

4th phase UP polls see deadly clashes, ballot-stuffing

The fourth phase of elections to 703 union parishads yesterday saw incidents of violence and irregularities, including ballot-stuffing and taking over of polling stations.

In Feni, at least 10 people, including four with bullet wounds, were injured in clashes outside different polling stations in two of nine UPs in Feni Sadar and Chhagalnaiya upazilas.

Supporters of AL and BNP nominated chairmen candidates locked in a fierce clash in Dhalia union of Sadar upazila over capturing a polling station, hours after voting began. A shootout followed the clash at Olipur Government Primary School centre. The supporters also blasted crude bombs, leaving a police official injured, said police. Sub Inspector Mohammad Yasin was admitted to a local hospital, said Amirul Alam, assistant superintendent of police of Feni. Police fired 10 rounds to bring the situation under control.

In another incident, supporters of two member candidates of Shuvopur union clashed over taking control of a polling centre. They also

Alamdanga upazila withdrew an assistant presiding officer of Sheikhpara Government Primary School for his alleged involvement in helping a criminal to case fake votes.

On Friday night, the district police authorities withdrew a sub-inspector of Alamdanga Police Station as he misbehaved with his colleagues while on election duty.

In Sylhet, presence of voters in different polling stations was thin in almost all of the 24 UPs under three upazilas due to rain, reports our correspondent.

In Kushtia, Rab detained a gunman of AL-nominated chairman candidate Akhtaruzzaman from Nawdapara Government Primary School polling centre of Alampur UP under Sadar upazila. The arrestee, Abdur Rahman, was intimidating voters and asking people to cast vote for Akhtaruzzaman, reports our correspondent.

In Jhenidah, a mobile court sentenced a youth to one month's imprisonment for casting fake votes at Shitli Government Primary School centre of Kapashatia UP under Harinakundo upazila.

men tried to capture Bhabanipur Senior Dakhil Madrasa centre in Bhabanipur union of Phulbaria. Police detained 17 persons, including five poll officials, for allegedly casting 'false votes' for AL candidate at Bhabanipur Government Primary School centre in Bhabanipur Union of Phulbaria, said Rifat Khan Razib, OC Phulbaria Police Station. The detainees included a presiding officer, an assistant presiding officer, three polling officers and 12 agents.

Our Chittagong correspondent reports that BNP chairperson's advisor Mir Mohammad Nasir Uddin alleged that real democracy had been exiled from the country.

"But this time, we directed our leaders and activists not to boycott the UP elections so that people can come to know how the polling centres are being occupied by the cadres of ruling party and how vote rigging and stuffing are going on in the centres in the name of election," he said at a press conference at his Chatteshwari Road residence. He came down heavily on AL men for

Publication Secretary of Gangni upazila unit of AL, reports our correspondent.

As per electoral rules, impartial and skilled persons should be appointed as presiding officers, assistant presiding officers and polling officers, said a deputy secretary of the Election Commission.

About appointment of such a political man as presiding officer, Meherpur district election officer Rokunuzzaman said he was not aware about the incident and returning officer Asaduzzaman said he was threatened by local AL men to keep silent.

Besides, five persons were injured in a clash between supporters of two member aspirants at a polling station at Dhankhola UP under Sadar upazila of Meherpur.

In Pabna, supporters of chairman candidates of AL and AL rebel locked in a clash over grabbing Mominpur Government Primary School polling centre under Manikhat union of Sujannagar upazila, leaving at least 10 injured, reports our correspondent.

In Natore, BNP-nominated chairman candidate of Khajura UP under Naldanga upazila, Zohirul Islam Bhutto, boycotted the polls alleging vote rigging by AL men.

In Jamalpur, there was massive vote rigging and irregularities by the supporters of AL-nominated chairman aspirants in most of the nine unions in Bakshiganj and Madarganj upazilas of Jamalpur district, reports our correspondent.

