



CLOUDS OF JANUARY 5

Voters' enthusiasm was poor to begin with. Overnight violence left several polling centres torched and two people dead. On election day, at least 18 people were killed. Most polling centres were devoid of voters. Over two dozen of them had no votes cast at all. *Top left*, election officials chat on the ground of T&T Ideal Girls High School in Mohakhali in the capital, as hardly any voters had showed up around 11:00am yesterday. Armed opposition activists, *top right*, attacked voters and voting centres in Monigram Tulsipur of Rajshahi. The third row of photos shows torched Azimpur Govt Primary School in Satkania, Demsha Barua para Govt Primary School and a pickup at Sitakunda in Chittagong. Poor turnout was also seen in Aglachokighata Janamangal High School in Nawabganj and at Bangabandhu University College in the capital's Pallabi, *left*. Two other photos of Demsha Barua para Govt Primary School *right*. In the bottom row, law enforcers arrest a man with two bombs in Abdullahpur. The army stands guard as people walk by in Mirpur. Jamaat-Shibir men torch the Garabaria Primary School in Mohespur of Jhenidah and a voter-less polling station in Satkhira.

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