

CITY CORPORATION ELECTIONS 2015

CTG MAYORAL RACE AL, BNP leaders pass busy day wooing voters

Nasir, Manjur to start meeting residents today,
Friday respectively

PRANABESH CHAKRABARTY, Ctg

Though the two leading mayor candidates in the April 28 Chittagong City Corporation election did not join the official campaign yesterday, leaders of Awami League and BNP, which back them, passed a busy day wooing voters.

Before going on a campaign for BNP-backed contender M Manjur Alam, the party vice chairman, Abdullah Al Noman, addressed a brief rally in Nayabazar, underscoring that the immediate past mayor Manjur kept CCC free from corruption, crime, musclemen, and nepotism.

Referring to a speech of Bangladesh Chhatra League's city unit general secretary about "guarding" polling centres on elec-

tion day, Noman said it was understandable that if their candidate won, CCC would be a shelter for party men.

In addition, BNP city unit President Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury held several meetings with the grassroots leaders and activists at his residence to galvanise them.

Urging a collective effort, he told them that BNP joined the election as part of its anti-government movement, according to a party press release.

The statement quotes Khasru as saying, "This is no ordinary vote. Our victory in the election will mean the defeat of [Prime Minister] Sheikh Hasina."

Manjur, an adviser to the BNP chairperson, will start visiting the city dwellers after

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RO warns four for polls code violation

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The returning officer (RO) of the Chittagong City Corporation polls yesterday cautioned four councillor candidates, including two women for reserved seats, against further violation of the electoral code of conduct.

Earlier, the candidates Md Ershad Mamun, Md Jahurul Alam Jashim, Farhana Javed (reserved seat) of Ward 9, and Jesmin Parvin Jesi (reserved seat) of Ward 3 were served show cause notices for breaking the electoral code, said Assistant RO Md Shafiqur Rahman.

They replied to the show cause notices yesterday, and the RO asked them not to do this again as in that case they will face legal action, he told The Daily Star.

59 Ctg councillor candidates 'literate, self-educated'

SHAHADAT HOSSAIN, Ctg

Fifty-nine councillor aspirants for Chittagong city have declared themselves "literate and self-educated" in the affidavits submitted to the Election Commission.

Around 29 candidates studied up to class IV and X, 44 wrote "SSC" in the space of their educational qualification, and 40 wrote "HSC", meaning they passed the examinations.

A total of 266 aspirants applied to contest in the April 28 election, but four backed out from the race till 7:00pm last night. Tomorrow is the last day for withdrawal of candidacy.

Of the general candidates, 52 are graduates including two with the MBBS degree and 14 postgraduates. One studied diploma engineering.

The analysis of the affidavits also shows that most candidates own businesses, few do jobs including teaching, and few are doctors and lawyers.

MAYOR CONTENDERS

Among the 12 mayoral candidates, Awami League-blessed AZM Nasir Uddin is a graduate (BA), while BNP-backed contestant M Manjur Alam passed SSC examinations and Jatiya Party affiliated hopeful Md Solaiman Alam Seth studied up to class XII.

Another candidate, Hossain Muhammad Mujibul Huq, called himself "literate".

Of the rest, Md Abul Kalam Azad passed SSC exams, while

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