Two presiding officers in two poll-centres in Sadhurpara union under Baksiganj upazila were detained allegedly for assisting AL-nominated candidate Mahmudul Alam in stuffing ballot boxes before the poll time, said Subrata Pal, Bakshiganj upazila nirbahi officer. They are Md Anisuzzaman Akanda, presiding officer of Nazrul Islam High School polling centre, and AKM Akramuzzaman, presiding officer of Achhakandi Government Primary School centre.

Police fired around 300 blank shots to bring the situation under control in different polling centres, said Shariful Haque, additional superintendent of police.

In Sherpur, at least 10 were injured in clashes in three UPs over establishing supremacy in polling stations.

The union parishad election at Hathazari upazila was marked by violence, ballot stuffing, ballot snatching, and fake vote casting.

In West Enayetpur Government Primary School, supporters of AL-nominated chairman candidate forced their way into the centre and snatched 500 ballot papers from the officials. When the officials and police tried to resist, around 100 men started pelting stones at the centre. Police fired twelve shots to disperse the attackers. A police microbus was damaged in the clash.

In the Fedai Chowdhury Forkania Madrasa centre, BNP-nominated chairman candidate Jashim Uddin Ziko alleged that his agents were forced out of the centre and the cadres of AL-nominated candidate stuffed the ballots.

A judicial magistrate arrested Nurul Azim Rony, general secretary of the Chittagong city unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League, from Chaliapur Board Primary School in Mirzapur Union along with a 9 mm pistol when a group of BCL activists were trying to take control of the centre. Nine other BCL activists, including Hathazari Upazila unit president Arifur Rahman Russel, were also detained from the centre.



Children give number slips to voters at an election camp of a ruling party candidate near Ramsundarpur High School centre during yesterday's voting in Alankar union under Bishwanath upazila of Sylhet district.

Kids used in poll-related work defying ban

MINTU DESHWARA, back from Bishwanath

Children were used by the candidates in the union parishad elections at Bishwanath upazila of Sylhet district yesterday for doing election-related work, defying the ban on involving kids in such activities.

When this correspondent visited the upazila yesterday, he saw children giving number slips to voters for a candidate in Barakurma Government Primary School area in Alankar union under the upazila.

Nazrul Islam, 13, Badol, 12, and Nayan Miah, 14, were seen pasting posters on walls for Md Muktar Ali, a UP member candidate of the union. They said they were getting Tk 300 each for the job.

When asked about using children for

election work, Muktar said, "They (children) may be getting involved spontaneously. I did not engage them in such activities."

Jasim, 12, Moinul, 11, and Abdul Hasem, 13, were seen doing the same work at Betsandri Government Primary School centre area of the union for chairman candidate MA Haque for Tk 400 each. MA Haque also refuted the allegation.

Sughayn Chakma, assistant superintendent of police (ASP) of Sylhet, said nobody has complained in this regard. He did not find such things happening during the drive conducted against violation of the code of conduct.

"Action will be taken if anyone is found employing children in such unlawful activities," the ASP added.



Two people, injured in police firing during an attack by the supporters of a candidate on Paschim Enayetpur Government Primary School centre in Dhaloy union under Hathazari upazila of Chittagong yesterday, are undergoing treatment at Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

fired gunshots during the clash, leaving at least four, including member candidate Mohammad Shahjahan, wounded, said witnesses.

Supporters of the AL-nominated chairman candidate blasted several crude bombs outside Keraniya Shaheed Smriti Government Primary School centre in their attempt to capture the centre. Police resisted the attempts and fired 14 rounds.

In Madaripur, four people including a policeman were injured in a clash between supporters of a chairman candidate and law enforcers at Koyoria Board Government Primary School centre of Koyoria UP under Kalkini upazila.

The clash erupted when around 30 supporters of a chairman candidate entered the polling station and tried to snatch ballot boxes at noon, reports our correspondent. Amir Hossain, sub-inspector of Shibchar Police Station, and three others were injured. One of them sustained bullet injuries as police opened blank fire to disperse the mob.

In Chuadanga, the returning officer of Hardi UP under

In Laxmipur, at least 30 people were injured in clashes in two polling stations -- one in Tumchar UP under Sadar upazila, and another in Keroa UP under Raipur upazila.

