast their votes.

In Moulvibazar, voting took place in ten unions under Baralekha upazila of the district.

Police said a supporter of chairman candidate Jubayer Ahmed Liton was injured in an attack by the opposition candidate Akbar Ali's supporters in front of Karampur Community primary school polling station under Shahbazpur union at noon.

In Munshiganj, elections to five union parishads under Sreenagar upazila and four union parishads in Sirajdikhan upazila were held peacefully.

In Jamalpur, voting took place in 15 unions under Sadar upazila of the district peacefully except some stray incidents. As many as 307212 voters cast their votes.



Women voters from Dahogram enclave wait in a long queue for their turn at a polling centre in Dahogram union under Patgram upazila of Lalmonirhat district during yesterday's union parishad election.

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Lawmaker accused of violating poll code

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Two chairman aspirants on Wednesday lodged complaints with the deputy commissioner of

Panchagarh against the lawmaker from Panchagarh-2 constituency for his alleged involvement in campaigning for AL backed candidates in Boda and Shakoya unions of Boda upazila.

Khairul Alam, chairman candidate of Boda Union Parishad, alleged that lawmaker Nurul Islam Shujan attended a meeting of Awami League backed chairman candidate Syed Abdul Mannan at Mondallerhat village in the union at around 9:00pm on May 29.

In that meeting, Shujan ordered local AL men to work for Syed Abdul Mannan. Otherwise, he said development works in the area would be hampered.

Khairul Alam urged the authorities concerned to take necessary measures to ensure a free, fair and neutral election to Boda Union Parishad.

Another complainant Md Rabiul Alam Proddhan, who is in the election race for chairman post of Shakoya Union Parishad under the upazila, alleged that lawmaker Shujan gave TR allocation to AL backed candidate Sayeed Jahangir to distribute among the voters.

Contacted, lawmaker Nurul Islam Shujan said as president of AL district unit he met the leaders and activists of local units and discussed organisational matters with them.

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