Supporters of rival member candidates locked in clashes over establishing supremacy in the polling stations, reports our correspondent.

Our Mymensingh correspondent reported that police fired eight rounds of rubber bullets when supporters of an AL-nominated candidate allegedly entered Shapla Government Primary School centre in Naogaoan union of Phulbaria upazila around 10:30am, leading to suspension of voting for an hour. Chase and counter-chase took place between supporters of two member candidates outside the centre.

At Babuganj Government Primary School centre in Rangamatia union of Phulbaria, supporters of AL candidate allegedly beat up independent candidate Swapon Talukder and his daughter. Police fired three rounds to control the situation, said Rifat Khan Razib, officer-in-charge of Phulbaria Police Station.

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Hailstorm damages crops in Lalmonirhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Hailstorm damaged crops on around 1,500 bighas of land in eight villages of Mogholhat union under Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila on Friday night.

Eight tin-roofed houses were also damaged by the hailstorm in the union. The affected villages are Dakkhin Durakuti, Fulgachh, Banshtari, Chapartal, Kodalkhata, Bhatibari, Bamontari and Etapota.

Chandra Roy, 38, a vegetable seed producer at Dakkhin Durakuti village, said he prepared four bighas of land for producing hybrid chilli and bitter-gourd seeds, but they were destroyed. "I invested Tk 2 lakh, hoping to earn at least Tk 5 lakh by selling the seeds," he added.

Lakkhi Kanta Barman, 48, a seed producer of the village, said "I produced hybrid chilli

and bitter-gourd seeds on five bighas of land. I would have harvested the seeds from my fields in the third week of the current month, but all my preparation was in vain because the hailstorm damaged the crop," he said.

Sudhir Chandra Barman, 60, a farmer at Banshtari village, said the hailstorm damaged boro paddy on four bighas of land. "I had decided to harvest the paddy from my field on Saturday, but it got damaged," he added.

Habibur Rahman, chairman of Mogholhat Union Parishad, said crops on 15,000 bighas of land were badly affected by the hailstorm and the damage could be worth around Tk 15 cr. "The affected farmers will get help from the union parishad and the local administration," he said.

Officials of the Department of Agriculture Extension visited the affected villages to assess the loss.



Hailstorm badly damaged hybrid bitter gourd seedbeds at Dakkhin Durakuti village in Mogholhat union of Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila on Friday night.

Open campaign

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It was his colleagues who first alerted him about the threat on his life, a day after he asked a female student in a class on April 26 to show her face during attendance call or while talking with teachers.

The girl refused and the teacher said he could not mark her present on the attendance sheet if he could not see who she was. While one student secretly took footage of the incident, some other students engaged in a debate with the teacher over the issue.

A Facebook group called Salauddin Ghorra (The Horses of Salauddin) used the video to call for the teacher's death.

They posted a photo, phone number and Facebook account of the teacher, calling on anyone brave enough to take down this "un-Islamic" man.

Announcing that the teacher was the next target, the page posted a link explaining how to kill someone silently and two YouTube links that show how to cut with a knife.

Named after the legendary warrior who fought against the Crusaders, the page also hailed those who hacked to death gay rights activist Xulhaz Mannan and his friend last week. The page, known for spreading hatred and provocation for killings, is now no longer available.

"I didn't ask her [the student] to leave the class or I haven't said anything about religion as propagated in Facebook," said the professor, adding that the issue was settled later.

"The student in question also met me personally and said sorry for what happened in the class," he said, adding that someone from behind the classroom took video which was later used for running propaganda against him.

"There was nothing wrong asking the student to show her face while taking attendance. I should know whom I am teaching. I also told her: If you show your face in the identity card, you can as well show it during attendance call or while asking questions."

He believes Jamaat-Shibir and militants were behind the hate campaign.

The girl in question was surprised that the teacher was threatened with murder over the classroom incident.

"It is totally illogical to see the issue was wrongly interpreted by watching an obscure video footage," she said in a statement uploaded in the university's Facebook page on April 28.

She said the matter was resolved and hoped everyone would respect the dignity of the teacher and refrain from misinterpreting the incident further.

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পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, জেনারেল হাসপাতাল, মুন্সীগঞ্জ এর ২০১৫-২০১৬ইং সনে অতিঃ বরাদ্দ হইতে আসবাবপত্র সরবরাহের নিমিত্তে পুনঃ দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। দরপত্র প্রক্রিয়াক্রমে প্রকাশের পর হইতে ২৪/০৫/২০১৬ইং পর্যন্ত সকাল ১০.০০ ঘটিকা হইতে বেলা ২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর কার্যালয়ে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে নগদে ৩০০/- টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য) জমা দিয়া দরপত্রের সিডিউল ও শর্তাবলী সংগ্রহ করা যাইবে। দরপত্র আগামী ২৫/০৫/২০১৬ইং তারিখ সকাল ১০.০০ ঘটিকা হইতে ১.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর কার্যালয়ে রক্ষিত বাজে দরপত্র গৃহীত হইবে। ঐ দিন বেলা ১.০০ ঘটিকার সময় দরপত্রাদানের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র বাত্র খোলা হইবে।

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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকারের বিদ্যুৎ, জ্বালানী ও খনিজ সম্পদ মন্ত্রণালয়ের অধীনস্থ বাংলাদেশ পেট্রোলিয়াম কর্পোরেশনের সাবসিডিয়ারী প্রতিষ্ঠান ও দেশের একমাত্র জ্বালানী তেল শোধনাগার ইস্টার্ন রিফাইনারী লিমিটেড-এ নিম্নবর্ণিত পদে নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের নিম্ন বিস্তারিত শর্তাবলীতে নিম্ন বর্ণিত পদে নিয়োগ করা যাবে:-

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- ১। প্রার্থীর বয়সের ক্ষেত্রে কোন এক্সিম্পট করা হবে না।
- ২। অসম্পূর্ণ বা অস্বাভাবিক আবেদনপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।
- ৩। সরকারি, আধা-সরকারি এবং স্বায়ত্তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানে কর্মরত প্রার্থীদেরকে স্ব স্ব কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে।
- ৪। আবেদনপত্র প্রেরণের সময় নামের উপর পদের নাম স্পষ্টভাবে উল্লেখ করতে হবে।
- ৫। মৌখিক সাক্ষাৎকারের সময় আবেদনকারীকে শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সকল সনদপত্র, নাগরিকত্ব সনদপত্র, জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্রসহ অন্যান্য প্রয়োজনীয় সনদপত্র/প্রত্যায়নপত্র/অভিজ্ঞতা সনদের মূলকপি সঙ্গে আনতে হবে।
- ৬। সরকার নির্দেশিত কোটা অনুসরণ করা হবে।
- ৭। লিখিত বা মৌখিক পরীক্ষা/সাক্ষাৎকারের ক্ষেত্রে কোন টিএ/ডিএ প্রদান করা হবে না।
- ৮। কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন সময় প্রয়োজনবোধে এ নিয়োগ কার্যক্রম/প্রক্রিয়া বাতিলের অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করে।
- ৯। অগ্রহী প্রার্থীদেরকে সকল শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সার্টিফিকেট, প্রশিক্ষণ ও অভিজ্ঞতা সনদপত্র, নাগরিকত্ব সনদপত্র, জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি এবং সদ্য তোলা ২ (দুই) কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের রঙিন ছবিসহ লিখিত আবেদন ‘বাবস্থাপনা পরিচালক’ ইস্টার্ন রিফাইনারী লিমিটেড, পোস্ট বক্স নং-৩৫, উত্তর পতেঙ্গা, চট্টগ্রাম বরাবর আগামী ৩১/০৫/২০১৬ইং তারিখ অফিস সন্ময়ের মধ্যে পৌঁছাতে হবে।
- ১০। আবেদনপত্র অবশ্যই ডাকযোগে পাঠাতে হবে। নির্ধারিত তারিখ ও সময়ের পরে প্রাপ্ত আবেদনপত্রসমূহ গৃহীত হবে না।

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